



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, MILL RD,
WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NR23 1RF

2019/20

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 1 July 2019 at 1906 at The Methodist Room

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Peter Fisher, Press (The Quay) & 10 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

A representative of St Nicolas Church updated the council on the renovation project and the public appeal for funds; the commemoration of the 1879 fire will be on Sunday 4th August 2019. A resident complained that the weeds on the highway at Dogger Lane, Bases Lane and Westfield Avenue had not been treated. A group of residents expressed concerns about a submission to NNDC's Local Plan Consultation by Holkham Estate who wants to build 130 new homes on three different sites rather than the 80 homes on the two sites recommended by NNDC. Another resident raised concerns about a scheme being investigated by Wells Harbour to allow Slade Marsh to be flooded during surge tides to protect the buildings along the Quay; a main concern was that there would be no public consultation about the proposals (*agenda item requested to seek assurance that there would be a commitment to a public consultation in good time*). A councillor asked when the scaffolding was coming down in Jolly sailor Yard. Another councillor raised concerns about the drainage gully by the bowling green on Mill Road.

2) Apologies None

3) To receive Declarations of Interest None

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2019 Agreed and signed.

5) To consider the traffic management portfolio and any other unfilled portfolios.

Three councillors expressed an interest in the traffic management portfolio and the matter was decided by a vote.

Resolved – Mel Catton to have the traffic management portfolio and all the councillors can be members of any future traffic management working party. No other portfolios were decided.

Wells Harbour was to be contacted about the need for a Harbour Liaison portfolio.

6) To discuss problems with the litter bin at the Skatepark.

RH explained that due to usage by people using the Freeman Street car park the bin was often overflowing with waste strewn all around the Skatepark.

Resolved – In the first instance Holkham Estate should be contacted to see if they could resolve the problem. Failing that, during busy periods the bin would be covered.

7) To considered a request from County Councillor Timothy Adams, for the Town Council to contribute to funding for an infrared camera to be installed on a drone for use by the emergency services which would be primarily used in the Northwest area of the North Norfolk District..

Resolved – The council does not have enough funds to commit to the project at this time.



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- 8) To discuss the issue of cycling events held on the highway and the impact on local residents.
 RA expressed concerns that these events were causing considerable disruption and inconvenience to the town with little consultation.
Resolved – To write to NCC with the councils concerns.

9) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

A written report had been circulated and is available on the website.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Councillor Strong mentioned the following:

- The re-use centre at the town's re-cycling centre.
- An additional consultation regarding traffic management
- Bank scams and cold calling.
- A community room for hire at the Library.
- The situation regarding a section of verge on Waveney Close.
- Future highway improvements on Shop Lane subject to funding.

c) North Norfolk District Council

Councillor Peter Fisher informed the Council of the following.

- Complaints received from people concerning the Quay car park. He wondered if notices could be displayed by traders on the quay warning of the need to pay to park.
 - The suitability of the proposed cladding for the new toilets on Stearmans Yard
- Councillors asked that Peter keep an eye on the cleanliness of the Beach Road toilets during the season and that there was no sign on the door of the Beach Road baby changing facility.

d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised the councillors of the following:

- That an enquiry had been received from a trader in Staithe Street wanting to produce a new map for the noticeboard in return for a small mention at the bottom (*the councillors agreed to this subject to approving the map prior to installation; delegated to RA*).
- The new LED street lighting has achieved a saving of 73% on electricity and a 72% saving in maintenance costs.
- No reply had yet been received from Victory Housing.
- Training can be organised for the new councillors which would also be beneficial as a refresher for the long standing members (*this was agreed*).

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands, Staithe Street and Noticeboard) JE was still concerned about specific issues in Staithe Street and asked if he could consult with the area highways engineer on the council's behalf (Resolved – request declined). The grass on the Buttlands may need some improvement in the future.

RH (Children's Playground) The grass cutting contractor is doing an excellent job on the playground.



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RA (Tourism & Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) RA delivered a report on the consultation which will be available in the Quay Magazine.

LD (Cemetery) The grass cutting at the cemetery has been good but all the water containers have gone missing.

GW (Polka Cemetery and Church Yard) GW, while litter picking, has had to deal with a lot of empty cider bottles thrown down in the Polka Cemetery.

JT (Community Hall Working Party) The working party has met and agrees there is a need to get public opinion on the need for a Hall. A meeting is also planned with Simon Daykin at the Maltings.

10) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Barclay Bank	Bank Charges - monthly	8.05
E-on Energy	Buttlands	27.74
NNDC - Rates	Rates - Office	53.00
Anglian Water	Water Rates - Allotments West End	102.86
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting Electricity	605.31
Anglian Water	Water Rates - Cemetery	13.35
Clerk to the Council	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges - quarterly	18.00

Payments I July 2019

Contractor	Bollards	440.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	220.14
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	499.89
Westcotec Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	77.90
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Collection	126.52
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 1st Quarter	1808.46
Wells Community Hospital	Rent - June	262.50
Masbo Cleaning Services	Cleaning Bus Shelter	100.00
P J & B Jones Ltd	Ground Maintenance	1365.00
Staff	Litter Picking	270.93

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 2 September 2019.

Meeting ends 2110



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