



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 3 February 2014 at 1905 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsey Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt & David Pentney-Smith
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Peter Terrington, Press (Quay) & 1 Member of the Public

1) Public Forum

Allen Frary reminded councillors of the need to be courteous to each other

2) Apologies

Gary Anthony, Campbell MacCallum, Jonathon Savory and Police,

3) To receive Declarations of Interest None.

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2014 Agreed and Signed

5) To receive a talk from Laura Meadowcroft of the Alzheimer's Society.

Unfortunately Laura couldn't attend due to illness and the item was postponed.

6) To consider a proposal from Lindum Sturgeon Construction, builders of the new Co-op Supermarket, concerning road improvements agreed with NCC as part of a S278 agreement.

Correspondence had been received from the Lindum Group concerning a requirement placed on them by district planners to resurface the area at the top of Staithe Street and Station Road with a buff coloured tarmac; there are concerns about the proposed work and the Lindum Group would prefer to gift to the Town Council the equivalent cost of the work so that the money could be used in a way more beneficial for the town.

Lindum are also required to make a payment of £5,000 to the council for the future maintenance of a bus shelter which is to be erected on Polka Road. Lindum also asked about the possibility of erecting brown signs in the town directing traffic to the food store and filling station.

Resolved – To accept from Lindum the proposed gift of £23,000, together with £5,000 for the future maintenance of the bus shelter. To consider the proposal for brown signs provided the council are consulted on the appearance and location prior to erection.

9) Reports

b) County Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Dr Strong asked if the Town Council wanted a plaque erected detailing the height of the 5 December flood tide. *The councillors agreed this would be a good idea.* The actual height had been confirmed as 5.21 AODN. The budget for the county was discussed; transport for 16 – 19 year olds would be safeguarded. The county were awaiting a decision from Eric Pickles concerning the incinerator. Natural England was still considering a Reference Area on Blakeney marshes and people were encouraged to sign an online petition. The EA had checked the flood



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- 9) b) Report continued
defences and Holkham Gap was considered ok but they were awaiting the results from aerial photographs. The installation of faster broadband using fibre optic cables would be completed in Wells by the end of 2015 in three separate tranches.

c) NNDC Peter Terrington

A report is appended and is available on the website.

In addition Peter Terrington had spoken with the Lindum Group and the NNDC planning officials concerning the Lindum Group proposals to gift the Town Council a sum of money. He advised it would not be possible because the proposed highways work was a planning requirement.

- 7) To consider a letter from Steve Blatch (NNDC) concerning the future provision of coach parking facilities in Wells.

NNDC had written to the council advising their analysis had determined that the coach and lorry park had been little used and did not warrant provision of a replacement park. NNDC were hoping that some provision may be made in the future by Holkham Estate.

Resolved – To write and challenge the analysis

- 8) To consider the following grant applications

a) Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme

b) Poetry-next-the-Sea

Resolved – To grant Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme £700 and Poetry-next-the-Sea £200

d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website. In response to the report the councillors asked the Clerk to make more enquiries concerning an additional street light beyond the bridge on Northfield Lane. In addition, the Clerk had received a letter concerning the condition of the surface water drains on Church Street; it was agreed a letter should be sent to NCC in support of the complainant. Complaints had been received about the state of the path through the Polka Road cemetery; it was agreed the Clerk should investigate the cost of improving the path. The street light belonging to NNDC on tug boat yard was still defective; it was agreed that Clerk could offer the services of the Town Council's contractor in an attempt to get the light repaired.

e) Portfolio Holders

LD (Cemetery) The moles continue to be a problem. LD queried the date after which the wreaths are removed (*The date after which wreaths will be removed is 14 February*).

RA (Tourism) RA reported on a recent meeting and stated that tourism accounted for 23% of the areas employment. He hoped to have the town brochures for 2014 published ready for Easter.



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

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| Information Commissioner | Data Protection Annual Fee | 35.00 |
| British Telecom | Telephone Service | 95.35 |
| Brightview Internet | Broadband Service | 12.75 |
| E-on Energy | Street Lighting Electricity | 472.79 |
| Greg Hewitt | Clerk's salary deposit | 1000.00 |
| | | 1615.89 |

Payments to be made

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| Jimmy Tottle | Bollards | 220.00 |
| Greg Hewitt | Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses | 169.47 |
| Norfolk Pension Fund | monthly contribution | 461.60 |
| K & M Lighting Services | Street Lighting Maintenance £306.70 | ----- |
| | Street Light repair Mkt Lane £180.00 | 486.70 |
| Veolia | Cemetery waste disposal | 23.26 |
| Wells Community Hospital | Rent | 250.00 |
| Methodist Church | Room Hire 2013 | 168.00 |
| Cupboards Direct | Grit Bin | 94.80 |
| Platten & Anthony DIY | Fixings and Concrete Slabs | 20.90 |
| Viking | Stationery, stamps, etc | 197.26 |
| Mr A Beale | Grit Bin Installation | 45.00 |
| Andrew Spiers | Cemetery and general maintenance | 107.80 |
| Terry Corbishley | Litter Picking | 160.20 |
| | | 2404.99 |

Resolved – Accounts agreed and accepted

9) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 3 March 2014

The meeting closed at 2135

