



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL
WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL,
MILL ROAD, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA,
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CLERKS' REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD SEPTEMBER 2015 & PREPARED 28.08.2015

- I. The Alderman Peel Travellers withdrew from the charity car parking at short notice and it was not possible to find another group to replace them. The day was covered by the council's contractor with the revenue after costs going into the charity pot.
2. At the start of the holidays there were significant issues with the cleanliness of the public toilets. The district council was informed and the district councillors involved. The situation has improved although the toilets continue to be overwhelmed on very busy days by the sheer weight of visitor numbers.
3. Councillor Ray Hewitt and I met with representatives from Anglian Water concerning the stench from the sewage treatment plant. It was established that the problem is most likely to occur when the sludge tanks are being emptied into tankers. To help AW better understand the problem it is important that people report problems to AW as they happen; a Freephone number is available, 0800 145 145.
4. During the holidays there have been problems with the accumulation of waste on the Quay and behind the Beach Road toilets. NNDC wish to review the processes for next year and a meeting will be arranged in the autumn with the relevant stakeholders.
5. Andrew Gates has approached the council about Graffiti on the skate park; some if it could be considered offensive and does the council have a policy for cleaning the graffiti off.
6. During the summer recess the new fingerposts have been installed on behalf of the Town Council by Norfolk County Highways; an excellent job was done. However, during the first week in August one of the new finger arms on Beach Road was torn down and taken. Fortunately, due to a mistake by the manufacturers, there was a spare which was kindly fitted by Councillor Ray Hewitt with help from Robin Fish.
7. Carnival week was one of the busiest ever and the Buttlands withstood the extra usage fairly well. The only damage appears to be where traders have poured hot liquid onto the grass. I will bring this problem to the attention of all those groups using the Buttlands in the future.
8. The Town Council has been consulted by NNDC concerning the new 20 year local plan. A response is required by 9th October 2015. It will be necessary to discuss the response and it may be beneficial to have a special meeting to do so.
9. A request has been received for a bench to be installed on the Buttlands; the details have been circulated to enable councillors to make a decision.
10. A lamp post on Mill Road has fallen down and been removed. It is probably not necessary to replace it as there is a light directly opposite in Southgate Close.
11. A bench on the Buttlands appears to have been damaged. I have asked the council's handyman to remove it. I have also asked him to clean some of the other benches which are going green.
12. Some of the posts on the small grass islands at each end of the Buttlands have broken and need replacing. Oak posts are very expensive so I am investigating the cheaper option of tanalised posts.
13. The matter of motorcycle parking appears to have been resolved with the harbour making some space available at the west end of the Quay. There will also be free parking for some motorcycles on Holkham's new car park. Motorcycle parking is also free on the Stearmans Yard car park.

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