



The crime figures for Wells for October are as follows:

Harassment	1
Criminal Damage	3
Assaults	2
Arson (attempt)	1
Theft	3
Total Crimes	10

LA asked both the EDP and Quay to publicise the fact that 999 is still the number to ring when a crime is discovered actually taking place. The 0845 456 4567 number is for later discoveries and non-urgent calls. LA suggested that the Safer Neighbourhood Team would be interested in helping to organise a “tidy-up day” in the East End Railway Cutting. The Team are still discovering young people drinking alcohol in the evenings, and they have confiscated and destroyed some of this. The Police Station would be closed and demolished before the end of the year. The Team would be temporarily relocated to the Hospital, but are hoping to be back at the newly rebuilt Police Base by August 2008.

On the day of the meeting permission had been received to erect the bus shelter. This required us to submit the details of the proposed colour of the shelter and to obtain permission in writing before the project was started. This was despite our original letter of 13 August stating that *the drawing shows the proposed colour*.

James Platten had resigned due to pressure of work. The vacancy had been advertised. Councillors asked KL to write to each of the failed candidates from the recent election, to see if they were interested in co-option.

A quotation had been received on the day of the meeting for the trimming of trees on the Buttlands. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

Two quotations had been received for the proposed work to the Church Wall. AF, GA and RH were given delegated authority to negotiate contracts to undertake the work.

The Vets in Maryland had placed a dog bin outside their premises for the use of their clients. This was being filled so frequently by non-clients that they had decided to remove it. But people were still leaving bags of dog faeces outside the premises. KL would investigate whether the Council's CCTV could be used to assist.

NNDC were looking for volunteers to join their *Standards Committee*.

Councillors did not wish to engage in the consultation exercise for proposed Traveller sites in Cromer and Fakenham

A flyer had been received from a group called *North Norfolk Environment Forum* advertising their views

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NCAPTC were holding a meeting at Edgefield Village Hall on 20 November on planning matters.

ChristmasTide had formally asked to use the Town's entertainment licence

High Street will be closed from 12 to 16 November for highway drainage repairs

Notices have appeared advertising the proposed zebra crossing between Station Road and Northfield Lane on The Polka. KL had heard unofficially that the proposed mini roundabout at the end of Station Road was not now going to be provided.

NNDC had posted a revised licensing policy consultation document. This was dated 9 September, postmarked 10 October, and received 12 October. They asked for replies by 5 November.

Papers challenging the stopping-up of Malthouse Yard had now been posted and acknowledged

KL had attended an SLCC meeting in Swaffham on Saturday 6 October. The subject was reorganisation of Local Government in Norfolk. Speakers included the Chief Executives of Norwich and South Norfolk DC.

KL had attended a meeting of Clerks from Quality Councils at County Hall on 2 November. It appeared that Norfolk County Council were keen to engage with Quality Councils.

Richard Garfield from NNDC will be coming to Wells on 16 November to talk about the emptying of litterbins, and how it may be improved.

The *Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007* has now received Royal Assent

Preliminary results from the WAP survey from the exhibitions (not yet the postal survey) were circulated to Members.

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- 11) To consider this Council's policy with regard to Gray's Arcade, Maryland, and Clarence House  
 KL explained that the District Council had legal powers to assist with these problems, but chose not to use them. It was agreed that we "keep the pressure up" in trying to persuade them to do so.
- 12) To decide the budget and precept requirements for the period April 2008 to March 2009  
 KL had prepared a budget and MG had subsequently agreed this. Resolved that we accept the budget, as circulated, resulting in a precept of £68,000 – in consequence there would be no increase in the local share of Council Tax for the second year running.
- 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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| North Norfolk District Council         | Sackhouse Rates                      | 71.00   |
| Brightview Internet                    | Broadband Service                    | 17.99   |
| North Norfolk District Council         | Cemetery Rates                       | 51.00   |
| Keith Leesmith                         | Clerk's Salary Deposit               | 1000.00 |
| The following were agreed for payment: |                                      |         |
| CityCare                               | Cemetery waste collection            | 48.46   |
| North Norfolk District Council         | May Election                         | 1064.34 |
| Keith Leesmith                         | Salary (net of deposit) and expenses | 446.31  |
| Norfolk Pension Fund                   | monthly contribution                 | 399.97  |
| MHB Services Ltd                       | street lighting maintenance          | 285.97  |
| E-on Energy                            | street lighting electricity          | 462.20  |
| Steve's Landscape Gardening Service    | grounds maintenance                  | 1033.75 |
| Jimmy Tottle                           | bollards                             | 200.00  |
| Shaw & Sons                            | new Register of Burials              | 175.59  |
| NCAPTC                                 | Autumn Seminar                       | 100.00  |
| Powergen                               | Buttlands Electricity                | 37.79   |
| Powergen                               | Sackhouse Electricity                | 62.18   |
| Viking Direct                          | Print Cartridges/Stationery          | 131.70  |
| Society of Local Council Clerks        | Allotments Law Book                  | 15.20   |
| Michael Hill                           | Allotment refund                     | 7.00    |
| RBL Poppy Appeal                       | Wreath                               | 16.50   |
| Platten & Anthony                      | Allotment tap repair parts           | 26.70   |
| Terry Corbishley                       | Litter Picking                       | 224.00  |
| Michael Chestney                       | Litter Picking                       | 231.00  |
- 14) To confirm Date of Next Meeting  
 Confirmed as Monday 3 December 2007
- 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.  
 Resolved
- 16) To consider a request by an allotment holder to keep a mechanical digger on his allotment plot  
 Resolved to allow this for a temporary period of one year, whilst the working party are considering the general rules with regard to allotments.
- 17) To consider this Council's position with regard to the (possible) reorganisation of local government in Norfolk  
 KL said that things were moving so fast that the word *possible*, which was correct when the agendas were written, is now superfluous. It appears that this subject matter is changing almost on a daily basis, and that therefore this Council is not yet able to draw any conclusions.

The meeting closed at 2150