



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL  
WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL,  
MILL ROAD, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA,  
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## CLERKS' REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 2013 & PREPARED 27.09.2013

- 1) Feral Pigeon Problem. As a result of a meeting with North Norfolk's Environmental Health Team they have promised to investigate and resolve the feral pigeon problem using a tried and tested strategy that has worked in other North Norfolk towns. Wood Pigeons are not considered a public health matter and it is for individual property owners to deal with any problems.
- 2) From the 30<sup>th</sup> September the Clerk has changed his hours of work from four part days to three full days. The Clerk will be working 8am to 6pm Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The office will be open between 9am – 1pm. During the rest of the afternoon the office will be open unless the clerk has duties elsewhere.
- 3) The payment to those Charity Groups involved with the car park under the Wells United Charities scheme will be £1419.26 each; another record year.
- 4) The four new 'Wells-next-the-Sea' signs have been installed at the various entrance points into the Town. Highways have asked if the council wants to retain one of the old signs this in situ on Freeman Street.
- 5) The external audit from last year has been signed off by the official Auditors. The Auditors confirmed the accounts were completed in accordance with proper practices and gave no cause for concern. It was suggested that in future all the council's assets be included, such as the skatepark, basketball court and play equipment. It was also suggested that VAT recovered from HMRC be recorded on the accounts in a slightly different way. These changes will be implemented next year.
- 6) It consultation with Councillor Dew I would asked that I be allowed to recruit a handy man to work on a number of minor improvements to the Market Lane Cemetery. The cemetery is generally in good shape but there are several minor issues, such as track verges, the west boundary and vermin damage, when taken together, make the whole site look at little untidy. It is thought that the right person working a few hours each week over a period of time would improve the situation significantly. We do have a Cemetery Improvement budget agreed and allocated for this financial year.
- 7) Installation of the new east end allotment water system started on 23 September and should be completed by the 27 September. Holkham Estate kindly gave permission for the new pipe to run up the inside of their field to save disturbing the track at the bottom of Northfield Lane.
- 8) Mike Briggs should be installing the new allotment gates during the next month.

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