



MINUTES

2012/11

Town Council Meeting held on 2 April 2012 at 1902 at The Methodist Rooms

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

Keith Leesmith (Clerk), Greg Hewitt (Asst. Clerk), Peter Terrington, Pc Pegden, 1 Members of the Press (*The Quay*) & 2 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

Peter Rainsford had met with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and Norman LAMB concerning leisure sailing and discrepancies with the information supplied to the MMO by Wells Harbour. He was also concerned the MMO have not fully considered leisure sailing and the use of the beach.

Campbell MacCallum as a member of the public asked a question on behalf of Wells Harbour Commissioners concerning enquiries made by Roger Arguile of Wells Harbour and was Roger Arguile acting on behalf of the council. RA replied he had been acting as a private individual. AF reminded the council that no individual councillor must act without the prior approval of the council as a whole.

2) Apologies

Lindsay Dew, & Jonathan Savory

3) Declarations of Interest

MW declared a personal interest in item 7

4) Minutes of the meeting held 5 March 2012

were approved and signed

9) a) Safer Neighbourhood Team (it was agreed to hear the police report early to allow PC Pegden to get away)
2x Criminal Damage to a vehicle

Electric wing mirrors forced on one vehicle and a scratched vehicle –offender may be identified (personal issue)

1 x Burglary in a Building other than Dwelling - Shed broken into and battery removed

1 x Assault ABH - Shop Lane, offender may be known but no evidence as not witnessed or seen

1 x Common Assault - Between kids- hopefully being dealt with by Restorative Justice

There have been 22 calls to Police during this time –Nothing of note, other than the above crimes.

Also just of note speed checks have been conducted in Wells (Two furlong Hill, Stiffkey Road and Polka Road) between 1st Dec 2012 and 2nd April 2012 at least 21 times that have been reported to me, with 7 tickets issued, lots of words of advice issued and 1 driver reported for a speed awareness course.

We will continue where possible to monitor speeding and use the speed gun.

There continues to be significant problems with marine thefts all along the North Norfolk coast and those with outboard engines should consider fitting one of the anti-theft covers that can be obtained from the harbour office. When using the cover the engine cowling must be removed, thieves will look under the cover and steal the engine if the cowling is on.

JE reported that motorists were still speeding on Northfield Lane. PC Pegden will pass it on.

5) To consider, as a result of district council proposals, an offer by the district council for Wells Town Council to run the Polka Road lorry/coach park under a 2 year lease agreement.

Councillors discussed this and didn't consider it viable to take over the lorry park but were concerned to hear that NNDC intended to charge vehicles using the park and that permits will have to be obtained. The concern was that casual users would in future park on the highway because they couldn't obtain a permit.

It was resolved that the council would decline the offer to lease the lorry park and that a letter would be written enquiring how the lorry park would be managed in the future and outlining the council's concerns

