



MINUTES

2013/04

Town Council Meeting held on 4 February 2013 at 1904 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 & Maggie Ward
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Press (EDP & The Quay) & 23 Members of the Public
Marie Strong (NCC), Peter Terrington (NNDC),

1) Public Forum

AF asked that if anyone wished to speak about items 6 or 7 he would allow them to speak prior to the item. There were no questions from the public at this time

2) Apologies Gary Anthony & Jonathan Savory

3) Declarations of Interest Tony Ford, Campbell MacCallum & Maggie Ward declared an interest in item 7

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 January 2013 - Approved and signed

12a) AF allowed PC Jason Pegden to speak in order to allow him to resume his duties.

Jason explained there had been 8 crimes during the last month which included the theft of a trailer and arson committed against one of the bus shelters on the Buttlands. In addition to the crime there had been 42 calls to police, three nuisance complaints, including snowballing, a fight, 3 road traffic collisions and a drink driver arrested.

5) To receive a presentation from Cllr. Tom Fitzpatrick and Steve Blatch of NNDC with regard to the proposed Local Development Order at the former North Creake Airfield, Egmore.

Tom Fitzpatrick addressed the meeting and Steve Blatch then explained about the proposed LDO in detail. Steve Blatch answered questions asked by both public and councillors.

6) To discuss this Council's response to the above.

AF allowed members of the public to speak about this item.

Resolved – support for the proposed Local Development order.

7) To consider Wells Harbour's dredging operation, its value in keeping the port open and viable for wind farm operations and other commercial vessels, through the utility of the Outer Harbour, noting the economic benefits within and around the town, including longer term job and career prospects for young people and families.

AF allowed members of the public to speak on this item

RA proposed that 'WTC offers broad support to WHC but is aware of the need to balance the core strategies of the LDF and offers to help achieve that'. The motion was lost (6 votes against, 2 votes for).

RC proposed that 'the Town Council supports the value in keeping the port open and viable, with dredging operations so aiding windfarm vessels using the outer harbour, noting the economic benefits for the town and career prospects for the young people in the area. The motion was won (6 votes for, 2 votes against).

Resolved – the Town Council supports the value in keeping the port open and viable, with dredging operations so aiding windfarm vessels using the outer harbour, noting the economic benefits for the town and career prospects for the young people in the area.

- I2b) Norfolk County Council
AF allowed Marie Strong to report early to enable here to leave the meeting.
A full report from Marie is appended and available on the website. In addition, and as a result of questions from councillors, it was reported that NCC were looking at the feasibility of part funding the replacement of street light bulbs with energy saving LED bulbs. Highways were considering a number of road improvements on the B1105 should the proposed LDO go forward. Councillors expressed concern about the dangerous condition of the Cherry Tree Corner junction with the A148 and suggested a roundabout should be considered; better signage and lighting was also suggested. Marie recommended the council should write and the Chairman asked the Clerk accordingly.
- 10) To consider the Council's position with regard the intention of Norfolk County Council to withdraw the funding for the daily placing of the 'No Entry' bollards in Staithe Street.
This item was brought forward to allow Marie to speak before departing. Marie had spoken with the area Highways Engineer concerning the question of withdrawing the funding for the No Entry Bollards in Staithe Street. The engineer's preferred option was to try and use unpaid volunteers. To date no formal proposal had been received from highways and Marie agreed to expedite this. It was agreed the item would be postponed until next month so councillors could consider the highways proposal in full when it is finally received.
- 8) To instate Greg Hewitt as Clerk to the Council and transfer all functions previously delegated to Keith Leesmith.
Resolved – Greg Hewitt was installed as Clerk to the Council and relevant papers signed.
- 9) To consider a list of Assets of Community Value for submission to and registration by the District Council.
Resolved – it was agreed to send a list and that councillors could add any additional suitable items prior to submission which would be in about three to four weeks' time.
- 11) To consider as request from Councillor Arguile to have a Town events listing on the Town Council website.
After a brief discussion this item was withdrawn by Councillor Arguile.
- 12) Reports:
c) NNDC
Peter Terrington
A report was submitted and is appended and available on the website. In addition, Victory Housing has done away with resident wardens at sheltered housing complexes and a new provider would be providing remote care. The Enforcement Board are looking at Clarence House on the Buttlands with a view to bring it into use. Homes for Wells have drawn up plans for the Field Study Centre and the chairman would like to come and explain the plan to the council; an invite was extended by the council for the meeting in March.
- d) Town Clerk
A report was submitted and is appended and available on the website
In addition, Barry Dennis from the Wells Community Hospital had asked that the council be informed that following the presentation last month he would hope that an individual councillor would agree to take on the portfolio for making Wells a Dementia Friendly Community. (*Prior to the Clerk continuing Pauline Catton volunteered to take on the portfolio and the offer was accepted by the council*)
A bus shelter on the Buttlands had been deliberately damaged by fire; the Clerk was arranging a repair. The Skateboard Park was now finished and had been handed over to the council. Insurance has been arranged and a safety assessment will need to be completed. (*The council took the opportunity to thank the Skateboard Park committee for the excellent job they had done in raising the money and providing such an excellent facility*).
NNDC have arranged a Planning Services Challenge focus group for any councillors who wish to attend at 6pm on Wednesday 13th February at the NNDC offices Cromer.

e) Portfolio Holders

CM (Traffic and parking) took the opportunity to ask David Horton-Fawkes who was at the meeting when Holkham intended to build the proposed Freeman Street car park. David said it was hoped it would be open by 2014. CM had also received complaints about cars parking on the Quay obstructing access to Staithe Street for delivery Lorries.

MW (Allotments) There had recently been a meeting on the East End Allotments to consider a new water stand pipe system.

13) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

The following had been paid during the month

Information Commissioner	Data Protection Annual Fee	35.00
British Telecom	Telephone Service	92.48
Brightview Internet	Broadband Service	14.99
E-on Energy	Street Lighting Electricity	472.06
Keith Leesmith	Clerk's Salary Deposit	700.00
Greg Hewitt	Assistant Clerk's salary deposit	530.00

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Payments January 2013

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	23.21
Keith Leesmith	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	83.78
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	449.64
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Veolia	Cemetery waste disposal	44.21
Viking Direct	stationery	248.56
M L Walsingham & Son Ltd	key cutting	11.90
Wells Community Hospital	rent	250.00
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	169.40
Alister Beale	snow clearance	210.00
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd	Playground Parts	774.00
Wheelscape Ltd	skateboard park	75660.00
Methodist Church	Room Hire 2012	168.00
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Resolved – Accounts agreed and accepted

14) To confirm Date of Next Meeting
Confirmed as Monday 4 March 2013

The meeting closed at 2120