



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 5 March 2018 at 1903 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, Simon Hester, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Press (The Quay) & 6 Members of the Public.

- 1) Public Forum
LD expressed concerns about A boards obstructing the highway outside premises on the Buttlands (future *agenda item requested*).
- 2) Apologies Police
- 3) To receive Declarations of Interest None
- 4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 February 2018. Agreed and Signed
- 5) To receive a presentation from Simon Daykin, General Manager of Wells Maltings.
Simon gave a comprehensive presentation. He said the Maltings would be opening in about 14 weeks and would finish on budget. When open people would be welcome to come in and have a good look around. For the first year the Heritage Space would be free admission to local people. There will be three separate community spaces available for weddings, parties, gatherings and community groups. The car park will be marked out as per the original approved design although it is not yet certain how the spaces belonging to Victory Housing and NNDC will be used.
- 9) c) North Norfolk District Council
Vincent Fitzpatrick gave a report which is available on the website.
- 6) To consider an application from Wells Maltings for a grant from the Arts Fund held by the Town Council.
An application was made for the following arts project:
“Young people across the town submit digital images that capture their lives, friendships, homes, pastimes, hopes, fears and passions. A professional photographic artist, working with a selected group of young people, assembles these images and creates a giant photomosaic of a recognisable Wells scene. This would then be exhibited at Wells Maltings, together with smaller photomontages made by the creative team. The exhibition would be an integral part of the Maltings exhibition programme in summer 2019.”
Resolved – To grant £3461.60 from the arts fund that was given to the Town Council to distribute.



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- 7) To receive a presentation by Peter Rainsford on behalf of the Wells Coastal Communities Team.
Peter outlined the work and aspirations of the Wells Coastal Communities Team, a copy of the presentation is available on the website. As a result of a question asked it was agreed that RA could work with the Coastal Communities Team as required.
- 8) To discuss the repair or replacement of the Town Public Noticeboard.
JE explained the existing noticeboard was becoming delaminated and needed repair or replacement.
Patrick Weston, who was present at the meeting, volunteered to assess the state of the noticeboard and report back to the Town Council at the next meeting.
- 9) Reports
- a) Safer Neighbourhood Team
A report was submitted and is available on the website.
- b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong
Marie discussed the forthcoming Pinewoods siren test, cuts to library staff/mobile libraries, investment into broadband, Coasthopper, Kickstart and recycling centres.
- c) North Norfolk District Council
Simon Hester spoke about bin collections, windfarms, a 3.8% increase in Council Tax, an end to subsidies for permissive walkways and changes to the cabinet at NNDC. He also said that the new District Council Leader, John Lee, has given assurances that he will listen to the concerns of the people of Wells regarding the Beach Road toilet site proposal. Furthermore, Simon agreed to find out about NNDC's plans for the Staithe Street car park once the Maltings development is finished.
- d) Town Clerk's Report
A report had been submitted and is available on the website. In response councillors asked that the question of the signage at the top of Staithe Street is an agenda item for the next meeting. In addition it was reported that eight and half hours of gritting has been completed during the adverse weather, that the drainage survey on the children's playground had been completed with a recommendation of improvements costing £37240, a section of the church wall on the east side was in need of repair and that an additional countersignature was required for the Council's banking arrangements (it was agreed this would be Pauline Catton).
- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees
- JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) All ok.
- RH (Playing Field) RH is concerned the water main passing under the children's playground might be leaking and is investigating.
- PC (Dementia Friendly Community, Fairtrade & Coastal Communities) There will be a coffee morning organised by the Wells Dementia Friendly Community Group at Bang in Wells, 10 am – 11.30 am Thursday 22nd March 2018.
- GW (Polka Cemetery and Churchyard) The tree surgeons have been but couldn't shred the wood due to the inclement weather, they will be coming back. GW had met with the new vicar and agreed on what work should be done in the churchyard.



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10) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Anglian Water	West End Allotments	73.96
Anglian Water	Cemetery	19.95
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting Electricity	725.99
E-on Energy	Buttlands	38.82
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Email Provision	1.69

Payments 5 March 2017

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	673.24
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	250.00
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery	84.00
Viking	Office Supplies	109.95
Community Action Norfolk	Subscriptions	20.00
Special Branch Tree Surgery	Tree Surgery	850.00
The Play Inspection Company Ltd	Playground Inspection	94.50
Fakenham Fabrications Ltd	Park Railings Polka Cemetery	1524.00
William Morfoot Ltd	Drainage Survey - Playing Field	360.00
Norfolk Parish Training & Support	Training	5.00
Wells United Charities	Grant	500.00
Wells-next-the-Sea SCC	Grant - Sea Cadets	500.00
Wells Womens Institute	Grant	400.00
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Disposal	88.25
Staff	Litter Picking	284.90
A Beale	Gritting and Tree Clearance	156.00
Wells Maltings Trust	Arts Grant	3461.60

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

At this point the Chairman Allen Frary announced his intention to retire from the Town Council and handed the Clerk a signed letter of resignation effective from 6th March 2018.

The Vice-Chairman Rodney Crafer on behalf of the Town Council thanked Allen for the sterling job he had done guiding the Council and wished him all the best for the future.

11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 9 April 2018.

Meeting ends 2157

