



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 2 October 2017 at 1908 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Rodney Crafer (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum & Guy Warren
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Press (The Quay) & 6 members of the Public.

- 1) Public Forum A member of the public expressed concerns regarding rumours of a new development at the top of Staithe Street which may include a Costa Coffee.
- 2) Apologies Gary Anthony, Tony Ford, Allen Fray, Vincent Fitzpatrick & Simon Hester
- 3) To receive Declarations of Interest None
- 4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2017. Agreed and Signed
- 5) To discuss the issue of second homes.

As a direct result of concerns raised by a resident the council considered the problems caused by the increasing number of second homes in Wells. Currently 31% of the town's dwellings are either holiday homes or second homes. Of particular concern is the impact on affordable housing.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to:

- Holkham Estate to enquire what is to happen with the exception site to the south of the Hopkins Homes development.
 - To enquire of NNDC regarding their plans for utilising the £2.4 million Community Housing Fund received from central government.
 - To ask Norman Lamb MP for his help in highlighting the problem with central government.
- 6) To discuss a request from North Norfolk Town and Parish Forum for information about any applications from WTC for grants from the Big Society Fund, and any reasons why the Fund is not used.
The fund was discussed and it was outlined that the criteria required to be eligible for a grant was quite narrow and that there had been no suitable projects undertaken by the Town Council that would qualify. It was agreed that the Town Council does support the work of the North Norfolk Town and Parish Forum and Russell Reeve from NALC.
 - 7) To select a councillor to attend the 'Sustainable Dog Walking on The Wash and North Norfolk Coast' workshop on 11 October 2017.

Resolved – Tony Ford was selected with Guy Warren as reserve.



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8) Reportsa) Safer Neighbourhood Team

No report was received.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Marie spoke about the Library and the importance of using it. She advised that it was hoped that a solution had been found for the proposed roundabout at Beach Road and the proposal was with the Safety Committee. Marie explained about an article in the next issue of the Quay Magazine asking residents to suggest any changes they would wish to see to the parking restrictions. Marie also spoke about an additional broadband cabinet going live, foster carers for teenagers and fire prevention surveys.

c) North Norfolk District Council

A written report was received and is available on the website. However, Town Councillors expressed their disappointment that the report did not provide a response from Councillor Fitzpatrick to questions asked at previous Town Council meetings concerning problems with the public toilets and the dangerous wall at Stearmans Yard car park. The Clerk was asked to write to Councillor Fitzpatrick to seek clarity.

d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that there was no meeting of the Allotment Committee due to the chairman being incapacitate. An enquiry had been received from a resident on Two Furlong Hill about speeding, the Clerk asked if permission could be given for him to investigate the possibility of deploying the SAM 2 speed activated sign at that location (*permission was given*). By changing electricity providers for street lighting a saving of £150 a month had been achieved. The Clerk asked if the councillors wanted to continue with the Norse ground maintenance contract for another year (it was agreed that the Council would continue with Norse). The Clerk advised that the Highways Authority were taking enforcement action against the property owner on Chapel Yard that had removed a section of the Highway.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) JE reported a section of yellow line missing on Staithe Street.

LD (Cemetery) LD said there had been a problem with the cemetery gates being left open.

RH (Children's Playing field) RH reported that the Bonfire on the Buttlands would be on Saturday 4th November and not Sunday 5th.

CM (Traffic and Parking) The traffic management committee was meeting on 17th November to discuss parking restrictions.

PC (Dementia Awareness/Coastal Communities Team) The CCT had received 279 responses to the destination management plan survey. The recent dementia walk had raised £344.



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GW (Services, Churchyard and Polka cemetery) GW had met with representatives from Norfolk Naturalists Trust and the Church to discuss the wildflower areas. The areas had yet to be strimmed and it was thought some seeding of wildflowers might be needed. Some self-seeded elder and lilac bushes had been removed and Guy would keep trees trimmed back over the cremation plots. Clearance work continues in the Polka Cemetery.

RA (Tourism and Town & Parish Forum) RA delivered a report from the Beach Road Toilets & Memorial Site Consultation Working Party (a copy is available on the website).

- 9) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement
Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

Payments during the month

NNDC	Cemetery Rates	55.00
Total gas & Power	Street Lighting electricity	460.78
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Email Service	1.69

Payments 2 October 2017

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	213.91
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	482.04
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance(August)	324.18
Norse Eastern Ltd	Ground Maintenance £1391.45	-----
	Ground Maintenance £310.57	1702.02
Wells Community Hospital Trust	Office Rent	250.00
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 2nd quarter	1838.13
Viking	Step ladder for SAM2	53.99
Norfolk Parish Training & Support	Training	35.00
DTS Solutions (U.K) Ltd	Antenna & Battery (Flood Wardens)	474.00
Avena Environmental Limited	Confidential Waste Disposal	75.00
J Cooke	Pest Control Allotments (Aug/Sept)	120.00
J Cooke	Replacement Cheque	120.00
Pear Technology Services Ltd	Annual Charge - Mapping	264.00
Burnham Market Area Car Scheme	Grant	300.00
Wells Twinning Association	Grant	300.00
Wells Christmas Lighting Committee	Grant	500.00
Eddy Cast	Litter Picking	265.65

- 10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 6 November 2017.

Meeting ends 2100

