



## MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 1 June 2015 at 1915 at The Methodist Room

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, press (The Quay) & 9 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Mike Strong spoke about the benefits of an 'App' to promote the town as a tourist destination (*to be an agenda item in September*). Peter Rainsford spoke about his concerns regarding live public music being broadcast from the balcony of the Golden Fleece Public House; he was concerned it was not in keeping with the nature of the town. The Clerk said other complaints had been made to Councillor Ford. Stephen Brundle, licensee of the Golden Fleece, spoke about his concerns regarding a recent spate of public disorder and violence in the town and the lack of a timely police response. He also said that if the live music was causing a problem it would be stopped. Mel Catton suggested that live music from the balcony was acceptable for special events. Annie Golding reported that more than a 100 people and several groups in the town had expressed their concerns about the new plans for the Maltings.

2) Apologies Tony Ford

3) To receive Declarations of Interest MG item 8

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2015 Agreed and Signed

5) To agree the Accounts and Annual Statement of Governance for the year ending 31 March 2015  
Resolved – Accounts agreed and Annual Statement of Governance completed and signed.

6) To agree the schedule for renewal of the Council's Insurance with Zurich Municipal  
Resolved – Agreed.

7) To consider the problem of cars being left on the Buttlands during events

GA explained he was concerned about cars unnecessarily driven and parked on the Buttlands during events.

Resolved – The Clerk is to ensure that all organisations using the Buttland be conscious of vehicles being left on the Buttlands unnecessarily

8) To discuss concerns expressed by residents about the availability and management of the garages off Knitting Needle Lane belonging to the Victory Housing Trust

PC explained she had concerns that the newly refurbished garages on Northfield Crescent were being left empty and not being made available for rent. She has since found out that the garages are now being allocated and the matter is resolved.



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- 9) To consider a suggestion for the installation of additional electricity cabinets on the Buttlands to enable better access to power sockets for users

RH explained that more electricity power points around the Buttlands would be useful for event organisers. He recommended that additional power points were required on the west and northern sides.

Resolved – To look into the cost.

- 10) a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

A report was received read out and is available on the website

- b) Norfolk County Council

County Councillor Dr Marie Strong advised an agreement had been reached to allow Royal Mail vans to park in the exchange yard for a six month trial. Faster broadband has gone live in many parts of the town. Those with poor broadband speeds should pursue a formal complaint with your ISP or if necessary OFCOM. Marie had helped resolved a number of complaints about the resurfacing in Northfield Lane and the contractor would be coming back to finish the work where a vehicle had been parked; overall a satisfactory job has been done. The yellow lines would be going back soon.

- c) North Norfolk District Council

No report received.

- d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website. In addition a letter from Christine Rayner concerning speeding on Mill Road was brought to the councillor's attention. A request has been received from the Lighting group to have two marquees on the Buttlands for 9 days during Christmas Tide (*an agenda item was requested*). The wildflower areas in the churchyard and Polka Cemetery have been implemented; information signs would be displayed when available. A meeting of the Traffic Management working party has been scheduled for 3pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2015. The Buttlands is now to be resurfaced on the 8<sup>th</sup> June, the contractors have been asked to ensure no damage is caused to the green.

- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

RH (Playing Field) A foul stench is coming from the sewage works more often, could Anglian Water be asked to attend a meeting and explain why (*agreed to invite AW*). The six monthly inspection of the play equipment by the insurers has been passed with flying colours. Mick Chestney, the operative who empties the bins and litter picks during the afternoon, should be commended for the excellent job done over the holiday period (*agreed the Clerk should write and thank both Mick and Terry for the work they do*). Due to the lack of a waste bin at the beach railway station, by the recreation field, it has become necessary to move the dog waste bin which is now being used by people for general waste. No reply has yet been received by NNDC concerning the unauthorised gateway onto the playing field from the property on Freeman Street.

RA (Tourism) Ben Francis from the Maltings Project has written concerning the loss of camping facilities at Pinewoods. The TIC is receiving numerous enquiries asking about camping in Wells. (*agenda item was requested and an invitation to be sent to Holkham Estate asking if David Horton-Fawkes would attend the meeting*).



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### 11) Accounts for Settlement

#### **Payments during the month**

E-on Energy	Street Lights	459.64
E-on Energy	Buttlands	24.73
Madasafish	Broadband Service	14.99
NNDC	Rates - Cemetery	50.00
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

#### **Payments I June 2015**

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	258.49
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	498.20
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Norse Eastern Ltd	Ground Maintenance	£1306.87 -----
	Ground Maintenance	£310.57 1617.44
VeoliaES (UK) Ltd	Cemetery Waste Collection	27.16
Anglian Water	East End Allotments	£71.59 -----
	Cemetery	£17.15 88.74
Viking	Office supplies	94.04
Wells Community Hospital	Rent May	250.00
Anglo Scottish Equipment Ltd	Container Hire recreation field	106.10
Zurich Manicipal	Insurance	2878.67
Broxap Ltd	Finger post columns	5132.40
Wells-Oxford Twinning Committee	Grant	450.00
Mike Strong	Misc Flood Wardens	29.23
Mick Chestney	Litter Picking	450.00
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	198.10

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

### 12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 6 July 2015

Meeting ends 2100

