



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 5 October 2015 at 1908 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Rodney Crafer (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, & Guy Warren
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Simon Hester, Pc Pegden, press (The Quay) & 6 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Bob McCartan explained about problems he was experiencing trying to deliver goods to his café on Freeman Street due to vehicles parking directly outside.

John Ford asked if anything was being done about the town pump on Old Staithe Walk.

Pat Western said the Carnival Committee had agreed to donate some money towards the cost of installing extra electricity points on the Buttlands.

Roger Arguile asked if the fingerpost for the Church could be re-located to Station Road.

Adrian Grey advised the Council that Quayside Court had been built on the Highway without license and does not conform with certain conditions of the planning consent.

2) Apologies Lindsay Dew, Allen Frary, Campbell MacCallum & Vincent Fitzpatrick

3) To receive Declarations of Interest MG item 8

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2015 Agreed and Signed

9) a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Jason Pegden advised that during the last month there had been 22 calls to the Police, 3 theft, 4 criminal damage, 3 assaults and a dangerous dog incident. There had recently been some outboards stolen along the coast and people were reminded to be vigilant, report incidents immediately and record the registration numbers of suspicious vehicles.

5) To consider the problem of illegally placed cones and bollards on the highway

The item was deferred until the next meeting.

6) To consider the provision of a new Town Council noticeboard

The Clerk explained that because of the imminent start of the Maltings refurbishment a new location was required for a Town Council noticeboard.

Resolved – It was agreed to install a new noticeboard on the amenity area near the Post Office



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- 7) To consider investigating the possible installation of a projector screen at the Methodist Hall to help facilitate presentations and illustrating agenda items

The Clerk was asked to further investigate.

- 8) To consider the following items for inclusion in the Budget/Precept proposals 2016/2017

- To plant a Holly hedge along the south and west boundaries of the town cemetery, including felling, pollarding and reduction of existing boundary trees. Approximate cost £5000
- To supply additional electricity points to the north and west sides of The Buttlands. approximate cost £6500 - £7500
- To include the cost of part funding the proposed pavement extension on Mill Road. approximate cost £7500
- A grant of £2500 to the Maltings Trust towards the Maltings Project.
- Wells Guide £2000.

Prior to the discussion on this agenda item the Clerk advised the Council that a significant number of the town street lights were now obsolete and would require replacement as and when they failed. Money would need to be made available to cover this contingency.

Resolved – The Clerk was asked to prepare detailed budget costings to see in principle what was affordable.

- 9) b) Norfolk County Council

County Councillor Dr Marie Strong advised that the Coasthopper bus service would now continue without any subsidy from the County Council. Work was still being done to try and stop the proposed right to buy being extended to local housing charities such as Homes for Wells. People need to sign up for Better Broadband so that more money will be made available. People need to report paths being obstructed by trees and hedges. The 20mph scheme for Burnt Street and Church Street was deferred until the Autumn to avoid the busy holiday period.

c) North Norfolk District Council

District Councillor Simon Hester advised that NNDC's Big Society Fund had made £62000 available in grants. NNDC are considering sharing management and back office staff with Great Yarmouth. Surplus finances may be used on social housing projects.

d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and is available on the website. As a result it was resolved to gift the surplus road barriers to the Carnival Committee.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

RH (Playing Field) The bonfire on the Buttlands will be going ahead as usual on November 5th. Holkham Estate has commenced work on the pedestrian access from the new car park to Beach Road; the route is now along the edge of land forming part of the Playing Field.

RA (Tourism) The Town Guides have been a success this year although a better distribution system is needed.



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10) Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Anglian Water	Cemetery	16.82
E-on Energy	Street Lighting electricity	564.92
Madasafish	Broadband subscription	20.99
NNDC	Cemetery Rates	50.00
Anglian Water	East End Allotments	248.86
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments 5 October 2015

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	261.49
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	498.20
Norse Eastern Ltd	Grounds maintenance £1306.87	-----
	Grounds maintenance £310.57	1617.44
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection	27.16
Wells Community Hospital Trust	Office rent September	250.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 2nd quarter	1745.64
Anglo Scottish Equipment Ltd	Container Hire recreation field	102.00
P J Canham	Pest Control Cemetery - June	66.00
NNDC	Waste bins Playing Field	240.00
Norfolk County Council	Installation of Fingerpost signs	2461.19
NALC	NALC Autumn Conference	40.00
Norfolk Parishes Training Partnership	Training Cllr. Warren	45.00
Ofcom	Flood Warden Radio Licence	75.00
Burnham Market Area Car Scheme	Grant	500.00
Wells Flood Action Team	Grant	400.00
Wells Christmas Tide Festival	Grant	400.00
Wells Tennis Club	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Primary School PFA	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Community Hospital	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Elsmith Bowls Club	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Methodist Church	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Twinning Association	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Sailing Club	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Polka Day Care	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Friends of the Beach Road Playing Field	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells NCI (Coastwatch)	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells RNLI Lifeboat Guild	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells & District Lions Club	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells United Charities	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Maltings Trust	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Heritage House Day Care	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Congregational Church	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Homes for Wells	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells in Bloom	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Town Bowls Club	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Health Centre PPG	Charity Car Parking	868.46
St Nicholas Church (Wells PCC)	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Wells Harbour Maritime Trust	Charity Car Parking	868.46
BMACCS	Charity Car Parking	868.46
Cancelled Cheque		0.00
Wells Croquet Club	Charity Car Parking	434.23
Wells Christmas Tide Festival	Charity Car Parking	434.23
Holkham Enterprises	car park share	13758.13
Mick Chestney	Litter Picking	274.50
Eddy Cast	Litter Picking	265.65

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 2 November 2015

Meeting ends 2026



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