



## WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, MILL RD,  
WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NR23 1RF

2016/12

# MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 9 May 2016 at 1910 at The Methodist Room

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Vincent Fitzpatrick, Press (EDP) & 6 members of the Public.

- 1) Election of Chairman  
Resolved – Allen Frary (*Declaration Signed*)
- 2) Election of Vice chairman  
Resolved – Rodney Crafer
- 3) Election of Chairman of Planning Committee  
Resolved – Gary Anthony
- 4) Election of Vice Chairman of Planning Committee  
Resolved – Mike Gates
- 5) Appointment of any other Standing Committees  
Resolved – No change
- 6) Appointment of Portfolio Holders for the coming year  
Resolved
  - Roger Arguile – Tourism
  - Pauline Catton – Dementia Friendly Community/Coastal Communities Team
  - Lindsay Dew – Cemetery
  - Joe Ellison - Buttlands/ Staithe Street/Noticeboard
  - Tony Ford & Guy Warren – Services (Street Lights, Ground Maintenance and Litter)
  - Mike Gates – Finance
  - Ray Hewitt – Children’s Playground & Recreation Field
  - Campbell MacCallum – Traffic Management
- 7) Confirmation of meetings to be held during the next twelve months  
Resolved – agreed as per list
  - Monday 6 June 2016 – Town Council Meeting
  - Monday 4 July 2016 – Town Council Meeting
  - Monday 5 September 2016 – Town Council Meeting
  - Monday 3 October 2016 – Town Council Meeting
  - Monday 7 November 2016 – Town Council Meeting
  - Monday 5 December 2016 – Town Council Meeting
  - Monday 9 January 2017 – Town Council Meeting
  - Monday 6 February 2017 – Town Council Meeting
  - Monday 6 March 2017 – Town Council Meeting
  - Monday 3 April 2017 – Town Council Meeting
  - 7 pm Monday 24 April 2017 – Annual Town Meeting
  - Monday 8 May 2017 – Annual Meeting of the Town Council
- 8) Reconfirm adoption of General Powers of Competence – General Powers of Competence adopted



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- 9) Public Forum  
 Steve Brundle, Licensee of the Golden Fleece, informed the council that the Captains Table site was still the subject of a legal dispute and nothing was likely to be done to tidy the area until the dispute was resolved. He also informed the council that Hayley, the lady that had regularly sang from the balcony of the Fleece had recently performed at the London Palladium, having been discovered as a direct result of singing at the Fleece. The complaints made to the District Council about the singing had not been upheld.
- 10) Apologies Marie Strong
- 11) To receive Declarations of Interest None
- 12) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 April 2016 Agreed and Signed
- 13) To consider quotations for renewal of the Town Council's Insurance.  
Resolved – To accept a quotation from Came & Co for insurance from Hiscox
- 14) To agree the Accounts and Annual Statement of Governance for the year ending 31 March 2016.  
Resolved – Accounts agreed and Annual Statement of Governance completed and signed.
- 15) To consider making a formal request to County Councillor Dr Marie Strong to ask her to investigate the feasibility of the introduction of residents parking in Wells-next-the-Sea.  
Resolved – To ask Marie to gently investigate the possibilities.
- 16) To discuss options for dealing with the unanticipated volume of waste that is generated on the Children's Playground.  
 The Clerk explained that since the 1st April, when the Town Council have no longer been able to use the district council wheelie bins behind the Beach Road toilets, the amount of waste generated on the playground over the weekend periods has been sufficient to fill three 1100lt wheelie bins. As the season progresses it is likely that between four and six wheelie bin loads will be generated each week at a cost to the Town Council of approximately £3000 annually. Practically all the waste is fish and chip packaging.  
Resolved – To remove the litter bins from the playground for a trial period of a month.
- 17) To discuss concerns about the dilapidated state of the Captain's Table Public House site.  
 LD said she was concerned that the Captains Table site was starting to look very unkempt.  
Resolved – Clerk to write to Enterprise Inns asking them to take action.
- 18) Reports
- a) Safer Neighbourhood Team  
 No report was received
- b) Norfolk County Council  
 No report was received
- 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 agreed to accept an offer from Duncan Ellis and John Rest to meet with the Town Council and Coastal Communities Team to discuss the future of the Beach Road toilets. It was agreed that the weekend of Christmas Tide was the best time for NNDC to offer free car parking.



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Additionally, holiday cover for the litter picker was discussed. It was resolved that the Town Council was happy with Holkham's amended sign for the top of Beach Road (Recorded vote: PC, RH & GW against; the other members for). Members were advised a copy of Wells Harbour's annual report was available. Members were reminded about the planning workshop with NNDC at 2pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

### e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

RH (Playground) The Friends are now preparing the base for the new Tractor attraction that could rival the Bounty. The Bounty has been up for six years and is in excellent order with no rot.  
PC (Dementia Friendly/WCCT) Nick Conrad of Radio Norfolk is helping to promote the town as a dementia friendly destination (there is a meeting 2 pm Tues 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016, at the Hospital). The Coastal Communities Team is still working on a seasonal campsite and bringing into use Maryland industrial units.

### 19) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

#### **Payments during the month**

Anglian Water	Water Rates - Cemetery	17.29
British Telecom	Telephone Service	110.17
E-on Energy	Street Lights	564.92
NNDC	Rates - Cemetery	51.80
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Broadband Service	1.69

#### **Payments 9 May 2016**

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	189.91
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	463.87
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance (Mar/Apr)	695.79
Wells Community Hospital	Rent (April)	250.00
Norse Eastern Limited	Grounds maintenance £1168.73	-----
	Grounds maintenance £310.57	1479.30
Veolia	Waste Collection	45.97
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery	576.00
J A Cooke	Pest Control Allotments	100.00
Keith Leesmith	Annual Audit	100.00
Environment Agency	General Drainage Charge Allotments	20.88
Platten & Anthony DIY	Post Cecont mix for Buttlands	29.75
Special Branch Tree Surgery	Tree surgery Buttlands	900.00
Eddy Cast	Litter Picking	269.21

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

20) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 6 June 2016.

21) 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

22) To discuss contractual and tendering issues relating to street lighting.

Resolved – To postpone the installation of LED's lights for two years

Meeting Ends 2055



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