



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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

2019/23

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 2 September 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 resident spoke in support of item 6 on the agenda. A question was asked about a damaged bench which was in memory of Vera Spellacy (*there are plans to replace it*). Concerns were raised about the Elsmith Croquet pitch and the possibility of development. The hazards of too many dogs on Staithe Street was mentioned. A representative of the Carnival Committee thanked the Council for their help and announced that the Carnival Committee AGM would be on 8th October. A resident raised concerns about the use of Glyphosate by councils to control weeds (*an agenda item was requested*). The issue of emissions from stationary cars and in particular buses stopped at the Buttlands was discussed.

2) Apologies Police

3) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations. MC item 10a

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2019 Agreed and signed.

5) To receive a presentation from Simon Daykin on behalf of Wells Maltings.

Simon Daykin was unable to attend and the item was postponed until the October meeting.

6) To consider asking Wells Harbour to fully consult with the town on any proposal to flood Slade Marsh and that any consultation with the town be made in good time.

Mel Catton on behalf of the Harbour Commissioners said that the Commissioners have commissioned a survey to consider anything that could be done to protect the Town against a predicted rise in sea level. He confirmed there would be a consultation with the Town when there were some findings to discuss.

Resolved – to ask Wells Harbour to fully consult with the town on any proposal to flood Slade Marsh and that any consultation with the town be made in good time.

7) To discuss the condition of some properties on Maryland

Concerns were expressed by the whole council about the state of the industrial units on Maryland and the lack of action taken by NNDC.

Resolved – To write to North Norfolk District councillor Peter Fisher asking him to investigate and find out what can be done.

8) To agree a policy regarding memorial benches.

Resolved – The policy was adopted.

9) To consider improving/replacing the posts and bollard at the access slope on the Buttlands.

Resolved – It was agreed to look at replacing the posts and bollard in the next financial year.



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10) To consider the following grant applications:

a) Wells Christmas Tide Festival, b) Wells Twinning Committee, c) Norfolk Citizens Advice
Resolved – to grant a) £500, b) £250, c) £300

11) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

No report had been received but concerns were expressed by councillors about the lack of a police presence in the town and recent crime trends (*an agenda item was requested*).

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Councillor Strong mentioned the following:

- A waste amnesty at the Hempton Waste centre 6th, 7th and 8th September.
- Wells Men's Sheds will be happy to receive items that might be useful.
- An appeal for donations of household furniture for Syrian refugees.
- A number of scams reported by Trading Standards.
- Period poverty.
- Jolly Sailors Yard closure.
- Delays to implementing changes to the towns traffic regulations.

c) North Norfolk District Council

Councillor Peter Fisher informed the Council of the following.

- Progress on liaising with stakeholders regarding the parking regime on the Quay car park.
- Action taken concerning the weeds growing by the Beach Road toilets and problems with the door to the disabled toilet.

Councillors asked Peter about money wasted by NNDC on various projects recently in North Norfolk, second homes business rates, help given to Cromer Carnival and the lack of a sign on the baby changing facility at the Beach Road toilets.

d) Town Clerk's Report

A report was submitted by the Clerk (available on the website) and as a result the items concerning the Skatepark bin, Old Staithe Walk and the Harbour Users Advisory Committee were requested as agenda items at the next meeting. In addition councillors resolved that Mel Catton would be the liaison with the Wells Harbour Commissioners. In addition the Clerk advised that the annual audit had been finalised and the auditors had found fault due to a change in the accounting system used by the council and the way the VAT had been stated; it did not affect the validity of the accounts.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands, Staithe Street and Noticeboard) JE was pleased with the way the Carnival Committee had left the Buttlands after carnival.

PC (Planning, Dementia Friendly Community and Fairtrade) PC reported on a meeting with representatives from Victory Housing who had been very receptive.

MC (Traffic Management) A meeting of the Traffic Management Working Party is to be arranged.

RH (Children's Playground) The replacement benches for those damaged on the playing field had arrived. The Buttlands bonfire will be on Tuesday November 5th.



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RA (Tourism & Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) RA reported on the workings of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and a meeting with Holkham representatives. The next meeting of the group would be on 17th September.

GW (Polka Cemetery and Church Yard) Maintenance at the Polka Cemetery had resumed.

JT (Community Hall Working Party) There is an identified need for a facility and work continues to find a solution.

12) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during July

Barclay Bank	Bank Charges - monthly	10.00
BT	Telephone Service	88.68
NNDC - Rates	Rates - Office	53.00
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting Electricity	130.23
Contractor	Bollards	220.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	220.14
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	499.89
Westcotec Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance (June)	77.90
Veolia Environmental Services	Waste collection - June	94.69
Wells Community Hospital	Rent - June	262.50
The Play Inspection Company Ltd	Playground Inspection	103.50
RBS Engineering Ltd	Church Gate Repair	2100.00
Norfolk Parish Training & Support	Training to Council	300.00

Payments during August

P J & B Jones Ltd	Ground Maintenance	1365.00
Veolia Environmental Services	Waste collection - July	126.52
Staff	Litter Picking	307.88
Masbo Cleaning Services	Bus Shelter Cleaning	110.00
Barclay Bank	Bank Charges - monthly	9.75
E-on Energy	Buttlands	210.54
NNDC	Rates - Office	53.00
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting	134.00
Clerk to the Council	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments 2 September 2019

Contractor	Bollards	220.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	220.14
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	499.89
Westcotec Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance (July)	77.90
Wells Community Hospital	Office rent	262.50
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery	84.00
S.T. Sutton (Blyth & Sons Ltd)	Removal of excess soil cemetery	225.00
Viking	Office Supplies	41.95
Viking	Office Supplies - Printer Ink	72.82
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Annual Audit	480.00
P J & B Jones Ltd	Ground Maintenance	1365.00
Staff	Litter Picking	328.40

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

13) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 7 October 2019.

Meeting ends 2125



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