



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 6 February 2017 at 1905 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Fray (Chairman), 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, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Press (The Quay) & 30 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Pete Lynn on behalf of the Maltings Trust advised that work on the Maltings was due to commence during the week with the main contractors arriving on 13th February, when the car park would be closed off until the project was finished in March 2018. There would also be scaffolding erected in February which would remain until May.

2) Apologies Gary Anthony

3) To receive Declarations of Interest RC item 8

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2017 Agreed and Signed

10 d)Town Clerk's Report

A report is appended and is available on the website. As a result of the report it was resolved that the Clerk could use the refund of business rates received from NNDC to complete tree surgery, pest control and maintenance work required at the Market Lane Cemetery. In addition the Clerk advised that a report had been received concerning the wooden posts outside the Captains Table restricting visibility to drivers coming out of the Glebe; the matter has been passed to the Highways Authority. The Clerk asked permission to engage a contractor to remove a large amount of foliage cut from hedges at the Polka Road Cemetery and permission to engage the usual tree surgeon to complete work required on the trees at the Polka Road Cemetery (Resolved – permission given). The Clerk then outlined the details of the briefing he had attended at NNDC concerning plans to relocate the Beach Road toilets and develop the site with a shop, 100 seater restaurant and four holiday apartments. The Chairman then allowed members of the public present to speak about the proposals for the Beach Road Toilets; apart from District Councillor Vincent Fitzpatrick no one spoke in favour of the scheme. When asked, no person present gave their support to the scheme other than the District Councillor. The consensus was that the Town Council hold a public meeting and it was agreed there would be an extraordinary Town Council Meeting at the Gordon Barret Memorial Hall at 1900 Monday 13th February 2017. Vincent Fitzpatrick agreed to ask Steve Blatch and Councillor Judy Oliver to attend on behalf of the District Council



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

Marie delivered a reported that is published in the Quay Magazine. In addition Marie explained she was still investigating concerns raised about the routing of diverted traffic following a road closure in Church Street and the lack of lighting at Cherry Tree Corner.

6) To support a proposal by Holkham Estate to install electronic matrix signs at three locations in the town. The signs will notify motorists when the Beach Car Park is full so as to encourage them to use the new car park on Freeman Street.

Resolved – To support the proposal.

7) To consider the following proposals put forward by the Traffic Management Working Party:

- To formally request that County Councillor Dr Marie Strong ask NCC to investigate the possibility of partnership working with Wells Town Council to provide Wells with better and more regular parking enforcement.
- To initiate a full review of the parking restrictions and traffic orders with a view to changing seasonal restrictions to all year and adding additional restrictions where necessary.
- To consider a one way system around the Buttlands, a compulsory left turn and box junction at the entrance to Beach Road and investigating the possibility of some clearways, red routes and loading bays.

Resolved – Approval was given.

5) To consider sponsorship of a solar powered compactor litter bin to be located on the Quay in partnership with North Norfolk District Council. NNDC are hoping to locate up to eight new bins in partnership with individual traders on the Quay.

Resolved – To postpone and review the situation next year.

8) To consider a grant application from Wells United Charities.

Resolved – To grant £500.

9) To discuss a consultation document received from NNDC concerning existing dog control and public place orders.

Resolved – Not to comment.

10) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

No report was received

c) North Norfolk District Council

Vincent Fitzpatrick presented a report which is attached and available on the website.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) The cork on the noticeboard needs replacement.

RA (Tourism) RA made a request to invite Melanie Harris the chair of the Wells Coastal

Communities Team to come and present proposals to the Town Council about their Destination Management Plan.

GW (Polka Cemetery) There has been some progress on tidying the site.



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11) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payment made during the month

Anglian Water	West End Allotments	52.41
Anglian Water	Cemetery	14.63
British Telecom	Telephone Service	101.36
Information Commissioner	Data Protection Annual Fee	35.00
E-on Energy	Street Lighting Electricity	554.58
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Email Provision	1.69

Payments 6 February 2017

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	225.95
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	468.52
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	694.19 -----
	Street Lighting Maintenance	234.95 929.14
Veolia	Waste disposal	77.51
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	250.00
The Play Inspection Company Ltd	Playground Inspection - Jan	90.00
Special Branch Tree Surgery E Boydell	Tree surgery Cemetery Gateway	285.00
Wells Methodist Church	Room Hire	168.00
Roger Arguile	Travel exsps - Town & Parish Forum	270.45
Mr E Cast	Litter Picking	250.25

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 6 March 2017.

Meeting ends 2115

