



Wells Town Council

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

MINUTES

2023/20

Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 2nd October 2023 at 1920 hrs.

Those Present: Mel Catton (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Jessica Curtis, Lindsay Dew, Susan Rainsford, Peter Rainsford & Joyce Trett.

Greg Hewitt (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

- 1) Public Forum
No speakers
- 2) Reports
 - a) Police – No report received.
 - b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby
A report was received which is available on the website.
 - c) North Norfolk District Council, Councillor Peter Fisher
A report was received which is available on the website.
- 3) Apologies – Bob Curtis, Cheryl Curtis, Jen Davies, David Wines, Michael Dalby & Peter Fisher.
- 4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations.
None.
- 5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2023.
Approved and signed.
- 6) To consider the 2024/2025 Town Council Budget proposals prepared by the Clerk.
The Clerk outlined the budget proposals, in particularly the finances needed for the transition of the Clerk, resurfacing of the cemetery roads and the maintenance of the playground, while maintaining the other essential commitments and services.
Resolved – Agreed the proposals and resolved to increase the precept to £90,000.
- 7) Reports
 - a) Town Clerk
The Clerk reported the following: The external audit for the financial year 2022/23 has been concluded with no issues identified, the report is available on the website. Full council training has been arranged for 6.30 pm on Wednesday the 1st November 2023 at the Community Hospital. NNDC want to deliver planning training to the councillors and require a date (*20th November was agreed*). New scramble nets have been installed on the Bounty Playboat on the playground and the climbing tyres need to be removed because the frame has broken. The licence application for the Pop Inn will be heard by NNDC on 10th October 2023. A date is required for a meeting of the Playground working party (*6.30 pm on Monday 23rd October 2023 was agreed*).



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b) Portfolio Holders/Committees/Working Parties/Councillors

PC (Health and Wellbeing) There is another meeting scheduled to discuss ambulance response times.

JC (Childrens Playground and Fairtrade) JC announced that donations had been received from Wells Lions (£800) and The Carnival Committee (£1000) towards improvements on the Children's Playground. Several people have volunteered to help with the working party.

JT (Allotments) Reported concerns about rodents on the East End allotments.

LD (Cemetery) Reports a tree obstructing a roadway on the cemetery.

SR (Maltings and Affordable Housing) There has been another successful exhibition of local art at the Maltings which is to be followed by the Staithe Place Photographic exhibition. SR asked if it would be possible to start Town Council meetings earlier (*councillors resolved to keep to the 7 pm start time*).

PR (Affordable Housing) PR and SR have attended the Homes for Wells AGM and are both working to produce a guide to getting a home in Wells.

RA (Tourism / Neighbourhood Plan) NNDC are now consulting on the draft Wells Neighbourhood Plan, the consultation is from 2nd October to 13th November 2023.

There will be a drop-in session at the library on the 13th October 2023, between 11 am and 2 pm, for those that want help in understanding the plan. Once the consultation is over NNDC will be appointing a planning examiner to review the plan.

MC (Traffic Management and Buttlands) New posts have been installed at the Buttlands. The traffic management working party are awaiting the delivery of maps from NCC. Volunteers are needed to help with the remembrance parade road closure on 12th November 2023. Men's Shed have agreed to provide some white planters for the Town Gateway on B1105 Two Furlong Hill.

8) 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.

9) To confirm Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be at 7 pm Monday 6th November 2023.

Meeting ends 2045 hrs.

