



## MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 6 July 2015 at 1915 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Police, press (The Quay) & 12 members of the Public.

10) b) Norfolk County Council

County Councillor Dr Marie Strong advised that there would be another hazardous waste amnesty at the Hempton Recycle Centre, 5/6 September, 9 am – 6 pm. Better Broadband has arrived in Wells; 159,000 premises in Norfolk now on a faster connection. Agreement has been reached with BT to allow Royal Mail vans to park in the exchange compound. Marie has been asked to look at the possibility of a new section of public footway at the west end of Mill Road to improve safe pedestrian access into the park. Highways consider it feasible but half the cost (£7500) would need to be found locally under the parish partnership scheme. Marie is campaigning against the government's right to buy scheme being extended to local housing associations such as Homes for Wells.

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Pegden stated there had been 70 calls to police during the month, 4 theft, 5 assault, 5 criminal damage and two incidents involving dangerous dogs. There had also been a problem with significant traffic congestion on the Beach Road. Motorcyclists contravening the pedestrianised area in Staithe Street and an abandoned car near Ashburton where reported to Pc Pegden by councillors.

1) Public Forum

Freeman Street residents voiced concerns about significant problems with noise and dust from the building site of the new car park on Freeman Street (*the Clerk was tasked to write to Holkham Estate*). Residents from Neilson Close voiced concerns about the impact of the demolition of the garages and future plans for the site. Particular concerns were parking and the children's playground. Robert Smith, Harbour Master, notified that efforts were still ongoing to get Dong Energy, developers of the Race Bank Windfarm, to work from Wells Harbour. He also announced that due to planned improvements to the Quay Car Park there would no longer be parking for motorcycles from 2016, although there had been criticism from motorcyclists and traders. He asked if the Town Council could find somewhere for the motorcycles to park (*September agenda item*). A member of the public asked for the councils support in trying to buy for the town the Go Go Dragon painted by local artist Hazel Ashley when the dragons are auctioned at the end of the festival (he was advised to speak with the Clerk about the grants procedure).

2) Apologies Tony Ford & Gary Anthony

3) To receive Declarations of Interest PC item 5



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- 4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 June 2015      Agreed and Signed
- 5) To consider a request from Wells Lighting Committee to site two large marquees on the Buttlands for nine days during Christmas Tide to host public entertainment and a Christmas Market.  
Resolved – to allow the event and to cover any additional costs involved in clearing and repairing the bonfire site.
- 6) To discuss the impact of the closure of the campsite at Pinewoods and consider anything that can be done to provide camping facilities within the town.  
 It was agreed that it was a great shame for the town and visitors that there was now no large camping facility available. It was hoped some campers could be accommodated at Mill Farm and AF would enquire as to the capacity of the site.
- 9) To discuss the lack of any proper long term overview with regard to the provision and suitability of facilities, infrastructure and planning, including environmental protection, for tourism in North Norfolk.  
 RA explained that there was no common forum within North Norfolk with an overview of tourism; nowhere to discuss provision, management, planning or infrastructure in relation to tourism. It was agreed to approach the relevant town and parish councils to see if a forum could be established.
- 7) To consider notification received from Holkham Estate to resume possession of part of the perimeter of the recreation field to enable the pedestrian access to the new car park to be constructed.  
 The Clerk expressed concerns regarding the impact of the proposed changes and a need to discuss with Holkham the terms of the playing and recreation field leases  
Resolved – to move forward with a meeting with Holkham to which AF & RH would attend.
- 8) To consider the condition of the public litter bins on the Quay which are provided by NNDC.  
Resolved – to involve the newly elected District Councillors and ask for their help
- 10) c) North Norfolk District Council  
 No report received.
- d) Town Clerk  
 A report is appended and available on the website. As a result it was resolved to block the unauthorised gateway onto the playing field by erecting a new noticeboard. A meeting has been arranged with Anglian Water at the hospital, 10 am 30 July 2015, to discuss the stench from the sewage works. Due to ill health Terry Corbishley had resigned as litter picker after 15 years. Merchant Navy day is to be celebrated on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, it was resolved to purchase and fly a red ensign. Letters had been received and circulated from Mr Perryman concerning rights of ownership on part of the Buttlands. The area in question is adopted public highway but it was agreed that the portfolio holder would keep an eye on the situation



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### e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Staithe Street) Motorcyclists have been contravening the road closure in Staithe Street; details obtained had been passed to police. Requests have been received from traders to extend the road closure in Staithe Street by two hours (*a new traffic order would be necessary with significant cost implications*).

RH (Playing Field) The Bounty has been re-painted and looks like new. The fun day will be on Wednesday 5 August. Ray asked if the recently retired district councillors had been properly thanked, (*it was agreed the Clerk should write*).

CM (Traffic/Parking) The working party has recently met with highways. Suggestions have been made and a plan will be formulated.

RA (Tourism) Could anyone with concerns about the new wildflower areas in the churchyard contact Rev Roger Arguile.

### II) Accounts for Settlement

#### **Payments during the month**

E-on Street Lighting	Street Lights	564.92
Broadband	Broadband Service	14.99
NNDC - Cemetery Rates	Rates - Cemetery	50.00
Anglian Water	West End Allotments	45.60
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

#### **Payments 6 July 2015**

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	328.09
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	498.20
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 1st Quarter	1878.64
Norse Eastern Ltd	Ground Maintenance	£1306.87
	Ground Maintenance	£310.57
		1617.44
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection	27.16
SLCC Enterprises Ltd	VAT Course	90.00
P J Canham	Pest Control Cemetery - May	66.00
Viking	Office Equipment	93.56
Wells Community Hospital	Rent - June	250.00
Anglo Scottish Equipment Ltd	Container Hire recreation field	127.54
Broxap Ltd	Finger post columns	442.80
Zurich Manicipal	Insurance	101.37
K & M Lighting Services	Lighting Column Beach Road	1130.12
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	247.10
P J Canham	Pest Control Cemetery - June	66.00
Mike Strong	Misc Flood Wardens - Fuel Funnel	7.45
Mick Chestney	Litter Picking	225.00

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

### 12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 7 September 2015

Meeting ends 2150



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