



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

THE SACKHOUSE, JICKLINGS YARD,
WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA NR23 1AU

MINUTES

2009/04

Town Council Meeting held on 2 February 2009 at 1907 at The Methodist Rooms

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Steve Clark, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Andy Gates, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum, Joyce Trett, and Maggie Ward,
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), 2 Members of the Press, and 7 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Peter Rainsford invited all Members to a briefing/presentation (40 – 60 minutes) on the current position of the Hospital. It was agreed that the most convenient time for this would be at 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th of February – at the Hospital

The Observer newspaper of the previous day had carried a report of the threat to remove local flood sirens. Marie Strong has been appointed to the Norfolk Resilience Forum as a representative for all the flood wardens. It is now thought that a new modern emergency siren could be installed for around £5000 – much less than previously believed.

One of the white bands on the posts at the zebra crossing is becoming unravelled. There is a lot of dog mess at the western end of Northfield Lane. One of the drains near Invaders Court is blocked. Pat Weston has done a good job putting in a base to the seat on Tug Boat Yard.

Mike Strong suggested that it might be a good idea to publish the annual flood plan in *The Quay*. At the current time, flood wardens were still waiting for NNDC to distribute their annual sea surge flooding guide.

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2) Apologies

Mark Frary.

3) Declarations of Interest

MG – personal interest items 8 and 14: AG – personal interest item 8

Derek Baxter (NCC) and Jonathan Savory (NNDC) arrived at this point

4) Minutes of the special meeting held on 5 January 2009

Agreed and signed

5) Reports

a) Norfolk County Council

Derek Baxter's report, which had been circulated before the meeting is appended. It looks as if the proposed "bin tax" may be dropped, as no authority was prepared to operate a pilot survey. Despite reports to the contrary, there is still a market for many re-cycled items. And although prices had dropped, it was still cheaper to re-cycle than to landfill. Following inland flooding in the summer of 2007 a new flooding protocol is almost ready. Districts, the County, the internal drainage boards and the Environment Agency are all involved. It should be available soon on the NCC website.

JT asked if DB could get anything done about the bad road surface in Station Road. KL had written to highways (again) the previous week. DB would speak to highways, but suggested that we should write to Mike Jackson and Adrian Gunson.

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- 10) To discuss representation at the Parishes Partnership meeting at Binham on 10 February
The following would be attending on behalf of this Council: RC, AF, AG, RH, CM, and MW.
- 11) To consider any items for the agenda of the above meeting
KL said that he intended to raise the question of contributions towards the radar speed gun, and possibly also Cherry Tree Corner in Fakenham, which several Parishes had written to Highways about. Members did not have anything else that they wished to see on the agenda, but it was agreed that the meeting would be informal, and therefore other items could be raised on the night.
- 12) To consider relationships with the Press / use of a Press Officer
Resolved that GA include the function of Press Officer to his Communications Portfolio. This was so that members of the Press would have a known channel with which to communicate with the Council, and so that it would be clearer to the Press which were "official" Council statements, as opposed to personal comments made by individual Councillors.
- 13) To consider a response to the LDF Landscape Character Assessment.
The proposed assessment includes the following words in respect of land north of the A149 between the West Bank and Lady Anne Drive: *Extensions to the car parking areas or caravan/lodge site or developments at the southern end of Beach Road (around the Football Field or Pitch and Putt areas) would have considerable detrimental effect on the remaining character of the site.* It was resolved that KL write opposing this, and to suggest that this be regarded as a site for leisure uses – in recognition of the uses made of the site over many years. The draft response is appended to these minutes.
- 14) To confirm/approve a budgeted donation to the Citizens Advice Bureau of £750
Resolved to make a donation of £750 to the Fakenham and Wells Citizens Advice Bureau (as budgeted).
- 15) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement
A report had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting. The following had been paid during the month:
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| Information Commissioner | Data Protection annual fee | 35.00 |
| NNDC | Sackhouse Rates | 74.00 |
| Brightview Internet | Broadband | 14.61 |
| Keith Leesmith | Clerk's Salary Deposit | 1000.00 |
| The following were agreed for payment: | | |
| Veolia | Cemetery Waste Collection | 38.30 |
| Wells Methodist Church | Room Hire | 150.00 |
| Keith Leesmith | Salary (net of deposit) and expenses | 280.66 |
| Norfolk Pension Fund | Monthly contribution | 247.92 |
| MHB Services Ltd | Street Lighting Maintenance | 279.89 |
| E-on Energy | Street Lighting electricity | 426.42 |
| Viking Direct | stationery | 79.76 |
| Jimmy Tottle | Bollards | 220.00 |
| Fakenham & Wells CAB | Annual Donation | 750.00 |
| E-on Energy | Buttlands Power | 193.84 |
| Terry Corbishley | Litter Picking | 192.50 |
- 16) To confirm date of next meeting
Monday 2 March 2009

Meeting closed at 2053