



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 1 February 2016 at 1910 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Pc Jason Pegden, Press (The Quay) & 6 members of the Public.

9) a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Pegden reported that during the month there had been three assaults, a shed burgled, a car broken into (a number of vehicles have recently been attacked in the area) and two public order offences. There had also been twenty-four complaints to police. He also warned that cones could not be placed on the public highway without authority and then only temporarily. RA asked if the area was a high risk burglary area and was told there had been a number of holiday cottages attacked over the festive season. PC asked about the cones in Market Land and LD about parking problems on the Glebe. Pc Pegden said that parking offences should be reported by calling 101 when they were happening and not after the event.

1) Public Forum

Janes Platten announced that the Street Party Group hoped to hold a celebration for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday at the Buttlands on the 11th June 2016; there would be an open air picnic, Lee Vasey band and other activities.

2) Apologies Vincent Fitzpatrick

3) To receive Declarations of Interest Item 7 MG, Item 8 GA & RC

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2015 Agreed and Signed

5) To reconsider the broadcast of live music from license premises and receive any suitable report from relevant interested parties.

Following on from the discussion in December Peter Rainsford was keeping a listen briefing and was hoping that a resolution could be found; there were still a number of residents holding back from making a formal complaint. No further report had been received from Steve Brundle
Resolved – Clerk to contact Steve Brundle requesting further information.

6) To consider a report prepared by the Clerk concerning changes with the arrangements for the disposal of waste from the Children's Playground

The Clerk explained that the wheelie bins were to be removed from behind the Beach Road toilets by the district council and the Town Council would have to make arrangements to dispose of the waste from the children's playground.

Resolved – RH would approach a local business to see if they could help accommodate one or two wheelie bins nearby.

7) To discuss concerns expressed about the general state of untidiness of some Victory Housing properties on Northfield Lane (PC)

Resolved – Clerk to write a strongly worded letter to Victor Housing.



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8) To consider the following grant applications

- Wells United Charities
- Poetry-next-the-Sea
- Wells Town Tennis Club
- Wells-Oxford Twinning Committee

Resolved – to award each applicant an equal share of the available budget (£225 each).

8) Reports

c) North Norfolk District Council

A report was received; it is appended and is available on the website.

d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and is available on the website. As a result of the report it was resolved to allow the Street Party Group to hold a celebration at the Buttlands on 11th June 2016 for the Queens 90th birthday and to install a flat screen television in the Methodist Hall to be used during council meetings. In addition, the Clerk informed the council that the invoice for the last election had been received from NNDC and was £1533.72, that the clerk was enquiring about alternate methods of controlling the vermin on the cemetery and that the demonstration of the compactor bins NNDC was hoping to use had not been altogether successful although it was hoped two could be installed on the quay for a trial. A complaint has also been received about graffiti on the skate park; MG would enquire as to the services of a professional graffiti artist.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

RH (Playing Field) RH personally thanked Melvyn Fickling for identifying the availability of Holkham's track matting which is available free to use for any group using the Buttlands.

CM (Traffic and Parking) Still no news from Holkham about the proposed signage for the new Freeman Street car park. There were also some elements of the new scheme on Church Street/Burnt Street that had not been completed, particularly the moving of the 30mph restriction further to the south on Two Furlong Hill

PC (Wells Coastal Communities Team) A piece of land has been identified for the possible use as a campsite. It is hoped that the industrial unit on Maryland can be brought into use as a shellfish processing plant or a number of smaller individual units.

RA (Tourism) RA will be talking to Media 8 about the flyers for 2016. There are still some left from last year which will be distributed.

RC (Buttlands Working Party) An initial meeting had taken place to find a means of meeting Wells Town Councils obligations regarding the Buttlands, these include ensuring no events should be allowed that interrupts the Buttlands as a place of exercise and recreation and also no events should be allowed to cause injury to the green. A further meeting is to be held to which other interested parties and users have been invited including Patrick Weston, Shirley Golding (Carnival committee), Marcus French (lighting Committee/Christmas Tide), Charles Ebrill (Buttlands Resident) and Steve Finch (Groundsman)



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8) b) Norfolk County Council

County Councillor Dr Marie Strong gave a report, a version of which is appended and is available on the website. In addition Marie advised that the blocked drain on the Quay by the Soap Shop has not been fixed but is ongoing. There were some elements of the scheme on Burnt Street and Church Street that still had to be done, including installing the 20mph signs and moving the 30mph signs on Two Furlong Hill. The possible need for the installation of a post, on the new section of pavement at the junction of Market Lane and Burnt Street, to stop cars mounting the path, was discussed. NCC was considering a 2% increase in Council Tax to fund adult Social Services and an additional increase was possible to provide funds for highways. Marie had visited the House of Lords in the fight against the impact of the 'Right to Buy' proposals on small charitable housing trusts.

9) Accounts for Settlement**Payment made during the month**

Anglian Water	West End Allotments	66.94
British Telecom	Telephone Service	103.88
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Annual Fee	35.00
E-on Energy	Street Lighting Electricity	564.92
Madasafish	Email Provision	1.69
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00

Payments I February 2016

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	350.97
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	498.20
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance (Dec)	230.30
Veolia	Cemetery waste disposal	27.16
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	250.00
NNDC	Election Costs 7th May 2015	1533.72
Steward Safety Supplies	New Skate Park Sign	83.74
Fakenham Garden Centre	Replacement Bench Buttlands	500.00
Mr E Cast	Litter Picking	238.70

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 7 March 2016

Meeting ends 2035

