



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL  
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MILL ROAD, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA,  
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## CLERKS' REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD JANUARY 2018 & PREPARED 02.01.2018

1. Correspondence has been received from the Norfolk Coast Partnership about neighbourhood plans and their intention to promote them. The Norfolk Coast partnership wants to know if Wells Town Council is interested in attending a Neighbourhood Plan event in the spring and would Wells Town Council be interested in joining a parishes working group on Neighbourhood Plans.
2. A Street light at the southern end of High Street has been removed from the wall of a house during building renovations. Due to the condition of the equipment it was not possible for UKPower Networks to reinstate the old equipment and a new lamp and bracket will need to be installed. However, I have not been able to ascertain if the property owner will allow the light to be reinstated. If it is necessary to install the light elsewhere permission will have to be obtained from another property owner or the light installed on a column; either option is expensive, approximately £3000. I have contacted the Highways Authority to research the legal requirement and have been advised that it is not necessary to replace the light as the lighting that remains is considered sufficient. I will continue to explore the options.
3. I have been contacted by the Norfolk Playing Field Association to ask if the Town Council wishes to become a member.  
*'The NPFA aims to encourage and develop the playing of all games, sports, and pastimes, and to extend the benefits of playing fields, playgrounds, and open spaces to all members of the community. Membership is open to any group involved with the management of a playing field, play area, or sports facility and to individuals who share our objectives. Benefits support and advice for developing play facilities, newsletter, arrangement of site visits to discuss project details, and grants available for member organisations up to £2,000 per project.'*  
The cost is £25 annually.
4. In response to a letter sent on behalf of the Town Council to North Norfolk District Council, requesting a representative attend a Town Council Meeting to discuss town councillors concerns about the planning process and the lack of any weight given to planning considerations expressed by the Town Council on behalf of residents, the following response has been received from NNDC's Head of Planning:

*'I note the Town Council's concern about the planning process and the lack of any weight given to planning considerations expressed by the Town Council. Unfortunately the service is not resourced sufficiently for officers to attend individual Town and Parish Council meetings, however you will recall that we have previously held Town and Parish Forums (3 across the District) and invited several Town and Parishes to attend to discuss Planning issues. If there is an appetite across the District for such sessions in the New Year, then I am sure the service can facilitate this.'*

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