



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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

2019/32

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 2 December 2019 at 1912 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, Pc Pegden, Press (The Quay) & 6 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

A resident spoke about the Conveyance for the Croquet Green and the covenant contained therein. RA stated that Homes for Wells had sort legal advice about the Croquet Green and have behaved with utter propriety. Another resident spoke about speeding problems on Burnt Street. JC brought to the council's attention problems caused by buses parking on Market Lane. An obstruction of the pavement on Mill Road was reported by a member of the public.

2) Apologies - None

3) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations - None

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2019 - Agreed and signed.

5) To consider the state of the SE corner of the Buttlands and any improvements that might be required.
JE explained it was the SW corner where the path was forming a deep rut.
It was agreed that JE, MC, RH & GW would have a site meeting to consider possible options.

6) To finalise and sign the 2020/2021 precept request.

The Clerk explained that there would be no grant from NNDC this year.

Resolved – Precept request signed and finalised at £78000

7) To consider making a parish partnership bid to Norfolk County Council for the installation of a Town Gateway and Vehicle Activated Speed Sign on the B1105 Two Furlong Hill to reduce the speed of vehicles entering Wells.

Resolved – To submit a parish partnership bid to NCC.



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8) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Pegden gave a report, during the month there had been 17 calls to police which included one burglary, one affray and one assault. Jason also explained the police station would now be open on a monthly basis, the first two dates are 18th December 10am – 12am and 15th January 10am – 12am. Future dates would be published in the Quay Magazine. If volunteer help could be found the station would be open more often. Any potential volunteers were asked to contact Jason (more details will be in The Quay Magazine). PR thanked the Police for the recent police engagement meeting held at Hindringham for parish councillors.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Councillor Strong mentioned the following:

- NCC's recently agreed environmental policy.
- NCC consultation on county division boundary changes which has been extended to 11th February.
- NCC free fire risk safety check.
- Work on the new Quay roundabout would start on 6th January.
- The proposed changes to the parking regulations are with the cabinet member and should hopefully be signed off prior to Christmas.

c) North Norfolk District Council

Councillor Peter Fisher reported:

- A sign has now been installed on the baby changing cubicle at the Beach Rd toilets.
- NNDC have formally express concerns about ambulance response times.

GW asked when something was to be done about the fenced off area at the Beach Road toilets.

d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk advised:

- now that the 2020 May bank holiday has been moved from Monday 4th May to Friday 8th May, the May Town Council meeting should be rescheduled to the 4th (it was agreed).
- A copy of the conveyance for the Croquet Green has been obtained for the Town Council from the Land Registry. There is a covenant detailed in the document outlining how the land should be used. Should the council need more advice professional legal guidance would be needed.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands, Staithe Street and Noticeboard) there are still A Boards causing an obstruction in Staithe Street.

RH (Children's Playingfield) RH said the annual bonfire on the Buttlands had been a huge success and thanked all those that helped.

RA (Tourism and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) the steering group will be producing a housing needs survey and Holkham have come on-board wanting to include Holkham, Wighton and Warham.



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9) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

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| Barclay Bank | Bank Charges - monthly | 9.80 |
| Land Registry | Document Enquiry | 7.00 |
| NNDC | Rates - Office | 53.00 |
| Total Gas & Power | Street Lighting electricity | 201.39 |
| Clerk to the Council | Clerk's Salary Deposit | 1000.00 |

Payments 2 December 2019

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| Contractor | Bollards | 220.00 |
| Clerk to the Council | Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses | 226.14 |
| Norfolk Pension Fund | Monthly Contribution | 499.89 |
| Westcotec Ltd | Street Lighting Maintenance | 77.90 |
| Wells Community Hospital | Office Rent - November | 262.50 |
| Command Pest Control Ltd | Pest Control Cemetery - moles | 84.00 |
| The Play Inspection Company Ltd | Playground Inspection | 94.50 |
| NNDC | Un-Contested Election Costs | 334.39 |
| Society of Local Council Clerks | Annual Subscription | 202.00 |
| Floodscene Ltd | Hydro Flood Barrier | 1243.15 |
| Viking | Office Supplies | 231.55 |
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| P J & B Jones Ltd | Ground Maintenance | 1365.00 |
| M Briggs | Repairs to War Memorial | 195.00 |
| Contractor | Pest Control Allotments - J/F/M | 180.00 |
| Staff | Litter Picking | 262.72 |

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 6 January 2020.

Meeting ends 2040



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