

# MINUTES

2007/39

Town Council Meeting held on 3 December 2007 at 1916 at The Methodist Rooms

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Mark Frary, Andy Gates, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum, and Maggie Ward,  
Keith Leesmith (Clerk), PCSO Andy Dixon, plus eight members of the public, and one member of the press.

### I) Public Forum

Marie Strong said that flood wardens had moved the stock of sandbags from the police station (before demolition) to other dry places in Town. Senior wardens had met since last month and decided that they wanted to see how things went with regard to the sirens before they committed themselves to cover events other than flooding. We are still waiting for the criteria to be published with regard to which sirens are expected to be kept and which are expected to be scrapped. The NNDC flood leaflet has now arrived. It is understood that wardens in Sea Palling are being paid to deliver them.

Joe Ellison said that there was still a lot of rubbish under the Northfield Bridge, that drains needed attention in Standard Road and The Quay and that one of the lights on Tug Boat Yard had completely disappeared.

Joyce Trett arrived

With regard to the Northfield Bridge, KL would write to NCC and NNDC. He would also speak to PC Lee Anderton about his proposed “community day of action”.

EDP Reporter arrived

It was very dark at the top of Stearmans Yard. Perhaps NNDC would provide another carpark light.

The public forum closed at 1930

## 2) Apologies

None

### 3) Declarations of Interest

AG – Personal Interest item I2.

4) Minutes of the meeting held 5 November 2007

Agreed and signed

## 5) Reports

a) Norfolk County Council

A report from Derek Baxter had been circulated to members beforehand and is appended.

b) North Norfolk District Council

A report from Jonathan Savory had been circulated with agenda papers and is appended.

MG said that he was pleased with NNDC's unitary proposals.

c) Safer Neighbourhood Team

The crime figures for the month were as follows:

Theft of bicycle – 2; Theft from shop – 1; Theft of outboard motor –1; Theft, other- 1; Possession of herbal cannabis – 1; Criminal damage to vehicle – 3; Criminal damage, other – 2; Total 11. There were 41 calls to police during the month, 8 of which were for rowdy behaviour. The team have now moved from the police station to the hospital, but at present they have no computers etc. and therefore have to spend a certain amount of time each day in Fakenham.

Derek Baxter & Jonathan Savory arrived.

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- 7) *Following the flood surge situation in the early hours of 9 November 2007, this Council has concerns over the emergency arrangements that are in place for the Town. We therefore request a meeting, between the relevant agencies and the stakeholders within Wells, to discuss and address these concerns.*  
Motion carried
- 8) To approve the recommendations of the Recreation Field Working Party with regard to the operation of the field during the summer of 2008  
The recommendations had been circulated with agenda papers and are appended. Resolved to accept them.
- 9) To decide if any changes are needed to the Grounds Maintenance specification before tenders are invited for the period commencing 1 April 2008  
It was suggested that the turfs no longer need to be removed from the Buttlands before bonfire night, and that it might be wise to ask the football club if they had any suggestions, as well as the retiring contractor and Councillors. It was thought that because of the size of the contract, advertising should take place in the *Eastern Daily Press*.
- 10) To discuss the proposal by NCC to site cycle stands in various parts of the Town  
Resolved to agree with the proposal to site cycle stands at five locations throughout the Town.
- 11) To decide if the Town Council should investigate promoting the publication of a Town Guide  
Resolved not to do so
- 12) To confirm our agreement to the Station Road – Amendments to Waiting Restrictions and Parking Places Order  
Resolved to agree to this scheme.
- 13) 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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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Signs Express                  | Playground Sign deposit | 300.00  |
| North Norfolk District Council | Sackhouse Rates         | 71.00   |
| Brightview Internet            | Broadband Service       | 17.99   |
| British Telecom                | Telephone Service       | 71.98   |
| Keith Leesmith                 | Clerk's Salary Deposit  | 1000.00 |
- The following were agreed for payment:
- |                                      |                                    |         |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|
| City Care                            | Cemetery waste collection          | 60.57   |
| M L Walsingham                       | Key Cutting                        | 5.90    |
| Keith Leesmith                       | Salary (net of deposit) & expenses | 133.59  |
| Norfolk Pension Fund                 | monthly contribution               | 349.32  |
| MHB Services Ltd                     | street lighting maintenance        | 285.97  |
| E-on Energy                          | street lighting electricity        | 462.20  |
| Steve's Landscape Gardening Services | grounds maintenance                | 1033.75 |
| Jimmy Tottle                         | Bollards                           | 200.00  |
| Terry Corbishley                     | Litter Picking                     | 182.00  |
| Society of Local Council Clerks      | Annual membership                  | 161.00  |
- 14) To confirm Date of Next Meeting  
Confirmed as Monday 7 January 2008
- 15) 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 items of a confidential nature.  
MG argued that the item to be discussed should not be considered to be confidential. KL said that he had taken advice that confirmed this. The resolution was withdrawn.
- 16) To consider applications for co-option to the vacant position of Town Councillor  
Two letters of application had been received; from Steve Clark and Joe Ellison. Since both of these were unsuccessful candidates in the May election JT proposed that the candidate with the highest votes at that time should be co-opted. Steve Clark was therefore co-opted (216 votes to 207).

The meeting closed at 2124