



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, MILL RD,
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2017/27

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 4 September 2017 at 1908 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Rodney Crafer (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, & Guy Warren
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Vincent Fitzpatrick, Press (The Quay) & 8 members of the Public.

- 1) Public Forum Maggie Ward asked about the Taxidermy Collection and about any long term plans to house the collection in the Town. Joe Ellison expressed concerns about pedestrians walking on the Beach Road rather than using the footpath. Pat Weston thanked the Town Council for their support with the Carnival. Guy Warren asked about the refurbishment of the Town sign (*Pat Weston said he had it in hand*). Pauline Catton asked if NNDC gave Wells Carnival the type of support Cromer Carnival received (*Pat said he would welcome any support*).
- 2) Apologies Gary Anthony, Allen Frary, Campbell MacCallum Marie Strong & Simon Hester
- 3) To receive Declarations of Interest PC item 9
- 4) To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 3 & 24 July 2017. Agreed and Signed
- 5) To discuss with David Horton-Fawkes, Estate Director for Holkham Estate, any concerns or issues.

RA introduced David and explained the importance of better communication.

David stated that he had been taken back by the lack of trust and hostility last time he attended the town council meeting and that Holkham has the same goals as the Town Council, such as sustainability, jobs, parking and managing tourism; there is so much in common.

David discussed the following with councillors:

- Toilets for Holkham's car parks.
- Better access for pedestrians from the pitch and putt car park onto the beach bank footpath.
- Dogs on the beach and signage.
- Kevin Thatcher, (North Norfolk Marine Site Advisory Group) who was with David, also spoke about a regionally coordinated 'sustainable dog walking campaign' which was to include a regional workshop hosted at Holkham Hall in October, to help deliver a coordinated campaign for the region.

It was agreed an informal liaison meeting should be organised between the Town Council and Holkham to discuss issues and work together.

- 6) To consider a report from the Beach Road Toilets & Memorial Site Consultation Working Party and decide the Town Council's position on the proposed development of the site by NNDC. Councillors received a report detailing the results of the recent questionnaire circulated in the Town and the following recommendations from the Town Council's working party:



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“Taking into consideration all the findings the following conclusions can be made:

- There is no desire for the toilets to be moved elsewhere.
- There is no desire for a large modernistic building.
- The memorial must remain where it is.
- A large majority of respondents are concerned about traffic management and parking.

The following statement is the recommendation of the working party to the Town Council and it reflects the majority view of the respondents to the questionnaire:

The Town Council would accept a modest development, in keeping with the surrounding architecture, no bigger than two storeys, incorporating the toilets and the memorial.”

Resolved – to accept the recommendations of the working party.

7) To consider repairs needed to the wall, gates and fencing at St Nicholas Church and the Churchyard extension (Polka Cemetery).

Resolved – To complete the repairs on the church wall using money earmarked for cemetery improvements. To accept a quotation from M Briggs for the repairs. To install a section of park railings in the north east corner of the churchyard extension and accept a quotation for the railings from Fakenham Fabrications. To repair and refurbish the churchyard gates over the next three years, completing one gateway each year.

8) To consider a replacement antenna for the Flood Wardens radio base station.

Resolved – agreed.

9) To consider the following grant applications:

- a) Wells Christmas Lighting Committee
- b) Wells Twinning Committee
- c) Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme

Resolved - To Grant a) £500, b) £300, c) £300

10) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

No report was received.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

A report was circulated and is available on the website

c) North Norfolk District Council

A written report was received and is available on the website. In addition PC asked if NNDC would consider helping Wells Carnival as it did Cromer. RH advised there was a blocked drain and overgrown weeds at the Beach Road toilet site. PC also asked why had the ladies toilets been closed at the Beach Road during carnival week and why was there no notice to direct people to alternate facilities. TF asked why the cubicles at Newgates lane had been locked for several days



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d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the auditors had completed the external audit for 2016/2017 and there were no matters for concern.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) JE reported that he thought the Buttlands grass was not looking as good as it should.

LD (Cemetery) LD said there appeared to be a lot of litter outside the cemetery gates and a section of the flint wall just inside the gate had been damaged.

RH (Children's Playing field) RH reported that dog waste was still being put in the skate park bin and that it might be necessary to move or screen it.

PC (Dementia Awareness/Coastal Communities Team) There will be a memory walk in Holkham Park on 17th September. The Coastal Communities Team has engaged someone to complete a survey and help produce a Destination Management Plan.

TF (Services) TF said that the litter pickers on the Quay had done an excellent job this summer.

RA (Tourism and Town & Parish Forum) RA said the Norfolk Association of Local Councils was interested in concerns raised about the distribution of money from the Second Homes Council Tax

GW (Services, Churchyard and Polka cemetery) GW has resumed cutting back undergrowth at the Polka Cemetery

11) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Anglian Water	Water Rates - Cemetery	16.07
Anglian Water	West End Allotments	75.37
NNDC	Rates - Cemetery	55.00
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting	439.80
E-on Energy	Buttlands	98.20
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Email Service	1.69

Payments 4 September 2016

Payee	Details	Amount
Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	222.91
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	482.04
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Lighting Maintenance July	241.24
Norse Eastern Ltd	Ground Maintenance £1391.45	-----
	Ground Maintenance £310.57	1702.02
Wells Community Hospital	Office rent	250.00
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery	84.00
Norfolk County Council	Roundabout Feasibility	7200.00
Killgerm Chemical Ltd	Rodenticide	112.08
Viking	Office Supplies	72.79
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection	169.72
Eddy Cast	Litter Picking	385.00

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 2 October 2017.

Meeting ends 2135

