



## MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 5 February 2018 at 1905 at The Methodist Room

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Press (The Quay) 5 Members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

A member of the public spoke about a forthcoming NNDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting in relation to NNDC's asset commercialisation program and their proposals to develop the Beach Road Toilet and Memorial Site.

RA read out the following statement on behalf of David Fennell the Chairman of Homes for Wells:

“Homes for Wells has recently concluded its Housing Needs Survey and analysis of the responses is under way. First impressions are that our previous assumptions about demand are broadly unchanged.

The fact remains that the cost of properties to buy in the town is beyond the reach of most local families. As children become ready to set up their own home, many still want to provide mutual support, by living within easy reach of other family members.

At the same time, we hear that Victory properties are being sold for holiday lets.

Homes for Wells aims to provide more new affordable housing and is currently preparing a draft plan to develop the Exceptions Site at Market Lane. This project is a bit larger than the Field Studies Centre and aims to provide eighteen dwellings at affordable rentals, plus four for sale.

The outline project plan has to be submitted to NNDC in March, in order to secure financial help this financial year, for the preparation of detailed architectural and engineering plans, and to submit them for formal Planning Consent.

We do, of course, need the Holkham Estate to agree to sell us the site. We are hoping to progress discussions with Holkham in the next few weeks. I very much hope this can eventually lead to further co-operation in the coming years.”

A member of the public expressed the following concerns: a) the lack of effective signage at the top of Staithe Street to advise drivers the road is closed when the bollards are up, b) no advance warning signs for drivers approaching the zebra crossing on Standard Road

2) Apologies Gary Anthony, Campbell MacCallum, Simon Hester & Vincent Fitzpatrick

3) To receive Declarations of Interest RC item 5

4) To approve the Minutes of the meetings held on 8 & 22 January 2018. Agreed and Signed



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5) To consider the following grant applications

- Wells United Charities
- Sea Cadets – Wells-next-the-Sea
- Wells Women’s Institute

Resolved – to grant Wells United Charities £500, Sea Cadets £500, Wells Women’s Institute £400

6) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

No report was submitted.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Marie discussed the NCC budget and advised the cuts to bus subsidies and road gritting had been stopped. Stagecoach is pulled out of operating the Coasthopper service but the service is safe with other companies interested. The Liberal Democrats have put forward an alternate budget for the libraries to protect both libraries and library staff. Marie also advised that the Highways Authority had agreed to take forward the Town Councils recommendations for changes to the parking restrictions; the next step was to involve the relevant statutory bodies in the process. Marie has also agreed to use funds that she can allocate, towards facilitating the changes to the parking restrictions.

c) North Norfolk District Council

Vincent Fitzpatrick supplied a report which is available on the website.

d) Town Clerk’s Report

Authority was requested to pay Media8, who print the Town Guide, before the start of the new financial year (*authority was given*). All the Town Council’s holdings are now registered with the Land Registry. The office rent will increase by 5% from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. Attempts had been made to get three quotations for tree surgery work but only one quotation has been received. (*Authority was given to proceed with the one quotation*). The Town Sign needs attention but a previous volunteer does not now have the time to complete the work. (*Authority was given to try and find a suitable craftsman*). Authority was requested to arrange a drainage survey for the Children’s Playground (*Authority was given*).

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) The noticeboard is in need of repair.

PC (Dementia Friendly Community, Fairtrade & Coastal Communities) The Coastal Communities hope to be ready to present their Destination Management Plan in March.

GW (Churchyard & Polka Cemetery) Work continues on clearing the churchyard.



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### 7) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

#### **Payment made during the month**

British Telecom	Telephone Service	105.17
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Annual Fee	35.00
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting Electricity	745.30
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Email Provision	1.69

#### **Payments 5 February 2018**

Contractor	Bollards	220.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	213.91
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly Contribution	482.04
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	805.60
Veolia	Waste Disposal	88.25
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	250.00
Wells Methodist Church	Room Hire	330.00
B & S Chains (Midlands) Ltd	Playground Replacement Parts	305.95
Norfolk Playing Fields Association	Annual Subscription	25.00
Hayes & Storr	Legal Fees - Land Registry	340.00
The Milestone Society	Grant	100.00
A Beale	Odd jobs	420.00
Killgerm Chemical Ltd	Rodenticide	112.08
Staff	Litter Picking	231.00
Media8	Town Guide (Printing/design)	2699.00

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

### 8) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 5 March 2018.

Meeting ends 2045

