



## MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 2 February 2015 at 1905 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum & David Pentney-Smith

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), press (The Quay), Marie Strong, Peter Terrington and 6 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

John Terrington spoke of his concerns about the main sewers in Burnt Street where he believes there is a suspect pipe between Crown Lane and Church Plain. The sewer prior to this point regularly overflows and the situation could worsen when the new homes on Two Furlong Hill are connected. He asked if the Town Council could write to Anglian Water requesting a camera survey of the pipe (*councillors asked the Clerk to write*). John also asked if the council would ask Hopkins Homes for a plan of the new sewage connection to be installed at Two Furlong Hill (*Clerk will write*).

2) Apologies

Gary Anthony & Jonathan Savory

3) To receive Declarations of Interest RC & RH, item 8.

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2015 Agreed and Signed

9) b) Norfolk County Council

County Councillor Dr Marie Strong informed the council Anglia Water had agreed that the new sewage connection for the Hopkins Homes development could be installed in the verge negating the need for a full road closure; they were now waiting for a similar response from Ofcom. No date has been fixed for the road closure. With faster broadband getting closer Marie would enquire about connections for the affordable house on the new development. Faster Broadband is behind schedule but tranches 2 and 3 would be brought forward. The A149 Warham Road would be closed for resurfacing on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> February. The closure scheduled for Polka Road, outside the old Field Study Centre, should only take one day. With regard vehicles parking at the entrance to Bolts Close, Marie is still negotiating with BT for the Royal Mail vans to park in the grounds of the exchange. Concerns were voiced that a £2 charge would be made at the Recycling Centre from April 2016; Marie said she was looking at the detail.

9) a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

PCSO Sarah Kirby reported that during the previous month there had been in Wells two hate crimes and an assault. Recently there had also been house burglaries in Sheringham, Blakeney, Holt and Docking.



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- 5) To consider representation from the Fairtrade Group concerning a proposal for an addition to the Town Signs announcing that Wells is a Fairtrade Town.

Members of the Fairtrade Group addressed the council about wishing to erect signs just below the existing 'Wells-next-the-Sea' signs located at each entrance to the Town

Resolved – To support the proposal unless there were objections from Wells Harbour or Highways.

- 6) To consider using any end of year surplus from the annual street lighting budget to implement a phased replacement of existing street light heads with new LED lights.

Resolved – Agreed.

- 7) To consider adopting the use of electronic methods of circulating council agenda for those councillors wanting to take advantage of recent changes to legislation.

Any councillor wanting their agenda sent electronically could notify the Clerk.

- 8) To consider the following grant applications

1. •Poetry-next-the-Sea
2. •Wells – Oxford Twinning Committee
3. •Friends of the Beach Road Playing Field

Resolved – To grant 1) £200, 2) £450 & 3) £650

- 9) c) North Norfolk District Council

District Councillor Peter Terrington submitted a report which is appended and available on the website.

- d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website.

In addition to the report the Clerk informed councillors that nomination forms for the May election would be available on the NNDC website and the election results for the parish elections would be declared on 8<sup>th</sup> May. A commonwealth flag had now been received from the charity promoting the flying of the flag by every Town Council at 10am 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The new Buttlands parking order has been published and the deadline for responses is 24<sup>th</sup> February. Quotes were being obtained for the new finger posts and it was hoped to use Highways for the installation. Both Barclays and the Co-op had responded to the letters recently sent. Barclays said the Wednesday closure would go ahead but compensated the council with £50 because of the time taken to respond to the letter. The Co-op said they would have another look of the viability of a filling station. Further quotes have been obtained for hedging at the cemetery (this will be discussed at the next meeting). A software package for the council mapping system has been purchased that shows all the land registry holdings within the parish.



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### e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/ Staithe Street/Notice Board) The new sign on the noticeboard seems to be deterring people from using staples. Shop premises in Staithe Street still get water through the doors during heavy rain

RH (Playing Field) RH and his team are still dealing with the moles on the playing and recreation fields. The moles appear to be coming from the area around the light railway and beach bank (Clerk to contact Holkham)

AF (Allotment Committee) Following the recent burglaries at the East End Allotments the Clerk would be writing to tenants asking if they wanted coded locks fixed to the gates.

### 10) Accounts for Settlement

#### **Payment made during the month**

British Telecom	Telephone Service	107.17
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Annual Fee	35.00
E-on Energy	Street Lighting Electricity	473.62
Brightview Internet	Broadband Service	14.99
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00

#### **Payments 2 February 2015**

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	198.96
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	464.77
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Veolia	Cemetery waste disposal	25.96
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	250.00
P J Canham	Pest Control Cemetery	66.00
Killgerm Chemicals Ltd	Allotment rat bait	105.60
Anglian Water	East End Allotments	127.03
Norfolk Parish Training Partnership	Election Training - Clerk	30.00
Mr A Beale	Dog Bin Installation	32.00
M D Thompson Electrical Wholesaler	Lighting Equipment for Flood Team	880.05
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	189.30

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

### 11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 2 March 2015

Meeting ends 2057

