



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 2 September 2013 at 1935 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Rodney Crafer, Lindsey Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, , & Maggie Ward

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Peter Terrington, Jonathon Savory, PCSO Clarke, Press (Quay) & 8 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

AF welcomed Sheila and Tom to the meeting and Congratulated Wells Carnival Committee on providing the Town with another successful event. Pat Weston (Carnival Committee Chairman) in return thanked the Council and Clerk for their help.

Christine Rayner then address the council concerning a number of local issues including the dangers of speeding traffic on Mill Road, new build housing versus car parks, cycling on the pavement, a hedge obstructing the footpath on Mill Road, lack of planning foresight and the problems with the smell of sewage from the sewage plant off Freeman Street.

2) Apologies Pauline Catton & Campbell MacCallum

3) To receive Declarations of Interest RC item 10

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2013 Agreed and Signed

5) Sheila Oxtoby (Chief Executive) and Tom Fitzpatrick (Leader) representing North Norfolk District Council attended the meeting. Both addressed the meeting and answered a number of questions asked by the town councillors, a summary of those questions and answers are appended and are available on the website.

11a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

PCSO Clarke reported there had been 145 calls to Police in the last two months. 26 crimes, 5 break-ins at the allotments (it is hoped better security can be encouraged) and some charity boxes stolen. The speed gun was discussed and Keith would look at setting up a speed watch group. MW asked about the big issue seller, TF a noisy quad bike, cars congregating at night on the coach park and racing along Polka Road. JE asked about a car with flames coming from the exhaust.

6) To discuss the allocation of an area of unused allotment land at the West End Allotments. Resolved – To allocate the area of land to Mr M Briggs.



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II) Reports

b) County Councillor Dr Marie Strong

A report is appended and is available on the website. In addition NCC now need to reduce the budget by 189 million, there is to be another hazardous waste amnesty and Marie will liaise with highways regarding plans not to grit Staithe Street during inclement weather because the bollards restrict access for the gritter. It was agreed the bollards could be left out on inclement days to enable the gritter to drive down the street.

c) NNDC Peter Terrington

A report is appended and is available on the website.

d) Town Clerk

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7) To consider advice received from the council's insurers regarding the annual bonfire on the Buttlands.

GH explained that as a result of consulting with the Town Council's insurers a problem was identified with the insurance for the annual bonfire on the Buttlands. The insurers would insure the bonfire but not the setting off of fireworks by the bonfire organisers or the public attending the event. If fireworks were allowed it would need to be an organised display by a fully qualified and insured individual or a fully qualified and insured individual would need to supervise the lighting of the fireworks belonging to the public. However, due to the dimensions of the Buttlands, it would not be possible to comply with the legal requirements for holding a public fireworks event. The insurers also reminded the council it is a criminal offence to light fireworks in a public palace. GH advised that should fireworks be allowed the council's insurance would not cover the event and the organisers could be individually liable.

Resolved – The bonfire could go ahead but there must be no fireworks. Disclaimer boards would have to be erected at the event, notices displayed around the town and an article placed in the Quay Magazine.

RH asked for a recorded vote: For MW, TF, RA, MG, JE and LD.

Against RH and RC.

GA had already left the meeting before the item was discussed.

It was then proposed to invoke Standing Order (1x) *No meeting will go on beyond 10 pm without the agreement of the majority of the members.*

Resolved – To close the meeting and postpone the remaining agenda items until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 2200



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12) Accounts for Settlement**Payments made during the month**

E-on Energy	Street Lights	472.79
E-on Energy	Buttlands	83.94
Madasafish	Broadband Service	12.75
NNDC	Rates - Cemetery	54.00
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
		1623.48

Payments 2 September

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	169.47
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	461.60
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Norse Commercial Services Ltd	Grounds maintenance £1275.00	-----
	Grounds maintenance £303.00	1578.00
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection	23.26
Wells Community Hospital	Office rent	250.00
Anglian Water	Cemetery	32.06
Anglian Water	West End Allotments	206.43
Anglian Water	East End Allotments	168.26
Norfolk Central Printers	Car Park Tickets	80.40
B & S Chains Ltd	Pirate Play Boat Ladder	292.63
Fenland Leisure Products Ltd	Playing Field Spring & Ground Anchor	237.60
North Norfolk Bespoke Joinery	Town Map Sign Board	300.00
Mick Chestney	Litter Picking	897.95
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	221.80
		5446.16

