



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 2 June 2014 at 1907 at The Methodist Room

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Peter Terrington, Pc Pegden, Press (The Quay) and 7 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Patrick Weston thanked the Town Council for considering the Carnival Committees proposal to erect a flagpole at the Buttlands and asked if the council would share the cost.

John Ford asked if the lights had been repaired on Tug Boat Yard and the Jicklings Yard Car Park (*as these lights belong to the district council Peter Terrington stated a new heritage light was on order for Tug Boat Yard and he would enquire about the other*).

Ray Hewitt asked if there was a reason why the Christmas lights on the Buttlands had been on over the weekend (*It was agreed the lights shouldn't be on and the Clerk would check the switches*).

2) Apologies Lindsay Dew, Mike Gates, David Pentney-Smith & Jonathon Savory

3) To receive Declarations of Interest RH Item 8

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2014 Agreed and Signed

10 b) County Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Dr Strong informed the council that NCC has now chosen a new leader and chair. That if the County Council had not discontinued the Willows incinerator project they would now be paying £145,000 per day in penalty fees while waiting for Mr Pickles to sign off on the planning application. The latest proposal for marine protection areas concerns fishing with bottom towed gear.

10 a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Pegden informed the council there had been 31 calls to Police, 2 assaults, 2 theft and 1 criminal damage during the last month. The local SNAP priority targets are now anti-social behaviour at Wells beach, Wells Town and Walsingham.

5) To hear a proposal from Ian Scott suggesting that Wells-next-the-Sea twins with Oxford, Maryland, USA.

Resolved – a) to consider Ian's proposal further b) to look at the whole twinning process so people who have strong links with La Ferté can be considered

6) To complete and approve the annual accounting and governance statement in respect of the end of the year accounts 2013/14.

Resolved – The accounting and governance statement was approved, completed and signed



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- 7) To consider appropriate controls to regulate the way the town noticeboard is used.
Resolved – Councillor Ellison would monitor the board and use his discretion.
- 8) To consider the proposal put forward by the Carnival Committee to sponsor the permanent erection of a flagpole on the Buttlands to mark the centenary of the start of World War One.
Resolved – Agreed to the proposal and to fund half the cost.
- 9) To discuss whether or not Wells Town Council should consider trying to take control and ownership of the towns public toilets.

RH explained it was only the Beach Road toilets he was concerned about. NNDC consider the Beach Road toilets as their asset and are considering disposing of them. The toilets were provided by the rate payers of Wells and the Town Council should appose anything that results in reduced facilities. Any proposed asset transfer needs to be examined and the Town Council's concerns voiced strongly. RH also voiced his concerns about the large gate which the district have fixed open at the toilets creating a risk to children who can now run out onto the road.

Resolved – the Clerk to write two letters to NNDC (one regarding the future of the toilets and one concerning the gate).

10) Reports

c) NNDC Peter Terrington

A report is appended and is available on the website. RH asked about the bins at the back of the Beach Road toilets; the bins are left open creating a fire risk (AF asked the Clerk to arrange a meeting with the appropriate district council officers). RA asked about the coach park. PC suggested we ask the Co-op again if the old coach park could be used pending the development of a filling station

d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website.

As a result of the Clerk's report it was agreed a dog bin should be installed on the recreation field and that a local volunteer would continue to be used to control the rabbits at the Polka Road Cemetery.

The Clerk also informed the council that as a result of an Anglian Water inspection non-return valves have to be fitted to some of the Allotment taps. There is also some asbestos at the East End Allotments that will have to be removed.

e) Portfolio Holders

RH (Playing Field) The Friends of the playing field have started laying the astro turf in the goal mouths

CM (Traffic) The yellow lines at Polka Road/Marsh Lane still require re-instating as do the markings on the Zebra Crossing. Cars have been parking in Old Staithe Walk obstructing access to a garage.

PC (Dementia Friendly Community Portfolio) PC attended the official opening of the new dementia garden at the Wells Community Hospital and she will continue to liaise with the hospital concerning the implementation of a Dementia Friendly Town



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11) Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

E-on Energy	Street Lights	458.34
E-on Energy	Buttlands	23.02
Madasafish	Broadband Service	14.99
NNDC	Rates - Cemetery	55.00
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
		1551.35

Payments 2 June 2013

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	214.96
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	489.29
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Norse Eastern Ltd	Skatepark Fencing £852	-----
	Goal Mouth Surface £1320	-----
	Ground Maintenance £1306.87	-----
	Ground Maintenance £310.57	3789.44
VeoliaES (UK) Ltd	Cemetery Waste Collection	25.96
Anglian Water	East End Allotments £107.94	-----
	West End Allotments £32.04	-----
	Cemetery £18.04	158.02
Wells Community Hospital	Rent May	250.00
Holkham Enterprises	Recreation Field Bridge	16200.00
Mr G Anthony	Councillors travel expenses	19.80
Mr S Marshall - Auto Graphics	Signs - Playing Field	24.50
Andrew Spiers	Cemetery and general maintenance	103.95
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	201.50
Mick Chestney	Litter Picking	425.25
Archant Community Media Ltd	Advert Wells & Fakenham Times	149.57
		22578.94

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 7 July 2014

13) To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude members of the public and press during consideration of an item of a confidential nature.

Resolved – Agreed

14) To discuss an employment issue.

Resolved – Due to a change of funding arrangements to lay off a temporary member of staff.

The meeting closed at 2100

