



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL  
WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL,  
MILL ROAD, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA,  
NR23 1RF

## CLERKS' REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 2014 & PREPARED 23.01.14

- 1) I have been asked to look at what can be done about getting the edges of the Buttlands re-turfed. We had received a limited commitment from NCC to re-turf after the roads around the Buttlands are next resurfaced. However, after a discussion with Steve White (highways engineer) there is no guarantee when or at what time of the year the Buttlands will be resurfaced; any turf laid will be on the existing surface which is unlikely to be very successful. I have discussed the situation with Steve Finch and the best way forward would be to have the edges re-profiled and the soil improved before new turf is laid; preferably in the autumn. I have asked Steve to provide an estimate of the cost of such a scheme.
- 2) Several of the councillors met with Stephen Bournes, the owner of the Globe Inn, to discuss the changes he wished to make to the area immediately in front of the Inn. Steve White from highways explained elements of the plan would be difficult to implement as it would amount to a stopping up of the highway. It was agreed the best way forward was to maintain the status quo but to allow the French ditching which was required at the front of the building. Mr Bournes asked if he could install an electricity connection point under the highway immediately outside the Inn to allow the erection of a Christmas tree with lights; this was agreed.
- 3) Concerns have been raised about the state of the main drain across Marsh Field from Church Plain to Polka Road. I have reported the matter to the appropriate authorities who have promised to investigate.
- 4) A letter has been received from Brian Frary, Northfield Lane, asking if the council would consider installing a street light at the far end of Northfield Lane beyond the bridge. I have spoken with our contractors and the cost would be about £1600. Is this something the council wishes to consider?
- 5) The poor condition of the highway at the west end of Northfield Lane has been reported to the local highways engineer who has carried out a site visit.
- 6) I have received a district council report concerning the tidal surge on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The report is too large to copy and circulate but can be borrowed from the office.
- 7) I met with representatives of Lindum Sturgeon, developers of the new Co-op, concerning the provision of a new bus shelter on Polka Road. The meeting was to clarify that once installed the council would take responsibility for the shelter; the Lindum group have agreed to make to the council a one off payment of £5000 towards the long term maintenance. The developers will also be seeking permission to erect two brown public information signs informing of the location of the store and filling station; the council's advice will be sort regarding the best location.
- 8) **Dates:**  
27 January 2014, 7pm Binham Village Hall, an update on the implementation of faster broadband.  
30 January 2014, 7pm Blakeney Village Hall, a public meeting concerning the sale of council houses and garages.

**NB** The allotment committee will be meeting at 6pm on Monday 3 February 2014, before the start of the Planning and Main Council meetings. Please arrive quietly.

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