



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 5 December 2016 at 1929 at The Methodist Room

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Press (The Quay) & 4 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Joe Ellison said Shirley Newman was still sleeping rough in Wells. (*Marie Strong reiterated that the lady had been offered help but had refused.*)

2) Apologies

Allen Frary & Campbell MacCallum

3) To receive Declarations of Interest

None

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

Agreed and Signed

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

Marie advised that with regard item 8 the Highways Authority could not stop the event and with regard item 9 she was still trying to get the potholes in Shop Lane filled. Marie also said she had made enquiries on behalf of the Traffic Management working party about the feasibility of the Town Council employing or paying for a parking warden; NCC said it was pursuant with their aspirations for locality working. Following the presentation of the petition for a new roundabout at the junction of the B1105 and A148 the project was now number 9 on the Highways Authority long list; Marie is looking into the possibility of getting funding for a survey and costing of the project. LD asked Marie if the junction could be lit as it was difficult to negotiate in the dark.

5) To consider quotations received for the Town Council's ground maintenance contract and award the contract to the preferred contractor.

Resolved – Norse was awarded the contract.

6) To consider replacing the bench at the old cemetery adjacent Polka Road.

Resolved – RH with GW's help will try and repair the existing bench.

7) To consider what action the council would wish to take if any of the public telephone kiosks in Wells are identified by BT for removal.

No notice had yet been received that any kiosk in Wells was under threat.

Resolved – If necessary to try and keep both red kiosks.



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8) To consider a letter received from Holkham Parish Council concerning the proposed 'Holkham Outlaw Triathlon' scheduled for 2nd July 2017.
Resolved – To monitor the event for 2107.

9) To consider making a Parish Partnership 50/50 funding bid to improve the turning heading at the junction of Shop Lane and Bolts Close.
Resolved - Not to subscribe to putting money into the corner.

10) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

No report was received

c) North Norfolk District Council

Vincent Fitzpatrick sent a report; a copy is attached and available on the website.

LD said complaints had been received about the public toilets and she asked what work had been done to them during the year. RH asked what plans there were for the Beach Road toilets, were they to be sold. Vincent said there were no plans, he said he would tell the town council if were.

d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and is available on the website. In addition to the report the Clerk informed the council that the new rates valuation for the Cemetery had increased the rateable value 268% from £950 to £3400; a challenged has been made. The new LED lights recently installed near Anchor Lane and Green Dragon Lane are performing well. A letter had been received from the Football Club about drug abuse by some users of the skate park (*the Clerk was asked to inform the Police. TF said there was also a problem in the old graveyard adjacent Polka Road*). MG suggested that the Clerk write and thank the organisers of Christmas Tide for putting on such a successful event (*everyone agreed*).

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Notice Board/Staithe Street) There was a hole that had been missed when the bonfire circle was turfed.

PC (Dementia Awareness/Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel) At the last SNAP meeting parking had been made a priority. Wells was to be the 1st dementia friendly tourist destination.

TF (Services) The two newly installed street lights were excellent.

GW (Services) The street light near the Bowling Green Public House, by the footpath entrance to Waveney Close, is concealed by an overgrown tree. There are loose bricks at the base of the evergreen oak at the junction of Mill Road and Clubbs Lane.



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11) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

E-on Energy	Street Lighting	554.58
NNDC	Cemetery Rates	51.00
E-on Energy	Buttlands	45.21
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Email service	1.69

Payments 5 December 2016

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	219.95
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	468.52
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance - October	294.42
Norse Eastern Ltd	Ground Maintenance £1168.34	-----
	Ground Maintenance £309.46	1477.80
Wells Community Hospital	Office Rent November	250.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	177.00
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery	84.00
M Briggs	Installation of noticeboard	43.00
K & M Lighting Services Ltd	Installation of LED Street Lights	504.00
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection	77.51
Mr E Cast	Litter Picking	246.40

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 9 January 2017.

Meeting ends 2053



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