



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

THE SACKHOUSE, JICKLINGS YARD,
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CLERKS' REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD MARCH 2013 & PREPARED 22.02.2013

- 1) With regard the list of Community Assets to be submitted to NNDC I have written to Sheila Oxtoby asking what information NNDC requires and in what format. I have not yet received any reply and would ask our district councillors to take an interest.
- 2) Sometime during the last couple of weeks a car has crashed into the fencing at the entrance to the recreation field causing damage to the fence. The fencing is the responsibility of Holkham Estate and I have reported the damage to them.
- 3) The official opening ceremony for the skatepark is scheduled for the 12th April and councillors are invited to attend.
- 4) On the 26th February I will be attending a course 'Quotes, Contracts and Tendering', organised by the Society of Local Council Clerks. The course will be beneficial as this year we have to renegotiate the three yearly contract for the ground maintenance.
- 5) I understand NNDC's planning committee will be making a site visit to the proposed Market Lane development on the 7th March.
- 6) As a result of changes brought about by recent developments I have had to increase the council's annual insurance premium by £428.56. All risks for the bus shelter is an additional £151.82 annually. Public liability insurance and annual inspection costs for the skatepark is an additional £276.74.
- 7) I have received a letter from a tenant in Bolts Close who would like the council's support in asking Highways to lengthen the small section of double yellow line in the narrows by about 3 metres to the north. I believe this is a reasonable request and with the council's approval I will write a letter of support.
- 8) The Maltings Trust are in the final stages of negotiating a deal with NNDC to take over the running of the TIC in Wells, the details are confidential at the moment but they wanted the council to be aware; there will be a public announcement soon. The intention is to run the service with volunteers working alongside a paid member of staff. Furthermore, they will be looking into setting up a working group to help with and feed into the day to day running of the TIC and wondered whether a town council rep might be interested in joining the group.
- 9) I received a visit from the consultant Architect involved with looking at redeveloping the Ark Royal site. His proposal involves some clever plans which would include the north end of Stearmans Yard to create shops, affordable rented houses, specialist housing for the elderly, and covered car parking with no loss of parking spaces. There would be shops and parking on the ground floor with housing above. He is still negotiating with the owners of the site to ascertain if they wish to sell. I advised him the best way forward, if he intended to seek planning permission, would be to present his plans to the Town Council at an early stage.