



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

THE SACKHOUSE, JICKLINGS YARD,
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CLERKS' REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD MAY 2013 & PREPARED 03.05.2013

- 1) Following receipt of correspondence concerning the erection of bollards/posts in Croft Yard and Shop Lane enquiries were made with the Highways Authority. Shop Lane is under the control of the Highways Authority and they have been considering the validity of the posts erected on the northern side of the lane. However, there is some uncertainty concerning the actual extent of the highway and they are making further enquiries and considering options. Croft Yard is recorded as a private road on the Highways mapping system and there is no action to be taken. However, although a private road, there is a pedestrian right of way that runs along the centre of the yard. Highways will take enforcement action if the right of way is permanently obstructed and pedestrians are not able to walk along the centre of the yard. The pavement built on the western side of the yard is unadopted and therefore not part of the highway.
- 2) The kerbs around the Buttlands have at last been finished and hopefully the edges will soon be re-turfed. If the turf is laid the council will need to make arrangements to regularly water (the Wells in Bloom bowser can be used).
- 3) It is apparent that the town's public entertainment licence does not cover all parts of the town. At the moment the licence covers only those areas controlled by the council and not areas controlled by others. I have had discussions with the carnival committee concerning a possible variation to include these other areas.
- 4) Rodney Crafer and I attended a focus group meeting at NNDC HQ to discuss the provision of CCTV across the district. As part of a financial review the CCTV is under scrutiny. The annual cost to the district at the moment is £219,825, which is £4779 per camera. The consensus from the meeting was that the cameras should stay but everyone understood there will need to be changes. The review will be completed by the end of summer with a report to cabinet for the autumn. I did ask that final recommendations should go out to Town Councils for comment before a final decision was approved.
- 5) I, Marie Strong and John Terrington had a useful meeting with representatives of NCC, Highways, NNDC and Environment Agency concerning surface water flooding. The whole group walked the main problem areas along Burnt Street, Church Street and Church Plain, Many concerns were noted and it is hoped some solutions will be found.
- 6) The taxidermy collection is now on loan to the Victoria Inn, terms and conditions have been agreed and signed.
- 7) The council office is now located on the ground floor of the Wells Community Hospital.
- 8) The Council Office will be closed between 7th – 17th June and 19th – 26th July.

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