



## Wells town council

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

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# MINUTES

2021/05

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### Town Council Meeting held by Zoom on 1 March 2021 at 1928 hrs

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Janet Angles, Roger Arguile, Mel Catton, Pauline Catton, Jessica Curtis, Lindsay Dew, Peter Rainsford, Joyce Trett & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Duncan Baker MP, Marie Strong, Peter Fisher and 3 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

PC asked about the situation with the planning permission for the use of the Pitch and Putt as an overflow car park. The Clerk advised the application had been withdrawn.

2) Reports

a) Police – A report was sent and is available on the website.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

A report was sent and is available on the website. Marie confirmed the report regarding bus parking on Market lane was being considered by NCC Highways.

c) North Norfolk District Councillor Peter Fisher

A report was sent and is available on the website. MC asked about the 'no access to car park' sign at the bottom of Staithe Street and RA questioned the nature of the affordable housing NNDC was proposing to provide, would it be houses for rent. PR asked if Peter could provide a more detailed briefing note about the proposed housing. MC said he was yet to receive the information he had been promised following the site meeting at the Beach Road toilets and asked if the area behind the railings was going to be tidied as promised.

3) Apologies – None

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

5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2021 Approved to be signed.

6) To re-consider the problem of disposing of excess grave soil at the Market Lane Cemetery and decide on the solution previously suggested by the Clerk.

The Clerk explained that further investigation had shown that the proposed solution would not work. Other options would need to be considered and the Clerk would report back in due course.



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- 7) To consider querying with NNDC why the Community Infrastructure Levy has not been adopted in North Norfolk  
 Councillor Arguile explained to the councillors the benefit of the Community Infrastructure Levy and asked that Peter Fisher seek clarification from NNDC why it hadn't been adopted.  
Resolved – To ask Peter Fisher to seek from NNDC an explanation as to why they have not introduced the Community Infrastructure Levy, bearing in mind in particular, its great advantage to councils like Wells who will have a neighbourhood Plan.
- 8) To welcome Duncan Baker MP to the meeting and discuss any relevant issues.  
 Duncan spoke about his concerns with regard to people travelling to North Norfolk in breach of the pandemic regulations, he spoke about the need to better manage the number of second homes to ensure communities remained sustainable, he spoke in support of the Community Infrastructure Levy in preference to section 106 and he explained all the recent work he had done to try and safeguard the Royal Mail sorting office in Wells; he had written to the sorting office at Fakenham and the CEO of Royal Mail, he was still waiting for a reply.
- 9) To discuss the possible closure of Royal Mail's sorting office in Wells.  
 Having discussed this issue with Duncan Baker during item 8 the town council fully supports the action taken by Mr Baker and awaits more information when it becomes available.
- 10) To receive a report from the neighbourhood plan working party.  
 A report was submitted and is available on the website.
- 11) Reports
- d) Town Clerk  
 A report was submitted and is available on the website. As a result of the report, the councillors asked that the Harbour Master be invited to a future meeting to talk about the work being done on possible measures to mitigate flooding. In addition the Clerk asked about the date of the Annual meeting of the Town Council and the Annual Town Meeting. Councillors agreed the Annual meeting of the Town Council would be held by Zoom on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021, and due to the pandemic there would be no Annual Town Meeting called.
- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees
- MC (Traffic and Parking) MC is still waiting to here from highways regarding the request for bus parking bays on Market lane. The team working on The Quay are doing an excellent job and the improvements will be beneficial to the town.
- RA (Neighbourhood Plan) RA explained that about three quarters of the Town Guides printed for 2020 had not been used, these would now be used for 2021 although out of date. RA asked if the £1000 held in the current financial year could be carried into the new year to allow for a redesign of the guide. Councillors gave their support. RA also explained that a group had successfully come together to take over the publishing of the Quay Magazine. The first addition by the new team would be in May and anyone wanting to advertise or



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provide material to be included could use the contact email information as displayed in the current edition of the Quay.

12) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

The financial reports were circulated. These can be viewed at Appendix A and on the website

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed.

13) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 12 April 2021.

Meeting ends 2035 hrs.



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