



Wells Town Council

Wells Community Hospital, Mill Rd,
Wells-next-the-Sea, NR23 1RF

MINUTES

2024/1

Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 8th January 2024 at 1920 hrs.

Those Present: Mel Catton (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Jessica Curtis, Jen Davies, Lindsay Dew, Susan Rainsford, Joyce Trett & David Wines. Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Emma Gunhouse (Deputy Clerk), Peter Fisher & Michael Dalby

Councill welcomed Town Clerk in Waiting, Emma Gunhouse.

1) Public Forum

- a) Little Gillies – Councill recognised hard work and effort from Little Gillies organisers. Clerk to write letter of congratulations to organisers on their success.
- b) Illegal Parking – Councillor Arguile highlighted issues regarding illegal parking in and around Wells.
- c) Victory Housing Councillor Trett brought to the council's attention concerns regarding Victory housing and public disorder in Northfield Lane and Staithes Street.
- d) Street/Road Maintenance – Concerns raised relating to condition of roads in Wells, primarily Station Road and Mill Road as well as brick surround of tree on corner of Mill Road and Clubbs Lane.

2) Reports

- a) Police – No report received.
- b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby
Michael Dalby present to answer questions:
Anticipated report from NCC concerning Station Road promised end of the month. Site meeting regarding flooding on Saithe to be confirmed. Request made to investigate condition of railway cutting at east end of town.
- c) North Norfolk District Council, Councillor Peter Fisher
Peter Fisher present to answer questions:
A report was received which is available on the website.

3) Apologies – Cheryl Curtis, Bob Curtis & Peter Rainsford.

4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations. None.

5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2023. Approved and signed.



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6) To consider the problem of rats at the allotments

Clerk presented report to council. Council expressed need to improve current situation.
Resolved - Clerk to approach professional bodies for quotes.

7) To consider Government Guidance on Biodiversity and consider what action to take.

Council made first consideration of 'Government Guidance on Biodiversity'. The ensuing discussion highlighted existing measures and the council members considered them to be sufficient.

Resolved – No additional policies or objectives required at this time.

8) Reports**a) Town Clerk**

The Clerk reported the following: After recent correspondence Highways have changed their position concerning overgrown verges situated along Maryland; they now recognise ownership but have requested that the council maintain verges. Clerk has contacted Highways to negotiate that they return verges to original state before council accepts responsibility for said maintenance. Contractual obligations currently not being met by the company employed to repair streetlights. A recent inspection of children's play area identified the need to replace eye bolts on play equipment.

Resolved – Clerk given the go ahead to arrange for following measures to take place at the playfields: repair goal mouths, removal of rust and repainting of slide in addition to general maintenance of the Bounty.

b) Portfolio Holders/Committees/Working Parties/Councillors

Health and Well Being (PC) – Concerns raised about condition of B1105 as well as number of accidents. Clerk to obtain statistics relating to accidents to present to council in future meeting.

Traffic Management and Buttlands (MC) – A meeting for the Traffic Working Party is to be arranged after the 22nd of January. Pruning of the trees on the Buttlands has been delayed due to recent bad weather but will commence soon. Positive outcome from recent meeting the at the playfields.

9) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

The financial reports were circulated. These can be viewed on the website.

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed.

10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be at 7 pm Monday 5th February 2024.

Meeting ends 2045 hrs

Minutes completed by Emma Gunhouse (Deputy Clerk)

