

2007/17

There are blocked drains on the east side of Standard Road near Northfield Lodge and Chestnuts. Rubbish under the East End railway-cutting bridge is building up again. The lights on Tug Boat Yard are still in need of repair. Joe Ellison (the former portfolio holder) offered his assistance to CM with regard to car parking and traffic matters. Concern was expressed with regard to the plans for the Crown Hotel, which would be discussed under the planning section. Of particular unease was the plan to close off Crown Lane. A plea was made to keep Tug Boat Yard as it is – without any encroachment from the proposed fishermen's facility. Did the mechanical road sweeper still visit? Burnt Street seemed to have particular problems with leaves. JT would take up this and other NNDC problems. Temporary flashing speed limit signs were in use around the County. Could we get them in Wells? - Perhaps in Burnt Street and Freeman Street.

II) Apologies

Declarations

CM – personal interest in item 2I as Father of WAP Coordinator

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2007

Approved and signed with one minor amendment.

Reports

- a) County Councillor – not present
- b) District Council

- i) JT said that the makeup of the District Council was similar to that before the election. A new Chairman would take up office on Wednesday.

Jonathan Savory arrived at this point

- ii) JS thanked those who had voted for him and congratulated those present who had been elected in the Town Council election.

- c) Safer Neighbourhood Team

There had been 75 calls to the team during April and the following crimes were recorded: Burglary, other than dwellings – 3: Burglary, dwellings – 1: Theft – 6: Assaults – 3: Criminal Damage – 3 (Total 16). LA said that the radar gun was now available again and he would be doing speed checks. It would be helpful if people could note particular times of problems, and the roads that they occur in. He hoped people had noticed a difference in parking problems now that his team and the traffic warden were visiting regularly. He would visit the Primary School in the afternoon, as there were problems there that he may be able to solve with a “quiet word”.

- d) Town Warden

There had been more vandalism in the toilets, which had been promptly repaired the next day. He wondered whether a white Volkswagen Polo in Market Lane had been abandoned. LA would investigate. Windows at the back of the Congregational Church had been broken, and were now boarded up. The wall outside Leftleys was crumbling although they were aware of this. There was persistent speeding in Mill Road and Freeman Street. He had some offending car numbers but LA said they needed to be caught “in the act”.

- e) Town Clerk

Wells had been shortlisted in the *Pride in Norfolk Awards*. Judges would be visiting in June.

The Councillor Training would go ahead on 18 June at the Maltings. KL asked any Councillors who could not attend to advise him.

A letter of complaint had been sent to the editor of the *Fakenham & Wells Times* following their misreporting of the planning meeting for the Fishermen's Facility.

With regard to the Bus Shelter, the legal department at Norfolk County Council were now assisting us. Unless the shelter was built by 21 May, or the deposit returned, legal action would commence.

There were also legal problems with the placing of the bollards to the Freeman Street entrance to the Playing Field. The owners of the neighbouring properties both claimed the right to park cars there. Rex Hiskey was dealing with this for the Council and Holkham Estate.

MINUTES CONTINUED

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- 19) To discuss consultation on draft dog order
Resolved that we support NNDC's intention to make an order enforcing dog owners to clean up after the animals, anywhere in the district.
- 20) To decide whether any comments are required with regard to proposed zebra crossing/mini roundabout
These plans had already been discussed (pre-election) and NCC were now asking for confirmation before putting them on the "to do" list. Members welcomed the proposed zebra crossing (On Standard Road, midway between Northfield Lane and Station Road junctions) but questioned the need for a mini roundabout. JT suggested that money saved by not including the roundabout could be used to fund a second zebra crossing outside the Primary School. KL would put this to NCC.
- 21) To discuss request from Wells Area Partnership to make a presentation to the next meeting
Resolved that we invite Fiona MacCallum to do this.
- 22) To discuss appeals for donations from Poetry-next-the-Sea and Norfolk Autistic Society
Resolved that we donate £100 to Poetry-next-the-Sea and nothing to Norfolk Autistic Society.
- 23) To discuss arrangements for signing cheques
Following the election we now had only one cheque signatory. LD and AF agreed to become signatories.
- 24) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement
A financial report was circulated. The following were agreed for payment:
(The following cheques signed at the planning meeting on 30 April)
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| Platten & Anthony | Chain for benches | 17.55 |
| M L Walsingham & Son | various sundries | 5.25 |
| Keith Leesmith | Clerk's salary & expenses | 1106.41 |
| Norfolk Pension Fund | Monthly contribution | 340.88 |
| E-on Energy | street lighting | 461.67 |
| Steve's Landscape Gardening Services | Monthly account | 1033.75 |
| Willowdale Pest Management | Mole gassing at Cemetery | 223.25 |
| MHB Services: Replacement at Beach Road | 244.52, at Theatre Rd | 217.38, Monthly 285.97 |
| Tony Ford | Removal of Polka Hedge | 300.00 |
| Viscount Coke Fund | Beach Road Playing Field rent | 50.00 |
| Viking Direct | Stationery | 65.93 |
| Terry Corbishley | Litter Picking | 210.00 |
| Michael Chestney | Litter Picking | 70.00 |
| Jimmy Tottle | Bollards | 200.00 |
| (The following cheques awaiting signature) | | |
| North Norfolk District Council | Emptying dog bins | 430.76 |
| Powergen | Sackhouse electricity | 197.42 |
| CityCare | Cemetery refuse | 36.31 |
| Shean Newman | Town Warden | 158.44 |
- 25) To confirm date of next meeting
Confirmed as Monday 4 June 2007

The meeting closed at 2115