



## WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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

2020/07

# MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 2 March 2020 at 1940 at the Methodist Room

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Janet Angles, Roger Arguile, Mel Catton, Pauline Catton, Jessica Curtis, Lindsay Dew, 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 member of the public expressed concerns about the way motorists were negotiating the new roundabout, a councillor asked who was responsible for a gully on Stiffkey Road and a member of the public suggested the croquet lawn could be used for an outside gym.

2) Apologies - Joe Ellison & Pc Pegden

3) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations – MG item 10

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2020 - Agreed and signed.

10) Reports b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Councillor Dr Strong advised that a County Highways Officer was drawing up plans for a school bus parking scheme on Market lane. She also spoke about a dead Muntjac near the Bluebell Gardens roundabout, Public Health England advice for Coronavirus and the opening of the new improved coastal footpath between Wells and Holkham. In addition to this she explained her preferences for the reorganisation of the electoral boundaries.

5) To discuss the Local Government Boundary Commission electoral review of division boundaries for Norfolk County Council, consider proposals for the divisions made by NNDC, NCC and others, then consider any response the Town Council wants to make to the consultation.

Resolved – To make a submission in favour of the NC3 Liberal Democrat configuration and enhanced coastal connections.

6) To receive representation from Councillor Roger Arguile on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group with regard a housing needs survey to be commissioned jointly by Holkham Estate, Homes for Wells and the Town Council.

Resolved – To endorse and support the proposed Housing Needs Survey

7) To consider the reallocation of funds, including the carrying over of monies from the current financial year, to allow for additional tree surgery requirements and an upgrade of the Town Council's office computer systems.

Resolved - to carry over £2991 towards tree surgery and £2000 towards the computer system.



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8) To agreed that the Town Council allows for the Clerk to hold a cooperate credit card as permitted by the Council's financial regulations to enable modern electronic payment methods.  
Resolved – To allow the acquisition of a credit card as outlined.

9) To consider changing the agenda format to allow reports to be heard from the Police, NCC and NNDC at the start of the meeting immediately after the minutes have been agreed.  
Resolved – The proposed change was agreed.

10) To consider a request from the Maltings to allow them to add additional fingers to two of the Council's fingerpost signs to signpost the Maltings.  
Resolved – To allow the Maltings to add the fingers.

### 11) Reports

#### a) Police

A report was received from Pc Pegden and is available on the website

#### c) North Norfolk District Council

Councillor Peter Fisher spoke about the new waste contract, NNDC budget, revenue support grant, electric charging points on Stearmans Yard and the Big Society Fund. He also gave reassurance that there was no water leak at the Beach Road toilets and that due to the prefabricated nature of the new toilet block proposed for Stearmans Yard construction would only take a fortnight.

#### d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk spoke about dates for a meeting with the Wensum Trust and a request for the school regarding DOE students. It was agreed to meet with the Wensum Trust at 10am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

#### e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

RA (Tourism) RA is still awaiting the draft Town Guide for checking.

LD (Cemetery) Rabbits continue to be a problem at the cemetery.

### 12) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

#### **Payments during the month**

Barclays Bank	Bank Charges	10.15
E-on Energy	Buttlands	34.58
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting Electricity	235.33
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00



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### Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement Continued

#### **Payments 2 March 2020**

Contractor	Bollards	220.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	301.30
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	499.89
Westcotec Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	77.90
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Disposal	32.40
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	262.50
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery	84.00
P J & B Jones Ltd	Ground Maintenance	1365.00
Wells Street Party	Grant	400.00
Wells Community Theatre	Grant	400.00
Wells Library Friends	Grant	350.00
Elsmith Bowls Club	Grant	300.00
Staff	Litter Picking	254.51

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

13) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 6 April 2020.

Meeting ends 2055



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