



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 9 April 2018 at 1910 at The Methodist Room

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Press (The Quay) & 31 Members of the Public.

- 1) To confirm Vice-Chairman Rodney Crafer as acting Chairman of the Town Council until the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on 14 May 2018 when a new chairman will be elected.
Resolved – Rodney Crafer confirmed as acting Chairman (Declaration of Office sign).
- 2) Public Forum
Peter Mitchell the new Managing Director at Holkham Estate was present and introduced himself. JE expressed concerns about the speed of buses on Burnt Street. Several people spoke about their concerns regarding the proposals to be discussed at item 6 on the agenda. The main issues were the possible loss of local access to the marsh, the lack of clarity and lack of consultation. Sarah Henderson, Holkham Estates Conservation Manage, gave reassurance that there was nothing to worry about, Holkham had no wish to stop local people from going onto the Marsh. She explained that the changes were not intended prevent or affect any other use people already make of the land locally by formal agreement with the landowner, or by informal permission or traditional toleration.
- 3) Apologies Gary Anthony, Lindsay Dew, Campbell MacCallum, Vincent Fitzpatrick & Police
- 4) To receive Declarations of Interest None
- 5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2018. Agreed and Signed
- 6) To consider correspondence and a report prepared by Natural England regarding proposals for the England Coast Path and associated Coastal Margin between Weybourne and Hunstanton.
It was proposed that the NE proposals be endorsed but the proposal was defeated. No alternative proposal was made.
Resolved – To leave the report on the table.
- 7) To consider the appointment of a Data Protection Officer for Town Council as required by the General Data Protection Regulations which come into force on 25 May 2018.
Resolved – The Clerk to be the Data Protection officer in the short term and the decision to be reviewed at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council in 2019.
- 8) To consider a request from the Wells and District Royal British Legion for a grant towards the cost of funding the Service of Remembrance to commemorate the end of World War One.
Resolved – To grant £500



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- 9) To consider a request from Wells-next-the-Sea Women's Institute to sponsor the erection of an additional Town Sign commemorating the Wells Branch centenary to be erected on the grass triangle of land at the junction of Polka Road, Church Street and Warham Road.

Resolved – to sponsor the erection of the sign by applying to the Highways Authority for permission for the sign to be erected.

- 10) To consider correspondence from a resident regarding the street lighting on Northfield Lane.

Resolved - The lighting should be reviewed by the Council's lighting contractor.

- 11) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

A report was submitted and circulated to the councillors.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Marie discussed the recent introduction of charges at Recycling Centres, possible funding for a roundabout at the Cherry Tree Corner junction (B1105/A148) and the progress of the changes proposed for the towns parking regulations which have now gone out for consultation to the statutory consultees. GW thanked Marie for getting the highway reinstated in Chapel Yard.

c) North Norfolk District Council

Councillor Vincent Fitzpatrick sent a report which is available on the website.

d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised the Council that the Parish Partnership bid for the roundabout at the Beach Road junction had been successful and asked permission for the payment of the Town Council's contribution to be sent (*Resolved – permission given*). A requested had been received from the donors of the bench on the mini Buttlands to re-site a new bench on the main Buttlands (*Resolved – permission given*). The Clerk advised PC was now a countersignature for the Council's bank accounts and the Church Wall repairs were complete.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) JE asked what the situation was with getting the noticeboard repaired.

RH (Playing Field) RH is concerned the water leak on the Children's Playing field is getting worse. Anglian Water had found a leak behind the toilets that was discharging large quantities of water and this had now been repaired, there was however a possibility there was another leak. Investigations continue and apologies for the mess.

PC (Dementia Friendly Community, Fairtrade & Coastal Communities) PC reported on behalf of the Beach Road Toilet and Memorial Site working party. She read out a letter the working party wanted to send on behalf of the Town Council to John Lee at NNDC (*Resolved – to send the letter with the sentence referring to commercial development removed*). PC also advised she had attended the opening of the new filling station and that the site is constantly monitored by CCTV for misuse and can be shut down immediately in an emergency.



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RA (Tourism) The 2018 Town Guides had been sent out and he thanked GW for his help with proofreading.

GW (Polka Cemetery and Churchyard) The Clerk and GW will be meeting with the new Rector to discuss ground maintenance in the churchyard and Polka cemetery.

12) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Anglian Water	East End Allotments	189.57
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting Electricity	663.74
Clerk to the Council	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00

Payments 9 April 2018

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	Streetlighting Maintenance Feb	253.79
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Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Disposal	88.25
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	250.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 4th quarter	1838.13
Environment Agency	General Drainage Charge Allotments	22.09
Avena Environmental Limited	Confidential Waste Disposal	75.00
Norfolk Assoc of local Councils	Subscription	394.46
M.E.Ayres & Sons Ltd	Hedge Cutting Allotments	178.20
Glasdon UK Limited	Replacement Bus Shelter Panels	412.53
Plumbing Contractor	Tap Repairs Allotments	65.00
Building Contractor	Church Wall Repairs	7636.00
Staff	Litter Picking	246.40
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Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

13) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 14 May 2018.

Meeting ends 2045

