



## MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 3 July 2017 at 1910 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Rodney Crafer (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum & Guy Warren  
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Police, Press (The Quay) & 7 members of the Public.

- 1) Public Forum Janet Angles voiced her concerns about the increasing number of holiday homes and asked the council to act. (*It was agreed that the matter should be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting*).
- 2) Apologies Gary Anthony, Allen Frary, & Simon Hester
- 3) To receive Declarations of Interest None
- 4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2017. Agreed and Signed
- 9) Reports
  - a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Pegden reported there had been 45 calls to police last month, one threat to cause criminal damage & five criminal damage offences (an arrest had been made), two burglaries and one attempt, one public order offence, one anti-social behaviour, one offence of dangerous parking and three traffic offence reports given. Pc Pegden reminded everyone that if any suspicious activity was seen to inform the police of any vehicle registration number or description.
- 5) To discuss concerns about dogs on Wells Beach.

TF explained his concerns were a result of a recent visit to the beach where he had seen dogs in the dog free zone and his grandchild had tread in some dog mess.

David Horton-Fawkes representing Holkham Estate said there were some issues but a working party had been set up to find solutions. It had been identified that 800,000 people visit the beach during the year and 60% of them bring a dog. Another member of staff from Holkham Estate explained there would be new signage, road art, poo-bag dispensers, a warden presence from Easter to October, information at the beach cafe, information on digital media and in the Holkham Gazette.

Some councillors also expressed concerns about the impact of so many dogs on the environment and wildlife.

Resolved – to recommend as a council to the appropriate bodies that dogs on the beach between Wells and Holkham should be kept on a lead.
- 6) To consider the issue of dropped kerbs at various locations throughout the Town.

CM explained that since he has been using a disability scooter he has found that many of the kerbs in town have no dropped kerb to give access onto the pavement.

Resolved – to refer to the Traffic Management Committee for them to consider and prioritise any kerbs that need attention.



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- 7) To consider a suggestion by PC Pegden that the Town Council produces advisory notices to be placed on illegally parked vehicles.

Resolved – Clerk to compose a notice for councillors to use.

- 8) To consider a request from the Norfolk Milestone Society to jointly fund the repair of a milestone located on the Warham Road which is circa 1834.

Resolved – to agree in principle to a donation subject to cost.

- 9) Reports

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Marie spoke about the suggestion for a roundabout at Cherry Tree Corner, Fakenham, and advised that the idea had not been forgotten; there was a possible solution being considered. RH said better illumination was still needed at the junction. LD asked Marie about the conflict of large salary redundancy packages and the loss of services such as libraries. Marie said that the redundancy packages were dictated by staff contracts previously given. Marie said, the leader of NCC has said there will be no closure of libraries, sure start centres or recycling centres, there is also a cross party group to challenge government over funding for adult social services.

c) North Norfolk District Council

Vincent Fitzpatrick spoke about the Big Society Fund, unscrupulous companies offering help to claim small business rates relief when help could be obtained from NNDC for free and sandscaping along the coast at Bacton in front of the gas terminal. RH asked if NNDC had considered charging full council tax on holiday homes. VF said the 5% discount was an incentive to register. LD complained it was difficult to get through to NNDC by telephone. GW/RH expressed concerns about the wall on Stearmans Yard car park that was in danger of falling on cars and people. VF said he would speak with the appropriate NNDC officer.

d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk informed the councillors that a report had been received from the Parochial Church Council detailing work required on the church boundary wall. GW, RH and the Clerk would investigate and report back in September. The Clerk asked the council to accept a quotation for repairs to the cemetery gatehouse (Resolve - to accept the quotation). A letter had been received from Barclays Bank via Norman Lamb about the reduction in opening days; Barclays will not reconsider the decision.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) JE said that a guardian angel was still doing an excellent job at keeping the noticeboard in order.

LD (Cemetery) LD said the cemetery was in good order and the recent application of weed killer had made an improvement. A sweep up inside the main gate was needed.

RH (Children's Playing field) RH, who has recently been standing in for the litter picker, said it had been agreed with the Clerk that he could claim expenses for the litter picking to be paid to the Friends of the Beach Road Playing Field.



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CM (Traffic & Parking) CM briefed the council on the recent meeting of the Traffic Management Committee with a senior Highways officer. The idea of a roundabout at the junction of Beach Road and The Quay had been received favourably. The officer would also facilitate a meeting with West Norfolk Parking operations to consider improvements to enforcement. There was now a need to prioritise on any changes to parking restriction and feasibility studies were required to take forward the roundabout proposal and improved parking restriction on the Quay. *(It was agreed that the Clerk would formally ask Marie to get the process started).*

RA (Tourism and Town & Parish Forum) RA briefed councillors about the recent meeting of the Asset Commercialisation group with NNDC concerning NNDC's scheme for the Beach Road Toilets and Memorial Site. RA and the Clerk had presented papers dealing with tourism issues and the unsustainability of a new large restaurant but the group had not been well dealt with. NNDC had intimated that a new toilet block on the football field might be paid for by Holkham Estate as part of a section 106 agreement resulting from a future application for an extension to the car park. To date 390 of the questionnaires have already been completed and returned.

GW (Services, Churchyard and Polka cemetery) GW informed the meeting that the pathway through the Polka Cemetery has been resurfaced and of an intention to investigate railings to close of the false pathway that was forming in the NE corner.

### 10) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

#### **Payments during the month**

Madasafish	Email Service May	1.69
E-on Street Lighting	Street Lights	650.40
NNDC - Cemetery Rates	Rates - Office	55.00
Madasafish	Email Service June	1.69
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

#### **Payments 3 July 2017**

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	213.91
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	482.04
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 1st Quarter	1838.13
Norse Eastern Ltd	Ground Maintenance	£1391.45
	Ground Maintenance	£310.57
NNDC	Emptying Dog Bins	898.56
Wells Community Hospital	Rent - June	250.00
Avena Environmental Limited	Confidential Waste Disposal	75.00
Eddy Cast	Litter Picking	273.35

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

### 11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 4 September 2017.

Meeting ends 2125

