



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 1 September 2014 at 1924 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, & Campbell MacCallum

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), press (The Quay) Marie Strong, Peter Terrington and I member of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Sara Phillips reported a blocked drain outside her shop on The Quay. Patrick Weston spoke on behalf on the Carnival Committee and thanked the council for their assistance and support with the Carnival. Campbell MacCallum spoke out against Dong Energy, stating how deplorable their action was against the town's fishing fleet and fishermen, effectively banning them from their fishing grounds.

2) Apologies David Pentney-Smith & Jonathon Savory

3) To receive Declarations of Interest Item 5, RC & AF

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2014 Agreed and Signed

5) To consider the following grant applications

- Wells Lighting Fund
- Wells-next-the-Sea Children's Centre
- Wells Lifeboat Guild – Shannon Appeal
- Wells United Charities

Resolved – Wells Lighting Fund awarded £500, Wells-next-the-Sea Children's Centre awarded £400 & Wells United Charities awarded £500. A decision on the RNLI Shannon Appeal was postponed so that a more appropriate award could be factored into next year's budget process.

During item 5 AF had to leave and RC took the chair

6) To consider a letter of complaint received by Wells Town Council concerning problems caused by dogs on the beach.

RA outlined his concerns about dogs on Wells beach and thought the dog free area should be extended to include the whole safe swimming area.

Resolved – To move onto the next item of business

7) To discuss the need for additional parking restrictions on Polka Road and Clubbs Lane.

Concerns were expressed about the access to Clubbs Lane by emergency vehicles and congestion at the southern end of Polka Road. The Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Authority about the possibility of improvements to access on Clubbs Lane and the feasibility of double yellow lines on the west side of Polka Road between Church Street and the zebra crossing.



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- 8) To discuss a suggestion by Councillor Ray Hewitt to provide a new boundary hedge or fence long the southern and western borders at the town cemetery.
Resolved – To look into the costings and the practicalities of planting a hedge.

- 9) Reports
 a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

None received.

- b) Norfolk County Council- County Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Faster Broadband is moving ahead in good time. The proposed changes to the highway on Burnt Street and Church Street are almost about to be signed off. Where the hedge at the west end of Mill Road has recently been cut back there is still some more of the footpath that is to be reclaimed. It is still possible for the council to register for the Vodafone rural open sure signal programme. JE advised Marie that due to the resurfacing in Staithe Street some shop premises were being flooded by surface rain water, he also asked what could be done about a bench causing an obstruction in Staithe Street. RH asked what could be done about cars parking on the pavement at the west end of Freeman Street.

- c) North Norfolk District Council

A written report was submitted by Cllr Peter Terrington and is appended and available on the website. RH asked Peter about any plans for the Beach Road toilets and was there a covenant on them (Peter agreed to enquire), he also said the new fencing at the toilets was not good enough and the remaining boundary fence was in need of repair. MG told Peter the town had been let down by the cost of the new houses off Two Furlong Hill, the 1 & 2 bedroom houses were not affordable for local people and were likely to become holiday homes.

- d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website.

In response to the report the council declined a request to move a dog bin on Tug Boat Yard. In addition the Clerk reported that a further public consultation would take place concerning the proposed parking changes on The Quay and The Buttlands. Plans would be on display in the Library from the 22 September; there would be an announcement in The Quay magazine. A time capsule would be buried under the Church floor when the new installation was complete, the council had been asked to contribute documents and photographs. A photograph for the capsule would be taken at the next Town Council meeting. As a result of a request from the Clerk the council resolved that the ground maintenance budget could be increased by £1500 to allow tree surgery work to go ahead and Special Branch Tree Surgery was the preferred contractor.



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e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

RH (Playing Field) asked if the council would sponsor the annual playing field fun day by granting £600 in next year's budget

CM (Traffic and Parking) the no waiting cones on the south side of The Quay would now be withdrawn. The situation will be reviewed next year.

MG (Finances) the quarterly financial reports had been viewed and were in order.

10) Accounts for Settlement**Payments during the month**

E-on Energy	Street Lights	473.62
E-on Energy	Buttlands	76.26
Madasafish	Broadband Service	14.99
NNDC	Rates - Cemetery	55.00
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments I September 2014

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	214.96
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	489.20
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Norse Eastern Ltd	Grounds maintenance £1306.87	-----
	Grounds maintenance £310.57	1617.44
Norse Eastern Ltd	Cemetery Rabbit Fencing	7214.88
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection	25.96
Wells Community Hospital	Office rent	250.00
Viking	Office supplies/stamps	164.15
Anglian Water	Cemetery £17.32	-----
	West End Allotments £85.10	-----
	East End Allotments £191.85	294.27
Norfolk Central Printers	Car Park Tickets	144.00
Anglo Scottish Equipment Ltd	Container Hire recreation field	63.77
S Marshall (Auto Graphics)	Signage - Coach Park	43.50
Mr A Beale	Shed/Rubbish Removal E Allotments	150.00
Mazars	External Audit	480.00
BES Safe Removals Ltd	Disposal of Asbestos - E Allotment	132.00
M. E. Ayes & Sons Ltd	Hedge Cutting - E Allotments	144.00
Mick Chestney	Litter Picking	954.00
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	253.95

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 6 October 2014

Meeting ends 2118

