



MINUTES

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Town Council Meeting held on 3 December 2012 at 1919 at The Methodist Rooms

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt & Maggie Ward

Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Greg Hewitt (Asst. Clerk), Peter Terrington (NNDC), Jonathan Savory (NNDC), Press (The Quay) & 2 Members of the Public

There was a minutes silence in remembrance of Keith Johnson leader of North Norfolk District Council

1) Public Forum

Peter Rainsford spoke about the proposed Local Development Order for Bunkers Hill, Egmere. He has some concerns and wanted to bring them to the attention of the Council before the public consultation in January/February. The concerns were that there was a risk of excessive levels of traffic, both land and sea, and that safeguards were required.

2) Apologies Campbell MacCallum & Tony Ford (TF couldn't make the start of the meeting but would be along later)
Police

3) Declarations of Interest MG declared an interest concerning item I2a

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2012 - Approved after an alteration and signed

5) To discuss any action that may be taken to alleviate congestion caused by vehicles parking on the Quay, High Street and Station Road

Due to CM not being present this item was postponed until the January meeting

6) To discuss the performance of the Kings Lynn and West Norfolk Parking Enforcement Team who are responsible for both on street and off street parking enforcement in Wells

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7) To discuss the potential shortage of car parking in Wells next year due to the possible loss of parking on the recreation field (CM)

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Marie Strong arrived during item 8

8) To consider any action that can be taken to alleviate traffic congestion in the town due to several large building projects scheduled for next year

MW explained that with 16 major building projects scheduled for next year there was potential for significant traffic problems. It would be a good idea for the council to work with the other agencies to look for suitable solutions. A number of issues were discussed and MS said she had already been looking at this. It was agreed GH should liaise with MS and other agencies to see what could be done and report back.

9) To consider what the council's stance is with regard any future suggestions concerning development on the Stearmans Yard car park

RC explained that he was concerned that NNDC might at some time consider selling parts of the car park for development. He understood there was a procedure that could be used to protect the site. GH explained that under the new Localism Act the council could register the site as a 'Community Asset' with the district council and this would give the Town Council first refusal if NNDC wanted to sell the land. The legislation applies to anything within the Town that is considered an asset for the community; NNDC are responsible for maintaining the asset list.

Resolved – that a draft list be drawn up for consideration and submission to NNDC.

TF arrives

- 10) To consider what action to take with regard the withdrawal of funding by NCC for the daily placement of the 'No Entry' bollards in Staithe Street

After discussion it was decided that the clerk, together with MS, makes more enquiries and write another letter, as necessary, before the council considers the options.

- 11) To consider adopting the General Power of Competence under Sections 1 – 8 of the Localism Act 2011

GH explained that the council now met the necessary criteria.

Resolved – to adopt the General Power of Competence.

- 12) To consider requests for donations from:

- a) Citizens Advice North Norfolk
- b) The Wells-next-the-Sea Lighting Fund
- c) Poetry next the Sea

Resolved – to donate

- a) Citizens Advice North Norfolk - £750
- b) The Wells-next-the-Sea Lighting Fund - £300
- c) Poetry next the Sea - £150

- 13) Reports:

- a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

A report was submitted and is appended and available on the website.

- b) Norfolk County Council (Dr Marie Strong)

The parking bays on the Quay should be done next month. The overgrown East End railway cutting, NCC have accepted it is a byway open to all traffic and have asked the highways engineer to investigate. MS will be meeting with the engineer Friday to discuss it further and GH will attend. Any applications submitted to the Community Construction Fund may be reconsidered after March; funding will only be on a 50/50 basis. The recycling procurement panel is considering allowing small traders to take things to the recycling centres for a small fee. MS is still pursuing the availability of Blue Badges at post offices.

- c) North Norfolk District Council

Jonathan Savory

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In addition, the Cabinet Meeting scheduled for today to discuss the LDO at Egmere has been postponed until later in the month.

Peter Terrington

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In addition, PT had tried to secure car parking spaces in the town centre as part of the 106 agreement with the Co-op but was unsuccessful. He will continue to pursue this and hopes for the council's support. The petrol filling station application is awaiting the result of a flood risk assessment. PT believes the money raised by the sale of the coach park should go towards improved parking. MW asked where coaches will go when the coach park is sold. PT will raise this with the district.

- d) Town Clerk/Asst. Clerk

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In addition, a response has been received from Holkham Estate assuring that they will repair the fence on Mill Road by the old railway cutting. There has been a meeting of those parties concerned with the problem of litter on the Quay. A possible solution may be the siting of a compactor on the recreation field so that the Quay bins can be emptied more regularly. Costs would be shared. Costs were to be evaluated and another meeting held before a report for consideration is tabled. Work to repair the East End sea defence bank should start in January. The gritting route leaflet has been received in the office. LD asked if we could consider reducing the number of bin collections on the Cemetery to save cost.

- e) Portfolio Holders

JE (Buttlands) The bonfire circle has been re turfed.

RA (Tourism) The town brochure is at the early stages of production. Poppy Land publishing has agreed to produce a short history of Wells which will provide material for the TIC at no cost and should be available by July. Although the tourism guide for accommodation will no longer be printed it will be available on line via NNDC site.

e) Portfolio Holders contd.

AF (Harbour Liaison) had attended the Harbour Uses Advisory Committee. The commissioners would like to resurface the road up to the East End boat compound. Hard standing has been laid in and outside the compound for the installation of the new 50 ton boat hoist. The leading buoy is to be replaced with a west cardinal mark.

PC asked about the awful fencing between the Health Centre and Mr Keville's building. Could we ask that if they don't replace it they take it down? The clerk would write.

14) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

The following had been paid during the month

Brightview Internet	Broadband Service	14.99
HMRC	VAT summer car parking	3343.08
NNDC	Cemetery Rates	53.00
E-on	Street Lighting	472.06
E-on	Buttlands	33.18
Keith Leesmith	Clerk's Salary Deposit	700.00
Greg Hewitt	Assistant Clerk's Salary Deposit	530.00
		5146.31

Payments November 2012

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	13.82
Keith Leesmith	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	78.13
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	443.29
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Norse Commercial Services Ltd	Grounds maintenance	1578.00
Veolia	Cemetery waste disposal	114.01
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	203.00
Viking	boxes for moving etc	88.70
S T Sutton	Tree removal in cemetery	180.00
NNDC	Planning Fee (skate park)	85.00
Wells Maltings Project	Sackhouse rent July/Dec 2011	833.00
Edna Garrett	Sackhouse cleaning Nov/Dec	60.00
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	184.80
		4388.45

Resolved – Accounts agreed and accepted

- 15) To confirm Date of Next Meeting
Confirmed as Monday 7 January 2012

The meeting closed at 2113