



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 6 June 2016 at 1930 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, Campbell MacCallum & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Press (The Quay) & 5 members of the Public.

9) a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Sarah Kirby reported there had been a number of crimes committed in Wells during the last month including two thefts, two violence against the person, four motor vehicle crimes, one criminal damage and one public order offence. There had also been two trailers stolen nearby and some sheds broken into at Blakeney. Last month three outboard engines were stolen at Morston. Enquiries are being made about the recent theft of an ornamental verse from the cemetery.

1) Public Forum

Becky Jefcoate spoke about the Maltings Project; there is still £800,000 to raise to fit out the interior. There are to be some amendments to the plans, including different cladding, replacing the gabions with a flint wall, relocation of entrance and lift, larger theatre and relocation of café. The project should start in the autumn to be completed in spring 2018.

Melvyn Fickling, on behalf of the Coastal Communities Team, said the proposed new camp site, which will be called 'Blue Skies Campsite', is about to open, pitches would be from £17. Melvyn also said he had investigated why the businesses on the Quay used boxes for their fish and chips and not paper. He had been told it was because with boxes the food did not stick together, the food kept hot, groves in the bottom keep the food out of any liquid, are easier to stack and kept grease of clothing. He suggested the council consider asking the businesses to consider switching to paper. At Melvyn's request a video clip was shown that demonstrated a large capacity bin system where large wheelie bins were secreted in the ground under the waste bins.

Roger Arguile reminded the meeting there was a civic service for the Queen's birthday at St Nicolas Church, 11am 11th June and an EU referendum debate at the church, 7.30pm 15th June 2016

2) Apologies Gary Anthony

3) To receive Declarations of Interest MG Item 7

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2016 Agreed and Signed

5) To consider the provision of a Defibrillator within the Town to be available to the public at all times

Enquiries had revealed there to be a number of defibrillators in the town already, as previously agreed locations would be collated and publicized.



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- 6) To consider the cemetery ground maintenance.
 It was agreed to form a working party to consider the cemetery ground maintenance together with the ground maintenance contract for some of the other areas in the town.
 RA, PC, RC, LD, RH & GW would be on the working party.
- 7) To approve a grant of £2500 to the Maltings Project.
Resolved –the grant of £2500 was approved.
- 8) To discuss any concerns regarding the Environment Agencies plan to refurbish the flood gate on the quay during July and August ready for the start of the flood season in September.
 The clerk reported the EA had now decided to postpone the work until next year.
- 9) Reports
- b) Norfolk County Council
 A report was given; it is appended and is available on the website.
 In addition Marie informed the councillors that the railway cutting at the east end of town was going to be offered for sale by the County Council. The county would consider householders buying a small section to extend their gardens if they came together as a consortium with neighbouring householders.
- c) North Norfolk District Council
 A report was given; it is appended and is available on the website.
- d) Town Clerk
 A report is appended and is available on the website. As a result of the report it was resolved to continue the trial removal of the bins on the children’s playground and to engage the services of a solicitor to facilitate the renewal and transfer of the relevant leases for the playground and football field. The Highway Rangers were to visit in July and any reports for their attention to the Clerk by 23rd June.
- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees
- JE (Buttlands) Due to illness JE had been unable to visit the Buttlands so he asked RC to report. RC reported the new power points had been installed and Pat Weston had done an excellent job. A lot of care had been taken with filling the trenches and the new power bollards look good. RH (Children’s Playground) RH voiced his concern about the state of the Beach Road toilets. The fencing rails at the front were still broken and the fenced off section of tarmac was full of weeds. “NNDC is letting the town down”. (*Vincent Fitzpatrick agreed to take up the concerns with officers at NNDC*). The trial removal of the bins was working; RH had been doing the litter picking and had only got a quarter of a bag of rubbish. The base was now down for the tractor and it should be installed soon.
- CM (Traffic and Parking) CM had attending the recent NNDC development committee meeting and spoke on behalf of the council in support of Holkham’s proposed car park link to the pitch and putt; planning permission was granted. The police still have the radar gun but it doesn’t get used because it requires two officers together to use it.



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10) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

E-on Energy	Street Lights	546.94
Came & Company	Insurance	591.47
NNDC	Rates - Cemetery	51.00
E-on Energy	Buttlands	25.28
Madasafish	Email Service	1.69
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

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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	266.54
Norse Eastern Ltd	Ground Maintenance	£1168.73 -----
	Ground Maintenance	£310.57 1479.30
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Collection	164.23
Viking	Office supplies	129.55
Wells Community Hospital	Rent May	250.00
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery (Moles)	84.00
J Cooke	Pest Control Allotments May/June	160.00
NNDC	Emptying of dog bins	870.48
S T Sutton	Skip - Excess soil Cemetery	65.00
Killgerm Chemicals Ltd	Rodenticide - allotments	109.92
Eddy Cast	Litter Picking	281.05

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 4 July 2016.

12) To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude members of the public and press during consideration of an item of a confidential nature.

Resolved – Agreed

13) To consider the renewal of the lease for the paddocks on Two Furlong Hill.

Resolved – To renew the lease for the two existing occupiers and to set the rent at a rate equivalent to the other allotment rents

Meeting ends 2125

