



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

CLERKS' REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD DECEMBER 2013 & PREPARED 22.11.13

- 1) NNDC has been informed that Wells Town Council will not be able to take over the CCTV for Wells, either as a syndicate of town councils or independently.
- 2) Wells Carnival committee have been in consultation with NNDC again concerning certain aspects of the town's public entertainment licence. NNDC have recommended that the town licence should now allow the supply of alcohol providing event organisers ensure those selling alcohol have the relevant personal licence. There will be a variation fee should the council wish to proceed.
- 3) NNDC have now agreed to accept 'Ashburton Close', together with 'Home Piece Road', for the new Market Lane development.
- 4) As a result of advertising for a part-time handy man, to help complete a program of improvements at the Market Lane Cemetery, the council has taken on Andrew Spiers. Andrew will be working a few hours a week on a temporary basis until the improvements are complete.
- 5) Following last month's decision to join with Blakeney in requesting a public meeting with Victory Housing, Blakeney have taken the lead and will make a formal request for a meeting at Blakeney Community Hall.
- 6) We have now received a new grit bin from Highways for Staithe Street, which is to be installed just behind the surgery wall alongside the footpath. Three new grit bins have been ordered to replace the broken bins on the Buttlands
- 7) The council has now received an invoice from Holkham Estate for the council's share of the cost for hiring the bridge on the recreation field; the invoice is for £3000, which is the amount agreed.
- 8) It has been necessary to replace a streetlamp bracket and streetlamp on Bolts Close at a cost of £239.31
- 9) Highways were contacted to ask if the proposed new road surface on Station Road at the junction with Staithe Street could be red. Highways stated the buff colour is more sympathetic to the location which includes a number of listed buildings and the design has been approved through the Safety Audit process.
- 10) To date there have been two applications for the town council vacancy.
- 11) NNDC finally responded to the applications I made to have various properties included on the community asset register. Of the 16 I applied for only 4 were accepted, the Congregational Church and Hall, Library, Maltings and Sackhouse and Methodist Church. The car parks and public toilets were refused. Of the others, NNDC have asked for more information but I would suggest any further involvement would be a pointless exercise and unlikely to result in any further success. It appears NNDC will only consider a place of public recreation that is open to the general public as a whole. Local club buildings and grounds where membership is required are unlikely to be registered. It appears to be another example of ineffectual government legislation.

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