



## MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 4 April 2016 at 1930 at The Methodist Room

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Press (The Quay & EDP) & 12 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Several members of the public spoke out about the continued broadcast of amplified music from the balcony of the Golden Fleece Public House on the Quay. Those with concerns were encouraged to report incidents to Environmental Protection at North Norfolk District Council and their District Councillors. District Councillor Vincent Fitzpatrick was present and promised to make enquiries. It was agreed the Clerk would write in support of the complaint.

Concerns were voiced about the conflicting signage for the new car park on Freeman Street. Marie Strong said the official signage would probably take 2 – 3 months before it was installed. Mel Catton said Holkham should be thanked for successfully providing the car parking over Easter and Phillip Platten said how important visitors are to the town and that ideas need to be devised to lessen congestion. Parking enforcement was discussed. Marie Strong explained that people needed to report problem parking areas to the Police if it involved offences of obstruction or Parking Operations if it involved infringement of parking regulations; enforcement would be targeted to those areas about which complaints had been received. Contact the Police by telephoning 101 or email parking enforcement at [parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk). Marie also suggested it might be the time to look at resident parking again (an agenda was requested).

2) Apologies

Joe Ellison

3) To receive Declarations of Interest

None

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2016

Agreed and Signed

8 b) Norfolk County Council, County Councillor Dr Marie Strong

A report is appended and is available on the website. In addition, Marie advised that the new road markings on the Dry Road had been done. CM asked about the signs for Staithe Place and Marie said they were allowed to be in situ for 2 years. RH said there were many potholes on the approaches to Wells; Marie encouraged people to report them via the County Council Website.



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- 5) To consider the problem of Rats within the town (TF).  
 TF explained that he had received complaints from residents mainly about rats on the Quay. From enquiries he had made the best method to reduce the numbers of rats was to remove any food source. The food source was thought to be waste left by the bins overnight. It was agreed the Clerk should write to NNDC, who are responsible for street cleaning and the bins, to ask that the bins be emptied as often as possible and no waste is left available to the rats overnight.
- 6) To consider a report from the Buttlands working party.  
 A draft of the proposed policies for the Buttlands had been circulated  
Resolved – The proposed Buttlands policies were adopted (*the policies will be available on the Town Council website*)
- 7) To consider a report from the North Norfolk Town and Parish Forum (RA).  
 RA asked the council to support a number of proposals relating to the Town and Parish Forum  
Resolved – For the Town Council to continue as members of the Town and Parish Forum, for Roger Arguile to be the Town Council's representative on the Forum and to support the forum with regard the second homes council tax initiative.
- 8) Reports
- a) Safer Neighbourhood Team  
 A report was sent; it is appended and is available on the website.
- c) North Norfolk District Council  
 A report was given; it is appended and is available on the website.  
 LD asked why District Councillor Simon Hester did not attend the meetings or send a report.
- d) Town Clerk  
 A report is appended and is available on the website. As a result of the report it was resolved to investigate the possibility of obtaining a grant for replacement LED Street Lighting and to consider the most cost effective option. In addition the clerk discussed additional bins needed for the disposal of waste at the children's playground (*agenda item requested*), a missing street light on Northfield Lane, a complaint concerning weeds growing at the Cemetery (*agenda item requested*), a letter concerning suspicions that someone was considering developing Church Marsh, notification that the Football Club had agreed a new lease for the Recreation Field with Holkham, a request from the Football club for the council to forgo last year's rent (*resolved – request declined*) and a invite from Rector Lorne Denny regarding a civic service on 11<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate the Queen's birthday.
- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees  
 LD (Cemetery) Due to the complaint received she had visited the cemetery which had now been cut and looked the best it had for ages. However, Alexander is growing everywhere outside the boundary.



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RA (Tourism) The town guides had been published but it had been necessary for RA to pay the full cost of the guides temporarily from his own pocket (*a cheque for the full amount was given to RA during the meeting*). In addition to donations received from Holkham Estate (£250) and Belton Duffey (£100), Wells Coastal Communities Team donated £339.

### 11) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

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

E-on Energy	Street Lighting Electricity	528.48
Madasafish	Email Service	1.69
Village & Urban	Noticeboard	1038.00
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00

#### **Payments 4 April 2016**

Payee	Details	Amount
Jimmy Tottle	bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	289.98
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	498.20
Veolia	Bins - Cemetery	27.97
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	250.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 4th quarter	1745.64
Roger Arguile	Wells Town Guide (Media 8)	2689.00
Killgerm Chemical Ltd	Rodenticide	109.92
Norfolk Assoc of local Councils	Subscriptions	344.45
NALC (LCR Subscription)	Subscriptions	17.00
Mr E Cast	Litter Picking	277.20

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

### 12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 9 May 2016.

Meeting ends 2115

