



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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CLERKS' REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY 2013 & PREPARED 21.12.2012

- 1) We are now comfortably installed at the Wells Community Hospital. We have an office on the first floor which is slightly larger than the one at The Sackhouse, (but with the modern innovation of central heating) and the stuffed birds and the archives are settling in; in a former shower room on the ground floor. We managed to go from fully functioning at the Sackhouse to the same at the Hospital in one day, with the help of Alistair Beale and his van. Because it is hoped that we will be able to return to the Sackhouse next summer (although they have already found some delaying snags!) we are keeping the same postal address and mail is being forwarded by the Post Office. BT has been requested to transfer our telephone line to the Hospital, and we are still waiting for this to happen. In the meantime calls are being transferred automatically to a mobile, and the Hospital is kindly allowing us to hook into their broadband via Wi-Fi.
- 2) In order to "use up" some holiday entitlement, and because experience tells that most of the world is shut anyway, the office will be closed from Monday 24th to Friday 28th December inclusive. Please use the home or mobile numbers that you have to contact either of us in case of emergency during this period.
- 3) Marie and Greg met with Steve White, the highway engineer for the area, to discuss the east end railway cutting. He had visited the cutting, driven along it and considered it to be open to vehicles at this time. He did commit to cutting back the overgrowth at any time in the future if he considered it necessary. He would meet with us again in April to review the situation. The Bollards and vehicular congestion were discussed and he asked that letters be sent; this has been done.
- 4) Keith and Greg met with David Horton-Fawkes who informed us that Holkham would not now have their new car park operational for 2013. We would therefore be able to use the recreational field for parking as usual and the planning application has been submitted.
- 5) Greg has spoken to Tom Keville concerning the fence between the health centre and his property on Staithe Street. Tom is going to remove the fence in the New Year and replace it with a brick wall.
- 6) Keith has spoken to David Horton-Fawkes (on site) regarding the missing fencing adjacent to the railway bridge and cutting in Mill Road. Holkham has finally acknowledged the potential danger and has promised to fix the fence ASAP.
- 7) During the discussions on items 4 and 6 above, the stuffed birds were mentioned, and David H-F suggested that the *Victoria Hotel*, which is about to undergo a closure for redecoration might like to borrow the birds (long term) for display there. This seems a better solution than shutting them up in a cupboard, and we could transfer the responsibility for insuring them to Holkham whilst they are in their care. Any comments – positive or negative would be welcome!