- 6) To discuss the benefits of a 'Neighbourhood Plan' for Wells as part of changes under the new Localism Act.
AF explained to the councillors what was involved with a neighbourhood plan and the amount of work required completing one. The councillors were concerned about the cost and time that would be involved and unsure of the benefits at this time.
It was resolved to wait and see what other councils were doing and consider the benefits achieved before committing to a Neighbourhood Plan for Wells
During item 6 County Councillor Dr Marie Strong arrived together with a member of the public
- 7) To discuss the erection of a public information map within the town giving the location of facilities and businesses outside the town centre
MW explained she was concerned people did not know where businesses were outside the town centre and she believed a town map giving directions would be useful. This was discussed and an example map viewed. Some councillors thought a town guide would be more useful. Both ideas were considered worth further investigation.
It was resolved that MW, GA and CM would get together and consider the way forward
- 8) To discuss plans for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on 23 April
AF stated that the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) had agreed to an invitation to attend the Annual Town Meeting and to give a presentation, answering questions about the East Marine Plan. It was hoped the public would attend. The meeting will be held at 7.30 pm Monday 23rd April 2012, at the Methodist Room.
- 9) Reports:
- b) Scira Offshore Energy
This item had been put on the agenda in error; Scira only report every 3 months
- c) NCC
The new yellow lines on East Quay have been laid apart from one space where a car was parked obstructing the contractor. The consultation on the recycling centres had concluded; it is hoped local people had taken part. The Fair Fares campaign to protect the Coast Hopper service continues. There is a need for more money from the government. There is a draft letter available to send to ministers. We are not losing the Coast Hopper but there has been a reduction in services. We need to keep the pressure on. On a different subject visit the NCC Trusted Trader website, an online directory that contains the most up to date details for all Norfolk Trusted Traders. The Wells Street Party has received a grant (£200) towards the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The wooden barriers on the Quays flood wall have been removed and the new ones will go up in early May.
- d) NNDC
PT had produced a report which is appended and available on the website. In addition the company representing the Co-op are looking for a partner to consider the feasibility of a filling station. NNDC will no longer provide road name plates on un-adopted roads. The planning application for Tunns Yard is likely to be approved. If WTC still wish to object it can be called to committee if a councillor wishes to attend. There are still delays with the redevelopment of the yellow shop on the Quay although there have been meetings.
There were then some questions by councillors about the East Quay drying grounds and as a result it was agreed to put the item on the agenda in May to discuss the possibility of the council registering ownership of the land. The clerk was asked to take some legal advice.
- e) Town Clerk
KL had produced a report which is appended and available on the website. In addition Kier have a new strategy for ensuring the bins on the Quay are emptied during peak periods. The Triton Knoll windfarm is going ahead but doesn't impact on North Norfolk. The proposed loading bays on the Quay have been reduced from two to one bay which will be adjacent the shellfish stall. Letters had been sent to all allotment holders advising of the hose pipe ban. RA had asked for an additional item on the agenda but it was too late as the agendas had already been sent. It concerned correspondence from the MMO requesting consultation on their draft vision and objectives document. As the deadline for a response to the document was the 20th April RA thought it important that the council discuss the matter. The meeting room had been booked for the 11th April if it was thought necessary to have another meeting to discuss a response. RA explained that he believed there was not enough consideration given to tourism and leisure and that the evidence the plan was to be based on was inadequate. The issue was then discussed and some members considered there had been insufficient consultation at a local level. KL produced a letter he had prepared for approval to send, the letter requested for more consultation with locally elected members before important decisions were made by the MMO. It was resolved that there was no need for another meeting, members were free to make a response to the MMO as individuals, the letter prepared by KL would be sent to the MMO.

f) Portfolio Holders

JE (Buttlands). Due to the hose pipe ban we may have to wait before the grass on the verges are made good.

RH (Playing Field). The water leak has finally been repaired. The area has been levelled and turfed. The Friends of the Playing field have received a £200 donation from Anglian Water. A family have donated a bench and friends have done some repair work. The council will need to pay for the creosote. The metal gates have been repaired and a roller hired and the rolling done. On a separate issue the contractor had not received written confirmation for the additional work on the Buttlands. KL said this hadn't been agreed and would need to go on the agenda. Some members thought the additional work had been accepted. GA suggested the minutes be checked. MW hoped Anglian Water was not getting away with just £200 for the damage to the playing field. KL said the matter had been passed on to Anglian Waters insurers for settlement. It had been decided to get some work done prior to settlement ready for Easter.

CM (Traffic and Parking). The dogs mess around the town was disgusting. AF asked if anyone had seen a dog warden in the town. PT said he would make enquiries of the dog warden.

10) To receive a report from the Field Study Working Party

AF referred to the minutes which are appended. In addition Ian Scott is hopeful the necessary funds are available and will know more by the end of May; "it is looking good thanks to Ian".

11) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

A report had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting.

The following had been paid during the month:

Brightview Internet	Broadband Service	14.99
E-On Energy	Electricity Buttlands	49.32
Keith Leesmith	Clerk's Salary Deposit	700.00
Greg Hewitt	Asst Clerk's Salary Deposit	550.00

The following were agreed for payment:

Jimmy Tottle	bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	109.47
Keith Leesmith	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	114.20
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	246.92
MHB Services Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
E-on Energy	Street Lighting electricity	462.04
Norfolk Assoc of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	313.08
Peppercorn Services	Pest Control	165.00
M.E. Ayers & Sons	Hedge Cutting	129.60
Society of Local Council Clerks	Attendance of AGM	24.00
Veolia	Cemetery Rubbish Collection	39.98
Wells Community Hospital	Donation	250.00
Edna Garrett	Office Cleaning	30.00
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	223.30
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 4th quarter	1242.46

12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting

Confirmed as Monday 14 May 2012

The meeting closed at 2126