



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 5 June 2017 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, Police, Press (The Quay) & 5 members of the Public.

- 1) Public Forum Sara Philips voiced her concerns about parking in Burnt Street and elsewhere in the Town. Pc Pegden explained the police would only attend vehicles in a dangerous position or obstructing access. He also suggested that it might be possible for the Town Council and police to work together to produce some advisory notices that could be placed on vehicles. Marie Strong suggested the traffic management working party needed to consider additional parking restrictions and the feasibility of clearways.
- 2) Apologies Gary Anthony, Campbell MacCallum, Vincent Fitzpatrick & Simon Hester
- 3) To receive Declarations of Interest None
- 4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017. Agreed and Signed
- 8) Reports
 - a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Pegden reported there had been 48 calls to police last month, 6 criminal damage offences, 2 assaults, and a theft. A number of sheds had also been broken into the previous night. The current police priorities for the Wells area are inconsiderate parking, summer related anti-social behaviour and rural crime. Marine theft was also a priority locally on the coast.
 - b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Marie's usual monthly report is published in the Quay Magazine. Marie discussed NCC's maths campaign and story writing competition, an apprentice graduation award, how to report highway defects, concerns about the trees and pavement at the west end of Northfield Lane and a possible solution for poor broadband in Wells for those connected directly to the exchange. RH asked Marie to investigate the problem of the proliferation of roadside weeds in the town.
- 5) To agree the Annual Statement of Governance for the year ending 31 March 2017.

Resolved – The annual statement of governance and accounting statement 2016/17 were agreed and signed.



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- 6) To consider the proposal by Norfolk County Council to offer the old railway cutting at the east end of Northfield Crescent for sale.

Resolved – To investigate further to ascertain the sale price and if NCC will clear the cutting prior to sale.

- 7) To consider the issue of dropped kerbs at various locations throughout the Town.

Item postponed until July meeting.

c) North Norfolk District Council

Both Vincent Fitzpatrick and Simon Hester sent apologies and submitted reports which are available on the website.

d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the lease for the football field had now been surrendered to Holkham Estate and a new lease completed for the Playground and Skatepark. The football club had asked that the dog bin near the station be left in situ and advised that Holkham Estate has agreed to empty it. (*Resolved – to leave the bin in situ*). Invitations have been received from the AONB to a meeting at Blakeney and from the Tennis Club to the opening of the new clubhouse (*Guy Warren would attend the Tennis Club opening*).

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

LD (Cemetery) Lindsay asked if the council should write and express concerns to Barclays Bank about the recently announce reduction in the Wells branch opening hours to only three days a week. *Resolved - that the Clerk should write*. Lindsay advised that consideration was being given to improving the driveway at the cemetery and that there had been problems with the cemetery gate repeatedly left open.

JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) JE said people using the Buttlands recently had been very good in leaving it tidy. There had been some issues in Staithe Street with traders encroaching beyond the yellow lines.

RH (Children's Playing field) Ray, who has recently been standing in for the litter picker, said how successful the removal of the bins had been, with very little litter left on the playground. However, he did have concerns about people coming onto the playground by the Skatepark from the new Freeman Street car park putting dog waste in the Skatepark bin; he asked if a request could be made to Holkham to place a dog bin at the entrance from the car park near the Skatepark. (*Resolved – Clerk to write.*)

RA (Beach Road Toilet & Memorial site NNDC Consultation Working Party). The working group has met with NNDC for the first time on 25th May 2017, Roger gave a brief summary of the meeting. The working party has since met on 30th May 2017, to discuss the meeting with NNDC and will meet again on 20th June 2017, prior to the next meeting with NNDC. Minutes were circulated of the working party meeting held on the 30th May 2017.



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10) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Anglian Water	West End Allotments	90.96
E-on Energy	Street Lights	537.13
NNDC	Rates - Cemetery	55.00
E-on Energy	Buttlands	24.73
Hayes & Storr	Playground Lease - Fees	1186.00
Came & Company	Insurance	627.07
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments 5 June 2017

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	218.91
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	482.04
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance Apr/may	572.09
Norse Eastern Limited	Grounds maintenance £1391.45	-----
	Grounds maintenance £310.57	1702.02
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Collection	112.10
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	250.00
J Cooke	Pest Control Allotments Apl/may	120.00
S T Sutton	Skip - Excess soil Cemetery	130.00
The Play Inspection Company Ltd	Playground Inspection	90.00
K Leesmith	Internal Audit Fee	100.00
P Snell	Tap Repairs Allotments	80.00
Westcotec Ltd	SAM 2 Speed Sign and Fittings	4191.60
Eddy Cast	Litter Picking	269.50

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 3 July 2017.

Meeting ends 2036

