



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 7 July 2014 at 1923 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 & David Pentney-Smith

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Inspector Futter & Pc Pegden, Press (The Quay & EDP) and 9 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Pauline Catton asked about the legality of the parking cones on the Quay. CM explained the cones had been put out in consultation with Pc Pegden

2) Apologies Marie Strong, Peter Terrington & Jonathon Savory

3) To receive Declarations of Interest None

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2014 Agreed and Signed

5) To meet with the area Police Inspector, Teresa Futter, who will answer questions from the councillors.

In answer to questions asked, Inspector Futter explained that recently announced cuts the force was making to the number of police officers and PCSOs would not reduce the number of officers covering Wells. Crime figures were down on last year and initiatives such as the allotment crime prevention surgeries would be repeated. It was hoped that Special Constables, who could direct traffic, would be deployed to Wells during busy periods. Very noisy and speeding vehicles would be reported to the operational partnership team for targeting; people should report these problems immediately by email to the local SNT or by telephoning on 101. The speed gun was being regularly used in the area.

Pc Pegden reported that in the last month there had been 4 thefts, 2 criminal damage, 3 assault and an illegal possession of a knife. Brancaster had suffered a spate of marine thefts. It is important to report suspicious activity immediately.

6) To consider the question of Twinning with other communities and the role of the Town Council in such arrangements.

The council was address by Jill Frances, chairman of the Le Ferté St. Aubin Twinning association who explained all about the group. Nigel Dark suggested the council should consider twinning with Wells, Maine, USA.

Resolved – To support any group who wishes to form a twinning committee.



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- 7) To further consider the proposal by Ian Scott for Wells to twin with Oxford, Maryland, USA.
The item was discussed during the previous agenda item and as a result of the previous resolution support is therefore given to the Ian's proposal.
- 8) To discuss the lack of suitable coach parking.
The Clerk explained he had been negotiating with the Lindum Group on the possibilities of the council using the coach park until works started on the new filling station.
Resolved – To give the Clerk the authority to negotiate with the Lindum Group
To form a working party to include all interested parties. The group would look for a long term solution for coach parking. PC would chair the working party with CM, RA, DPS & JE.
- 9) 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 delivered the report which is attached
Resolved – To allow the working party to go ahead and finalise the improvements to Old Staithe Walk. To accept the quotation from Norse for the re-profiling and re-turfing of the Buttlands verges
- 10) To consider three quotations received for the installation of rabbit fencing at the Market Lane Cemetery
Resolved – To accept the quotation from Norse.
- 11) Reports
- a) NCC
A written report was submitted by Dr Marie Strong and is appended and available on the website.
- b) NNDC
A written report was submitted by Cllr Jonathan Savory and is appended and available on the website.
- c) Town Clerk
A report is appended and available on the website.
In addition the Clerk reported that a reply had been received from NNDC concerning the possible disposal of the Beach Road Toilets, NNDC had also stated that the gate at the toilets would remain open and the bins behind the toilets would be locked to prevent overfilling and the illegal disposal of trade waste. The Clerk asked for permission to circulate a press release concerning parking at the Quay and The Buttlands (Resolved - permission was given). A request had been received asking if the council would participate in the Commonwealth Flag Day next year (Resolved- to participate). A letter had been received concerning the missing plaque on the town sign. Could the plaque be replaced to commemorate Cassandra Turton who had designed the sign whilst a pupil at the Alderman Peel High School and had sadly died (Resolved – to replace the plaque). A recent survey had identified a tree on the Buttlands as being diseased and felling had been recommended (Resolved – Clerk to organise the felling of the tree).



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e) Portfolio Holders

JE (Buttlands/Town Notice Board) The noticeboard had been tidied.

LD (Cemetery) Following complaints the grass has now been mown.

RH (Playing Field) Goal months have been finished but awaiting nets. Pads have been put down for two more benches. The annual fun day will be on Wednesday 6 August.

PC (Dementia Friendly Community Portfolio) A meeting is arranged with Jonathan Hazel at the hospital who has taken over from Barry Dennis.

RA (Tourism) Lucy Downing was now CEO of Visit North Norfolk. There was only one third of the Town Guides left (Resolved –not to print anymore for this year).

MG (Finances) The Clerk has completed the first of the quarterly financial reports as required by the new financial regulations.

12) Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

E-on Energy	Street Lights	473.62
Madasafish	Broadband Service	14.99
NNDC	Rates - Cemetery	55.00
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments 7 July 2014

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	221.36
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	489.29
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Norse Commercial Services Ltd	Grounds maintenance	£1306.87
	Grounds maintenance	£310.57
	Buttlands Fertiliser	£240.00
		1857.44
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection	25.96
Norfolk Playing Field Association	Subscription	25.00
Norfolk RCC	Subscription	20.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 1st Quarter	2128.35
Viking	Office supplies/gloves (litter picking)	105.08
NNDC	Euro Bin use for Playing Field Waste	240.00
Wells Community Hospital	Rent - June	250.00
Anglo Scottish Equipment Ltd	Container Hire recreation field	125.49
County Grounds Maintenance Ltd	Tree Survey - Buttlands	331.20
Killgerm Chemicals Ltd	Allotment rat bait and bait boxes	166.02
P Snell (Plumber)	Non-return valves - Allotments	58.00
Platten & Anthony DIY	Mics Supplies	46.25
Andrew Spiers	Cemetery and general maintenance	157.85
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	183.20
Mick Chestney	Litter Picking	243.00
		7200.19

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

13) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 1 September 2014

