



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL
WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL,
MILL ROAD, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA,
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CLERKS' REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 2013 & PREPARED 25.10.2013

- 1) A resident of Northfield estate has asked the council to consider a dog bin for use by mothers walking with dogs when they take their children to school. Is this something the council would wish to discuss further?
- 2) The council's lighting contractors have notified the council that a lighting post on Knitting Needle Lane needs attention. The recommendation is a replacement of the complete post or the installation of a metal sleeve over the old concrete post. Replacement costs £1543.57, the metal sleeve option is 526.86; which would the council prefer?
- 3) As a result of the suggestion made by Christine Rayner, I asked the highways authority about the possibility of 30mph repeaters to be marked on the carriageway. The following reply was received
'30 mph repeaters signs are not permitted in street lit areas as the Highway Code dictates that the system of street lighting (in the absence of a higher SL restriction) indicates a 30-mph SL is in force. Provision of 30mph repeaters in a street lit area would invalidate the legality of the order and cause enforcement problems.'
- 4) As a result of Councillor Hewitt's report that the footpath by the Deli on the Quay is too narrow for wheelchair users I have had a site meeting with the highways engineers and it is hoped the pavement can be slightly widened when the Quay is resurfaced in March.
- 5) I have been told by the highways authority that any broken salt bins around the town are the responsibility of the town council to replace; there are at least two that are broken. Does the council want these replaced.
- 6) The highways authority was consulted concerning the councils liability with regard the gritting of Staithe Street during inclement weather. The following reply was received
'Councillors will only be liable if they have a written policy on what they are going to do and then they don't do it. If you say something along the lines of, we will grit when frost is forecast OR when the road is icy or covered with snow and when resources are available. This will then be OK.'
I will prepare a written policy as soon as possible.
- 7) There is a public consultation concerning the future of the Coasthopper in the Maltings at 1630hrs on Wednesday 6th November
- 8) In response to an enquiry by Councillor Ford concerning the recruitment process for the new Co-op store I received the following reply from Anglia Co-operative
'The recruitment process for the store will start in January, with a May opening in mind. We will advertise the job vacancies on-line at www.arcs.co.uk, in the local newspapers and, if the parish magazine agrees and deadlines fit, in there, too. We will also erect information billboards at the site'
- 9) Victory Housing has replied to the letter I sent on behalf of the council concerning the sale of council houses; unfortunately they have not answered some of the questions asked. Does the council want me to write again?
- 10) I have received two complaints following the installation of the new water system on the east end allotments. Both complainants have allotments at the end of the first drift and have complained that the track was not reinstated properly after the installation work was complete. The contractors were requested to backfill the trench and level the soils; this was done. The problem seems to be that the track at that location has a slight slope and vehicles have been trying to access the track after periods of heavy rainfall. I have asked Mark and Mike Briggs to deposit some hard-core when available and a little has already been tipped. An alternative would be to pay for a top dressing such as crushed concrete to be applied. How does the council wish to proceed?
- 11) I have received letters of thanks from the following charity groups who participated in the charity car parking, Wells Methodist Church, Health Centre PPG, Sailing Club, United Charities, Heritage House and CAB

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