

- b) Determinations
 - Change of use of 1st floor from B&B to restaurant at *The Corner House, Staithe Street* – approved
 - Erection of front entrance porch at *12 Northfield Lane* – approved
 - Various alterations including gateway and bay window at *St Heliers, Station Road* – approved

5) Minutes of the meeting held 5 March 2007

Approved and signed

6) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Police had received 38 local calls during the month, mainly concerning parking matters. Reported crimes included one burglary, four instances of rowdy behaviour, five nuisance telephone calls, and one case of arson on the West End Allotments. The CCTV operators had called the Team when they spotted two youths one night lying on their backs on The Quay for fifteen minutes without moving. The police had found that they were amateur astronomers.

Jonathan Savory arrived at this point

LA said that seasonal parking restrictions would be enforced from Good Friday. PCSO's cannot issue parking tickets but can "move people on" and if necessary can summon a police officer by radio. Radar guns could be provided in the future to volunteers to assist police. The idea being that these could identify likely times and places when offences were occurring. The police are likely to be looking for about twelve volunteers in the coming months. The Safer Neighbourhood Team will be providing visible policing all year round and spending approximately 80% of their time on the streets. A third PCSO will be joining the Team during the summer. Although the dedicated blackberry mobile had not been issued yet, the non-emergency number, or e-mail, could be used in the meantime.

b) Town Warden

There has been some criminal damage to toilets during the month, and youths having been playing football in Staithe Street, and on the car park there. A house in Mill Road had had a window broken. More flints had fallen from the Church wall. There were more problems now that we had lighter nights, including children playing on the pontoons in the Harbour. SN asked if he could be present during the discussion of item 21. JR said that he could not stay during the discussion, but that he could make a statement at the beginning.

c) North Norfolk District Council

JS had circulated a report to Councillors beforehand, but added that a discussion on flood sirens had taken place at County Hall that day. The Flood Warden Coordinators were awaiting written confirmation of the current situation. MW asked JS if NNDC could assist carers working in Wells who needed their cars to visit patients. He would make enquiries. LA said that carers should put notices in their windscreens and police officers would use their discretion over the matter.

d) Town Clerk

A Highways engineer would inspect drainage problems on East Quay, and in Mill Road.

A letter had been received from the flood wardens thanking Council for their promised contribution to the radio communications project.

The current situation with flood sirens was that the decision to scrap them had been delayed for a year, Norman Lamb MP was taking a keen interest in events, and a petition against abandonment had been started. NCC had just announced that they intended to spend £1.9m in the next year on road safety. KL said that compared to this £35,000 on flood safety did not seem too much.

KL had saved the Council over £150 by switching the cemetery rubbish collection from NNDC to CityCare.

The new swing on the Beach Road Playground had been inspected by Insurers and was now on risk.

JE had taken photographs of a van that had parked on a newly repaired area of footpath in Northfield Lane and damaged it. Highways had said that the repair was done by one of the utilities, and they would not pursue the driver, but the utility company as the repair should have been stronger.

The mobile police station is currently under repair and the operator has retired. Police will advise developments. A brighter light had been fitted temporarily in Northfield Way. Councillors were circulated with comments from Cathy Gates.

A letter has been received from NNHT officially accepting responsibility for Neilsen Close Playground. >>>

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MINUTES CONTINUED

2007/15

- 14) To discuss letter from Harbour Master regarding parking on The Quay.
Bob Smith had written to say that he thought that the summer restrictions on parking/loading on the north side of The Quay should be extended all year round. Resolved that we agree, and ask the County Council to make them permanent.
- 15) To discuss arrangements for the Annual Town Meeting – Monday 16th April
It was agreed that the format of the meeting should be similar to last year; informal with tea and coffee served. KL would obtain tea, coffee, milk and sugar, AG would obtain biscuits. We would invite any new candidates who intended to stand for the Council at the election, as they may want to speak.
- 16) To discuss arrangements for The Annual Parish Fair – Saturday 21st April
It was suggested that we display copies of the annual report and the accounts. MW, LD, JE, JS and JP would attend.
- 17) To approve annual report and accounts for 2006/2007
JR and KL had compiled this document (a requirement for Quality Council). Resolved that it be adopted and circulated to every household in Wells at an approximate cost of £50.
- 18) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement
A set of preliminary accounts for the year had been circulated with agenda papers. The following were agreed for payment:
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| Norfolk Playing Fields Association | Annual subscription | 20.00 |
| NCAPTC | Annual subscription | 319.04 |
| Keith Leesmith | Clerk's Salary and expenses | 1049.29 |
| MHB Services Ltd | street lighting maintenance | 285.97 |
| E-on Energy | street lighting | 461.67 |
| Norfolk Pension Fund | contributions February | 331.21 |
| Jimmy Tottle | bollards | 200.00 |
| Anglian Water | Cemetery £23.71, East Allotments £83.81, West Allotments £33.66 | 141.18 |
| Wells In Bloom | Agreed donation | 200.00 |
| Viking Direct | Stationery | 148.90 |
| Environment Agency | Allotments drainage rate | 8.04 |
| Terry Corbishley | Litter Picking | 217.00 |
| Shean Newman | Town Warden | 174.26 |
| Inland Revenue | PAYE 4 th quarter | 1001.89 |
- 19) To confirm date of next meeting
Confirmed as Monday 14 May 2007
- 20) 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 regarding a confidential matter
Resolved
- 21) To review the position of Town Warden in the era of Community Policing
Resolved – To continue to employ the Town Warden for a further three months whilst ensuring that his job description is performed to the satisfaction of the line manager (and then to undertake another review).

The meeting closed at 2127