



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 5 January 2015 at 1925 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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), press (The Quay), Marie Strong, Peter Terrington and 4 members of the Public.

10) b) Norfolk County Council

Item 10b and 5 were dealt with first to allow Councillor Strong to leave.

Councillor Dr Marie Strong reported that she was engaged in dialogue with the group property manager for BT concerning the telephone exchange and was hopeful arrangements could be agreed to allow Royal Mail vans to use the exchange for parking.

5) To consider representations by Hopkins Homes, NCC & NNDC, concerning highways improvements considered necessary on Church Street and Burnt Street as a planning requirement for Hopkins Homes as part of their development on Two Furlong Hill, which should be completed before any of the new homes are occupied.

Matt Tracey from NCC explained that the onus is on the developer to agree the plans with the Highways Authority and the developer has failed to submit plans that are acceptable; a revised set of plans have been promised. NNDC have agreed to allow a concession on the planning conditions to allow ten new homes to be occupied before the required highway mitigation work is complete. PT confirmed this but said further concessions were unlikely. Town Councillors were not happy that any concessions had been given. With regard the closure of the B1105 to allow the connection of services to the new estate satisfactory plans had still not been received by NCC and the work was not likely to begin before March. Matt Tracey assured councillors that the works would not be allowed to disrupt the Easter holidays. Marie and Matt Tracey said NCC was doing everything possible to progress these works as soon as possible and it was hoped a total closure of the B1105 could be avoided. Councillors agreed to accept an offer from Simon Bryan from Hopkins Homes, who couldn't attend the meeting, to meet with him on 16th January 2015 to discuss concerns.

10) a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

PC Jason Pegden reported that during the month there had been one assault, 2 hate incidents, 4 allotment sheds broken into and 24 calls to Police. Anti-social behaviour on the children's playing field had been a problem where youths were congregating and drinking alcohol. Positive action had been taken and letters sent to parents. Jason asked if it was possible for lighting to be provided on the playing field; councillors were already considering the request. PC highlighted the problem of cars parking illegally on the footpath near the telephone kiosk at the entrance to Bolts Close.



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1) Public Forum

A member of the public was concerned Freeman Street had not recently been gritted.

Peter Terrington spoke about the need, following the last surge tide in December 2013, for a review of the shoreline management plan. Peter believes the plan needs to re-consider the level of flood protect along the front of the town between the east and west defensive banks. Peter asked the councillors for their support in asking for a review; support was given.

Lindsey Dew advised that Barclays Bank in Wells will be closing on Wednesdays from February (*Councillors asked that the Clerk write to Barclays and ask them to reconsider*).

10) c) North Norfolk District Council

District Councillor Peter Terrington submitted a report which is appended and available on the website.

2) Apologies

David Pentney-Smith & Jonathan Savory

3) To receive Declarations of Interest MG & LD, item 7.

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2014 Agreed and Signed

6) To consider applying under Norfolk County Council's Parish Partnership scheme to part fund a SAM 2 vehicle activate speed sign that can be used to help reduce speed at various locations in the town.

Resolved – Not to apply

7) To reconsider vehicles parking on the paved area at Bolts Close opposite the Post Office

As a result of County Councillor Marie Strong's report it was agreed to wait for Marie to report back.

8) To decide on a member to represent the Town Council on the Wells Maltings Trust Board.

Resolved – Mike Gates would represent the Town Council.

9) To discuss the merit of an extension of the seasonal parking restrictions until the end of October.

Resolved – The Council gave support to the proposal in principle.

10) Reports

d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website.

As a result of the report it was agreed that RH would speak to residents on Freeman Street concerning possible lighting on the children's playing field and discuss options with the Clerk.

David Horton-Fawkes had confirmed that Holkham Estate would develop the proposed new car park on Freeman Street during 2015 ready for use in 2016. Once the new car park was in operation the recreation field could no longer be used for car parking with financial implications for the Town Council and the charity groups involved. A letter had been received from Norfolk Constabulary asking if the Town Council wished to consider funding a PCSO; councillors declined.



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e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

GA (Committee) Following a meeting with Chris Alston NCC it was hoped the proposed parking scheme on the Buttlands would proceed. As a result of objections from traders the scheme on the Quay would be looked at again and a stakeholders meeting arranged in the late spring. GA asked if councillors would sanction sending a letter to the Co-op encouraging them to consider building the filling station; support was given

LD (Cemetery) There was a serious mole problem at the cemetery

PC (Dementia Friendly Community/Committee) Five coach parking spaces would be provided by Holkham estate on the new Freeman Street Car Park. The Dementia group would be getting in touch with businesses to offer training to staff.

10) Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

E-on	Street Lighting	458.34
Madasafish	Broadband Service	14.99
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Abbott Environmental Services	Pest Control (reissued cheque)	350.00

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Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	198.96
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	464.77
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Norse Eastern Ltd	Bonfire turf renewal	1194.00
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection	25.96
Wells Community Hospital	Office Rent December	250.00
Steward Safety Supplies Ltd	Signage Buttlands/Old Staithe Walk	542.80
Viking	Stationery, stamps, etc	107.49
Mr E Cast	Cemetery maintenance/sign repair	46.20
Norse Eastern Ltd	Provision of tree Buttlands	588.00
Timez Design	Reprint of Map for Staithe Street	192.00
HM Custom and Revenue	PAYE 3rd Quarter	1786.40
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	189.10

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 2 February 2015

Meeting ends 2130

