



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 3 March 2014 at 1907 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 & David Pentney-Smith

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Peter Terrington, Matt Tracey NCC, Geoff Lyon NNDC Planning, Press (The Quay & EDP) and 22 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Pete Lynn made the following announcement on behalf of the Maltings Trust:

Wells Maltings Trust (WMT) will shortly be applying for planning permission for the Maltings redevelopment. WMT is currently working on the development stage of the £1.8M bid to the Heritage Lottery which we expect to complete by September to apply for the release of the money at the end of this year. The whole project is expected to cost £3M and we are seeking the rest of the funding from other sources. One of these is the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF). We applied last year for £650k and heard two weeks ago that we have been given a special condition to obtain planning permission and listed building consent for the development by May. If we achieve this we are very likely to be granted the £650k. This is a big challenge. We have draft plans that were submitted with the bid. These were a significant modification of previous plans, based on public feedback. We intend to hold a public forum to explain these plans around about the time of submission of the application. Due to the near impossible timescale we don't have any option at this stage other than to use these plans as the basis for our application. The HLF process will continue and should this show that we need to modify the scheme we may have to make a second planning application later. There will be an open day on 20th March.

Pete Lynn also announced that there are plans to set up a business forum. There will be a public meeting at the Maltings 6pm Monday 17th March 2014

Questions were asked regarding the site of the old yellow shop on the Quay and if anything could be done to tidy the site. Geoff Lyon from NNDC said action was being taken and it was hoped that the site owner could be encouraged to erect hoarding.

Questions were asked about the grubbing out and removal of hedges on Two Furlong Hill by Hopkins Homes. Geoff Lyon said this had been agreed with planners and new hedges would be planted.

- 2) Apologies Tony Ford, Jonathon Savory and Police,
- 3) To receive Declarations of Interest None.
- 4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2014 Agreed and Signed



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- 5) To consider a consultation received from Norfolk County Council concerning a change to the speed restriction from 60mph to 30mph on Two Furlong Hill and a change to the speed restriction from 30mph to 20mph on Burnt Street/Church Street as part of the section 278 Highways Works connected to the Hopkins Homes development.

At the start of this item the chairman allowed members of the public to voice their opinions. Everyone was in favour of the changes to the speed limit but wanted them extended; a show of hands was unanimous in support of this.

Resolved – To ask for the proposed 20mph limit to be extended to include the whole of Burnt Street, Church Street, Market Lane, Waveney Close and Polka Road from the junction with Church Street to the junction with Maryland. To ask for the proposed 30mph limit to be extended up along Two Furlong Hill to a point south of the bend near Ashburton House.

- 6) To consider a proposal to widen the footpath at two locations on Church Street/Burnt Street as part of the section 278 Highways Works connected to the Hopkins Homes development

It was discussed that the proposal was designed create a safe pedestrian route from the new development to the primary school and town centre, but the footpath widening would result in the road being narrowed to 3 meters or less in two places, thus creating pinch points that would significantly impede traffic, particularly wide vehicles. The chairman allowed members of the public to voice their opinions. Everyone present was against the creation of pinch points. Many suggested a more suitable pedestrian route would be via Old Staithe Walk and the cemetery. A suggestion was also discussed about improving the gateway from the churchyard into Church Street so that there was access directly from the gate onto the footpath.

Resolved – To object to any footpath widening that would create pinch points and ask that the developers considered funding alterations to the Church gateway in Church Street

- 7) To consider

a) a suitable use(s) for the sum of money offered by the Lindum Group in compliance with conditions set by district planners including a mutually agreeable way to administer such a project(s).
or

b) convene a working party or similar group to determine an appropriate way forward.

Resolved – to convene a working party and to invite members of the new business forum to participate. CM, LD, GA, PC & RA would sit on the working party.

- 8) To consider a request from the Wells Action for Fairtrade to renew the council's support by

a) Pass a resolution making a formal commitment to serve Fairtrade products whenever possible and stating their support for Fairtrade.

b) Nominating at least one council representative to join the Fairtrade Town steering group to ensure there is good ongoing communication between the campaign and the local authority.

Resolved – A resolution as above was passed in support of Fairtrade. Mike Gates will be the Councils representative.



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9) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

a report is appended and is available on the website.

b) County Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Dr Strong asked that people be mindful of elderly people needing support during a flood incident. NCC had now retrieved 29 million from Icelandic Banks. NCC Highways has had one million take from its budget. NCC has conducted a review of speed management following DTI guidance. (Cabinet agenda 3/3/14, item 17 refers).

9) c) NNDC Peter Terrington

A report is appended and is available on the website. CM asked what would happen to the coach park if the filling station was not built. (Geoff Lyon reassured the meeting the filling station was going to be built). LD asked about the state of the units on the Maryland industrial estate and had noticed some trees had been felled. RH was concerned about an article in the EDP concerning the lifting of covenants on social housing brought under the right to buy.

d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website.

The Clerk explained that under the terms of contract the Clerk's salary would progress by annual increments until it reached the recommended national scale. The increment could be withheld due to poor performance.

Resolved – to approve the annual increment.

e) Portfolio Holders

JE (Buttlands) The grass was looking good but the edges still need attention.

LD (Cemetery) The cemetery was tidy. GH informed the council he was meeting with a pest controller to discuss the rabbit problem.

PC (Dementia Friendly Community Portfolio) Nothing to report regarding the portfolio but asked if the clerk could write to the Safer Neighbourhood Area Partnership requesting that the dangerous traffic and parking situation at the top of Staithe Street be made a priority. It was agreed to send a letter.

RA (Tourism) The town brochures for 2014 would be published by palm Sunday. It was reiterated that there would be a public meeting at the Maltings to establish a business forum for the town, 6pm Monday 17th March 2014.



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8) Accounts for Settlement**Payments during the month**

Eastern Training Alliance	Tree Survey Course	120.00
E-on Energy	Street Lighting Electricity	472.79
Brightview Internet	Broadband Service	12.75
E-on Energy	Buttlands	33.60
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00
		1639.14

Payments 3 March 2014

Payee	Details	Amount
Jimmy Tottle	bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	429.47
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	461.60
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Veolia	Bins - Cemetery	25.96
Wells Community Hospital	rent	250.00
Anglian Water	Cemetery	14.92
Platten & Anthony DIY	Lock and Chain for allotment gate	28.20
Genite	2 x Allotment noticeboard	291.59
Wheelscape Ltd	Final payment skatepark	2340.00
Burnham Mkt Area Car Scheme	Grant	700.00
Poetry next the Sea	Grant	200.00
Andrew Spiers	Cemetery and general maintenance	92.40
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	141.70
Anglian Water	East End Allotments	10.63
		5513.17

Resolved – Accounts agreed and accepted

9) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 7 April 2014

The meeting closed at 2105

