



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 1 December 2014 at 1910 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 & David Pentney-Smith

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), press (The Quay), Marie Strong, and 5 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

The Harbour Master, Robert Smith, informed the Town Council that Wells Harbour has been speaking with Dong Energy. Dong Energy will be building the Race Bank windfarm and it is hoped that there may be an operational base at Egmere and vessels working from the Port. Representatives from the company have already visited the port and are coming back for more talks in a couple of weeks. If a decision is made to use the port there will many benefits including the possibility of jobs.

2) Apologies Campbell MacCallum, Peter Terrington & Police

3) To receive Declarations of Interest AF, item 6.

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2014 Agreed and Signed

5) To consider a request from Pc Jason Pegden for the installation of a light on the Children's Playing Field to help discourage disorderly behaviour.

The Clerk was asked to make further investigations with regard cost and feasibility.

6) To approve the budget for 2015/2016 and agree the precept for that period.

Resolved – The budget as presented was approved. The precept was set at £62007.

7) To consider proposals received from NCC, working in partnership with Wells Town Council, to amend loading and parking arrangements on The Quay and The Buttlands car park.

Resolved – the proposals for The Quay and The Buttlands were both approved.

8) To approve the payment of £3000 to Norfolk County Council towards the implementation of new traffic orders for The Quay and The Buttlands car park.

Resolved – Payment approved.

9) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

A written report was submitted by Pc Pegden, is appended and available on the website.



MINUTES CONTINUED

b) Norfolk County Council

A written report was submitted by Cllr Dr Marie Strong, is appended, available on the website and available in the Quay Magazine. In addition, Marie discussed the results from the speed recording device that had recently been located on Mill Road; consequently it was agreed the Council would look at the provision of a SAM 2 mobile speeding sign (January's Agenda). The proposed closure of the B1105 Dry Road in January was also discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to the Contractor to question the need for a full five week closure. Further questions were asked about delays in the implementation of the 20 mph speed limit and road improvements for Burnt Street and Church Street that were a requirement of the planning conditions for the Hopkins Homes development. The planning permission required the work to be done before any of the new homes were occupied. The Clerk was asked to write to all the parties involved asking that the planning conditions be observed and enforced.

c) North Norfolk District Council

A written report was submitted by Cllr Peter Terrington, is appended and available on the website.

d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website.

As a result of the report the Clerk was asked to respond to NCC's budget consultation asking that important local services be protected and if necessary there would be no objection to a small increase in Council Tax to safeguard services such as the town's Recycling Centre and Library. In addition, a consultation document had been received from Statkraft concerning minor changes to the Section 36 consent for the Sheringham Shoal Windfarm; it was decided not to respond.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Staithe Street) It was hoped the work on the Buttlands verges would start soon. There had been general appreciation from businesses in the street that the bench had been removed.

LD (Cemetery) asked if the cremation plot could be tidied.

RH (Playing Field) The six monthly inspection has been completed on the play equipment. There are now nets on the goals. The Bonfire on the Buttlands went well and was well supported; there was no damage and the new turf looks good.

PC (Dementia Friendly Community) There is an initial steering group meeting on Wednesday 3rd December.

TF (Council Services) asks that people report any streetlights that are not working properly.

RA (Tourism) The new floor in St Nicholas Church has now been laid in time for Christmas. The church will be open at 10.30 am on Sunday 21st December 2014 for anyone that wants to have a look.

AF (Chairman) Campbell has stood down from the Maltings Board of Trustees and a replacement member is needed (January's Agenda).



MINUTES CONTINUED

10) Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

HMRC	VAT summer car parking	3217.13
E-on	Street Lighting	473.62
Madasafish	Broadband Service	18.99
NNDC	Cemetery Rates	55.00
E-on	Buttlands	93.58
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments I December 2014

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	220.56
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	464.77
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance £306.70	306.70
Norse Eastern Ltd	Grounds maintenance £1306.97	-----
	Grounds maintenance £310.37	1617.34
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection £25.96	-----
	Cemetery rubbish - waste transfer cert £47.94	73.90
Anglian Water	Cemetery £18.17	-----
Anglian Water	West End Allotments £58.03	76.20
Wells Community Hospital	Office Rent November	250.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	187.00
Abbott Environmental Services	Pest Control Cemetery	350.00
Holkham Enterprises	50% share of Rates Pitch and Putt	706.50
P Snell	Installation Allotment Standpipes	1664.84
Direct Telecom Services Ltd	Radio Equipment for Emergency Flood Wardens	8570.40
Norfolk County Council	Feasibility Study - Parking Proposals	3000.00
S T Sutton	Removal of old kerb stones Cemetery	70.00
Mr E Cast	Clearing weeds from bus stop/testing memorials	30.80
Glasdon UK Ltd	Dog waste bin and post	218.19
Norse Eastern Ltd	Improvements - Old Staithe Walk	5220.00
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	189.30

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 5 January 2015

Meeting ends 2030

