



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 6 January 2014 at 1913 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsey Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt & Campbell MacCallum
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Peter Terrington, Press (Quay & EDP) & 9 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

Tony Ford advised the council that Robert Smith the Harbour Master was intending to organise a public display of memorabilia in the Sackhouse during the summer to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the start of the First World War. Mr Smith would like to hear from anyone that has photos or other memorabilia connected to those from Wells who were involved in the conflict, he is also interested in any offers of help.

2) Apologies Jonathon Savory

3) To receive Declarations of Interest None.

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2013 Agreed and Signed

6) To consider two separate proposals to hire a section of the shingle car park on the Recreation Field during the summer season.

Resolved – not to lease the shingle area to either party.

7) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood

A report is appended and is available on the website.

b) County Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Dr Strong spoke in some detail about the recent flood and a full transcript is available in her report on the website and in The Quay magazine. In addition she spoke about the introduction of faster broadband, NCC budget consultation and the Coasthopper. There is a public meeting about the local implementation of faster broadband, 7 pm, Monday 27th January at Binham Village Hall

5) To welcome Cllr. Russell Wright (NNDC) and Jose Socao (NNDC Economic & Tourism Development) and discuss with them some concerns regarding matters pertaining to tourism.

Jose Socao was not able to attend but David Thompson from Visit North Norfolk (VNN) explained how VNN, a Destination Management Organisation, works alongside NNDC to promote tourism. A full explanation is available on the Town Council website. Councillors discussed a number of concerns including the cost of being a member and the lack of good quality information about Wells. It may be beneficial for the Town Council to acquire membership to enable it to work with VNN. It was also reiterate how important it was for Wells to have a business forum to liaise and work with the relevant bodies and organisations.



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7) Reports continuedc) NNDC Peter Terrington

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d) Town Clerk

A report is appended and available on the website. As a result of information given by the Clerk councillors agreed to purchase a grit bin for Staithe Street. Councillors decided not to take responsibility for the new street lights to be installed on the Two Furlong Hill/Market Lane development; NCC would be responsible. At 1pm on Wednesday 22nd January 2014, representatives for the developers of the Co-op site would be meeting the Clerk in his office to discuss improvements to the highway and the new bus shelter; councillors can attend if they wish.

e) Portfolio Holders

LD (Cemetery) The gates are being left open, could the Clerk arrange for the 'please close the gate' signs to be reinstated.

CM (Highways) The west end of Northfield Lane is in a terrible state and needs resurfacing, the yellow lines at the junction of Polka Road/Marsh Lane need reinstating and a time plate post on the Buttlands needs replacing.

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

E-on	Street Lighting	457.54
Madasafish	Broadband Service	12.75
St Nicholas Church	Charity Car Parking (re-issue)	1419.26
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments to be made

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	237.46
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	461.60
K & M Lighting Services	Street Lighting Maintenance	306.70
Norse Commercial Services Ltd	Buttlands maintenance	£708.00
	Bonfire turf renewal	£1194.00
Veolia Environmental Services	Cemetery rubbish collection	23.26
Wells Community Hospital	Office Rent December	250.00
E Boydell (Special Branch Tree Surgery)	Polka Cemetery & Churchyard Trees	1650.00
S Marshall (Auto Graphics)	Dog Fouling Signs	47.50
HM Custom and Revenue	PAYE 3rd Quarter	2061.04
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	148.00
Andrew Spiers	Cemetery maintenance	96.25

Resolved – Accounts agreed and accepted9) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 3 February 201410) To receive presentations from prospective candidates for the vacant seat on the Town Council.

Janice Whitaker, Peter Woods and David Pentney-Smith all gave presentations

11) To consider a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude members of the public and press during consideration of an item of a confidential nature.**Resolved – to enact resolution**12) To select a candidate for adoption to fill the vacant seat on the Town Council.

Resolved – to adopt David Pentney-Smith onto the council. The meeting closed at 2113

