

- 12) To receive a report from the Field Study Working Party
 Some of the working party had met with Ian Scott recently, with a view to seeing if any of his ideas, abandoned ten years ago, might translate to the Field Study Centre. He is keen to assist, and will present some ideas at the next meeting. He understands that we intend to have a strong educational focus. MG, KL, and MS will be meeting with Norfolk Property Services later this month to find out the likely terms for the transfer of the property from NCC to WTC. It is important that we try not to clash with The Maltings Project. JT thought that if two projects from the town applied for the same grant, neither would be successful.
- 13) To receive a report from Flood Wardens on the surge tide of 27 November & Exercise Albatros (Watermark)
 The messages being sent out by the Environment Agency on 27 November 2011 were not good enough. The agency has a responsibility to promulgate the warnings, but not to ensure that they have been received or understood. Many people do not understand the warnings that they are receiving. People living on the Quay that night were given warnings that they “might have to evacuate” and it was necessary to send flood wardens round to tell them “not to panic”. The warning system is going to be examined by NCC scrutiny committee.
Watermark was a national exercise carried out last March, with a local variant named *Albatros*. The observers seemed to be disappointed with the number of flood wardens on duty and the question was asked (but not answered) of how many professional uniformed responders would be available in the event of an emergency. During the exercise it was suggested that flood wardens were working too slowly, and that perhaps they should work singly instead of in pairs. However, they have all been instructed that they will not be insured unless they do work in pairs. Flood Wardens have great difficulty with second/holiday homes because they are unable to obtain details of the owners. They have temporarily solved this problem by declaring them to be businesses – which they are not responsible for. In the event of the worst flooding emergency, more people would have to be evacuated in Wells, than anywhere else between King’s Lynn and Great Yarmouth.
- 14) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement
 A report had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting. The following had been paid during the month:
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| Brightview Internet | Broadband | 14.99 |
| Keith Leesmith | Clerk’s Salary Deposit | 1000.00 |
| Jimmy Tottle | Bollards (December) | 220.00 |
- The following were agreed for payment:
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| Veolia | Cemetery waste collection | 59.98 |
| M L Walsingham | Cemetery tap insulation | 17.06 |
| Keith Leesmith | Salary (net of deposit) and expenses | 536.27 |
| Norfolk Pension Fund | Monthly contribution | 493.85 |
| MHB Services Ltd | Street Lighting Maintenance | 306.70 |
| E-on Energy | Street Lighting electricity | 462.04 |
| Inland Revenue | PAYE 3 rd quarter | 1485.95 |
| E-on Energy | Sackhouse power | 89.01 |
| Wells Lighting Fund | donation (last month) | 400.00 |
| Heritage House | donation (last month) | 420.00 |
| C Smith | Allotment pest control | 300.00 |
| Wells Maltings Project | Sackhouse rent – July/December 2011 | 1000.00 |
| Norfolk Association Local Councils | CiLCA training – Greg Hewitt | 345.00 |
| Edna Garrett | Sackhouse cleaning | 30.00 |
| Terry Corbishley | Litter Picking | 215.60 |
| North Norfolk District Council | planning fee – skateboard park | 85.00 |
- 15) To confirm Date of Next Meeting
 Confirmed as Monday 6 February 2012

The meeting closed at 2108