



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Annual Town Meeting held on 15 April 2019 at 1900 at The Methodist Room

Chairman: Councillor Mike Gates

- 1) Proposed changes to parking restrictions
Concerns were expressed about the length of time being taken to implement the changes to the parking restrictions.
- 2) North Norfolk District Council's draft Local Plan
Questions were asked about a proposal in the draft Local Plan to include another 80 new houses in Wells; was this sustainable? It was believed that only 30% of any new development would have to be affordable homes. It was pointed out that originally the strip of land adjoining Staithe Place to the south was to be an exceptions site for local affordable homes and it should be retained as such in the new plan. Concerns were also expressed about a possible change to the development boundary for the Town which could include the Beach Road toilet site. Everyone at the meeting was encouraged to view and comment on the new plan when the consultation begins and attend the road show at the Maltings on 31st May. The consultation will be for six weeks from 7th May 2019 to 19th June 2019.
- 3) Village Hall
It was suggested that Wells needed a Village Hall similar to the one that Binham has for local functions and activities. Mention was made that the Maltings should have had a community space on the ground floor and that the Congregational Hall was once considered.
- 4) Congregational Church
The condition of the Congregational church, hall and grounds was discussed. It was explained that the Town Council is responsible for the ground maintenance of the churchyard only but the buildings, walls and gates were the responsibility of the Church.
- 5) Neilson Close
Concerns were expressed about a caravan and other unsuitable vehicles that were being parked on the old garage site at Neilson Close.
- 6) No dropped kerb by Churchyard gate Church Street
A resident explained the need for a dropped kerb by the pedestrian gate into St Nicolas' churchyard on Church Street; elderly people crossing the road there were finding it difficult to mount the kerb. Other problem areas were discussed and it was suggested an accessibility survey of the Town was needed.



MINUTES CONTINUED

7) Town Pump

The Town Pump on Old Staithe Walk was discussed and Ray Hewitt announced he had built a new one which he hoped to install within the next three weeks.

8) Dogs and dog fouling in Staithe Street

The problem of dog fouling and the behaviour of dog owners in Staithe Street was discussed and consideration given to enforcement and signage. It was explained that North Norfolk District Council are the responsible authority and complaints should be addressed to them for the attention of their dog warden.

9) Missing Bench on Mill Road

Questions were asked about the missing bench on Mill Road near the alley through to Gales Court. It was explained that it had been damaged beyond repair and had to be removed. It was believed it had been hit by a vehicle. Paul and Joyce Trett said they hoped to source a replacement.

10) Wells Sea Cadets

Mention was made of how well the Sea Cadets were doing in the town, going from strength to strength and had recently formed a partnership with the Alderman Peel High School.

11) Ark Royal Site

Questions were asked about the Ark Royal site and rumours of possible development.

12) Maryland Industrial Units

It was stated that the Town Council were trying to get North Norfolk District Council to take some action regarding the unused industrial units on Maryland.

13) Potholes and other highways issues

Several highways issues were discussed and noted by the Town Clerk.

The meeting was closed at 1955

