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Town Council Meeting held on 3 October 2016 at 1920 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Police (Insp Stevens & Pc Pegden) Press (The Quay & EDP) & 16 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Peter Terrington asked if the council had decided to use the parish partnership scheme to make improvements to the junction of Shop Lane and Bolts Close.

Pat Weston informed the council he was still in the process of obtaining a quote to refurbish the town sign.

2) Apologies

Vincent Fitzpatrick

3) To receive Declarations of Interest

None

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2016

Agreed and Signed

5) To discuss with Inspector Chis Stevens, the Local Area Police Commander, concerns about vehicles parked in contravention of the law, obstructing footpaths, driveways and other vehicular traffic.

There was an open discussion with the Inspector involving councillors and members of the public. The inspector said that where vehicles were obstructing the pavement and driveways police officers could issue a Traffic Offence Report which could be fixed to the windscreen of the offending vehicle. However, any police response would be subject to a graded response and officer availability. It was agreed that officers would target Shop Lane during the October half term and warning letters would be issued to vehicles parking on the pavement. Speeding was also discussed and the Inspector said that when his officers were not going to calls they were doing speed checks; officers go out daily with speed guns. The Inspector also confirmed speed checks could be done on Church Street and Burnt Street and that a recent 'Minute Man' survey at the location had shown speeds to be unacceptable.

10a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Pegden said there had been forty calls to the police during the month, five crimes including a dangerous dog incident, two public order offences, a theft and an assault. Groups on Polka Road had been using it as a race track and if caught police would use powers to seize vehicles.



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- 6) To consider problems of traffic management and other incidents of illegal and inconsiderate parking which have occurred during the summer months that have resulted in significant congestion and obstruction.

There was an open discussion with councillors and members of the public.

The following issues were raised:

Holkham's new Freeman Street car park closing too early

Provision of parking wardens and the use of revenues from fines

Traffic management solutions for Beach Road

Stewart Parnell a retired highways engineer presented the council a report offering some costed solutions.

Resolved: To set up a working party to consider parking, parking enforcement and traffic management for the whole town with a root and branch review involving everyone including the emergency services. The following councillors and members of the public volunteered:

CM, GA MG, AF, GW, PC, Iain Wolf (Holkham), Stewart Parnell and Mel Catton

- 7) To consider supporting a request for dropped kerbs at the northern end of the pavements in Gales Road to allowed easy access for mobility scooters.

RH explained that the high kerbs were causing difficulties for residents in Gales Road.

The Clerk explained the work could be taken forward under the County Council Parish Partnership with the town council funding half the cost.

The councillors agreed in principle subject to costings being obtained.

- 8) To consider a request from Norfolk CPRE to support their campaign against unrealistic and unnecessary housing targets for Norfolk..

Resolved: To leave it on the table.

- 9) To further consider the purchase and installation of a vehicle activated 20mph speed sign on Church Street/Burnt Street following information on cost obtained by the Clerk.

Resolved: To apply to the County Council Parish Partnership to purchase a SAM 2 vehicle activated sign. Clerk to investigate the best option.

- 10) Reports

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Marie gave a report; a copy is attached and available on the website.

c) North Norfolk District Council

Vincent Fitzpatrick sent a report; a copy is attached and available on the website.

d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and is available on the website. In addition the Clerk stated permission had been requested for a manege and additional stable block at Two Furlong Hill (*councillors had no*



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objection), permission was sort be the Clerk to apply in the council's name for a freedom of information request to NNDC concerning second homes (*permission given*), interest rates on the council's business account were now at 0%, letters had been received and circulated to councillors from John Terrington and Gilly Cook concerning the area of highway at the front of the Globe Inn

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

RH (Playground) Notices concerning the use of fireworks were needed for the Buttlands on November 5th. A recent inspection of the play equipment had identified some maintenance issues that need addressing; an additional £1500 is needed in the budget for next year to complete the work.

TF (Services) Recent work at tugboat yard had identified a rat problem at the site.

RA (Tourism & Town & Parish Forum) At a recent tourism event it was announced that visitor numbers to Norfolk generated £3 billion annually which exceeds Cornwall at only £2.4 billion. Visit North Norfolk is struggling financially.

11) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

E-on Energy	Street Lighting electricity	554.58
NNDC	Cemetery Rates	51.00
Anglian Water	East End Allotments	248.91
Madasafish	Email Service	1.69
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments 3 October 2016

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	201.95
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	468.52
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance(August)	366.40
Norse Eastern Ltd	Ground Maintenance £1168.73	-----
	Ground Maintenance £310.57	1479.30
Veolia Environmental Services	Rubbish collection	180.85
Wells Community Hospital Trust	Office Rent	250.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 2nd quarter	1818.90
Viking	Bin Bags/Office Supplies	101.24
Friends of the Beach Rd Playing Field	Installation and supply equipment	5272.00
P Snell	Allotment Tap Repair	48.00
Pear Technology Services Ltd	Annual Charge - Mapping	264.00
Burnham Market Area Car Scheme	Grant	300.00
Wells Twinning Association	Grant	300.00
Wells Street Party	Grant	200.00
Poetry-next-the-Sea	Grant	200.00
Eddy Cast	Litter Picking	265.65

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 7 November 2016.

Meeting ends 2122

