



## MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 7 April 2014 at 1929 at The Methodist Room

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

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

1) Public Forum

John Terrington asked about the Town Council's stance with regard the recent suggestion to reconsider the idea to realign the sea defences to the east of Wells. The chairman stated it was not something to which the Town Council had given support.

Sara Phillips asked if consideration could be given for the provision of signage at the bottom of Staithe Street on the Quay to inform the public that there were shops at the east end of the Quay.

2) Apologies

David Pentney-Smith, Jonathon Savory and Police,

3) To receive Declarations of Interest

None.

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2014 Agreed and Signed

5) To consider the implications of the repeal of s150 Local Government Act 1972, which removes the requirement for Parish and Town Councils to have two signatories for payments, thus allowing the adoption of more modern methods of electronic payment.

GH explained that the law had changed to allow councils to adopt more modern methods of payment as some companies and government bodies would only accept electronic payment.

Resolved – That the clerk amend the councils financial regulations for approval at a future meeting

6) To consider a report regarding the need for rabbit fencing at the Cemetery.

The report recommended that the only way to fully control the rabbit infestation at the cemetery was by the erection of rabbit fencing.

Resolved – To obtain 3 recommendations for a suitable specification for fencing together with quotes

7) To receive a report from the working party established to find a suitable use for money given to the town by the Lindum Group in compliance with conditions set by district planners.

GA stated it was hoped the new business forum could be involved and he hoped to have a report for the next meeting.



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### 8) Reports

#### a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

A report is appended and is available on the website.

#### b) County Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Dr Strong informed the council about the changes made to the proposed 20 mph scheme for Burnt Street and Church Street; Market Lane and Waveney Close would now be included with a part time 20 mph limit for Polka Road.

The waste incinerator contract had now been cancelled. Dr Wendy Thompson has been appointed as Managing Director for NCC. There was more government money available for pot holes and NCC had changed the highways contract saving 30 million. There would be a meeting for those flooded last December to fully explain what funding was available (15 April 2014, 2 pm – 6 pm at the Maltings).

#### d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website.

In addition, the Waste disposal site would be operated by Norse from 1 April 2014. There had been problems with someone smashing bottles and leaving broken glass strewn around the children's playground. Victory Housing had made a decision concerning the garages at Northfield; those on the Northfield Way would be sold for development land, Neilson Close would be developed for housing and the Northfield Crescent garages would be retained. NCC Highways had sent a letter of consultation with regard the latest proposals for the 20 mph limit which Dr Strong had previously explained. The clerk was asked to write in support of the new proposal. A reply had been received from NNDC concerning the provision of a coach park; NNDC questioned the need for a coach park but were suggesting a temporary solution of using a sugar beet pad near to the Cottage Hospital. Resolved – the Clerk to write agreeing to the temporary use of the sugar beet pad and stating the Council's intention to obtain evidence to prove that a coach park was essential for Wells. The Clerk would also write to the Lindum Group to ask if the old coach park site could be used during the season if the building of the filling station was delayed.

#### c) NNDC Peter Terrington

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#### e) Portfolio Holders

JE (Buttlands) The trees on the Buttlands had been inspected and a new bench has been sited.

LD (Cemetery) The Christmas wreaths had been removed.

PC (Dementia Friendly Community Portfolio) PC had visited the new dementia garden at the Wells Community Hospital and it is very good. It is hoped that education sessions will be provided for local businesses to enable them to better understand the needs of dementia sufferers

TF (Services) There had been problems with litter clearance on the Quay last weekend.

RA (Tourism) The town brochures should arrive Friday for circulation. Additional brochures had been sponsored by local businesses so 20000 had been printed. RA asked if the old map on the wall near Mermaids Purse could be removed.



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### 9) Accounts for Settlement

#### Payments during the month

E-on Energy	Street Lighting Electricity	427.03
Brightview Internet	Broadband Service	12.75
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00
		<b>1439.78</b>

#### Payments 7 April 2014

Payee	Details	Amount
Jimmy Tottle	bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	230.22
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
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 4th quarter	2064.24
Media 8	Wells Town Guide	2500.00
Archant Community Media Ltd	Public notice re entertainment licence	90.72
True Traders Ltd	Traffic barriers for car park	475.06
Robert Acton Product Developments	Litter picking supplies	76.80
Norfolk Assoc of local Councils	Subscriptions	315.27
Viking Direct	Refuse sacks - office supplies	500.64
Easton & Otley College	Pest Control Course - S Cooke	120.00
Andrew Spiers	Cemetery and general maintenance	123.20
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	191.10
S Marshall (Auto Graphics)	Signage - Car Park	384.00
		<b>8335.51</b>

Resolved – Accounts agreed and accepted

### 10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 12 May 2014

The meeting closed at 2100

