



Wells Town Council

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

MINUTES

2023/07

Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 3rd April 2023 at 1922 hrs.

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Janet Angles, Roger Arguile, Mel Catton, Pauline Catton, Karen Clarke, Jessica Curtis, Lindsay Dew, Ray Hewitt, Peter Rainsford, Joyce Trett & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Peter Fisher & 1 member of the public.

- 1) Public Forum – Nothing discussed.
- 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. Ongoing problems with bin collections were raised by MC and JT. PR asked for a vote of thanks for all that Peter had done while representing Wells, the councillors all agreed. JT also asked about parking in Shop lane and if NNDC had been asked by NCC about residents parking.
- 3) Apologies – Michael Dalby
- 4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations.
None.
- 5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2023.
Approved and signed.
- 6) To consider proposed changes to the 2023/2024 Town Council budget, allowing for the reallocation of funds, in line with inflation and existing commitments.
The Clerk presented an amended budget document.
Resolved – The proposed budget changes were agreed.
- 7) To consider a response to the NCC consultation concerning a proposed change to speed limits on the A149 Coast Road between Sheringham and Hunstanton.
The change is for a blanket speed limit of 40 mph outside the built-up areas.
Resolved – The council supported the proposed changes and the Clerk was asked to respond accordingly.



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8) Reports

a) Town Clerk

The Clerk reported that an invite had been received to the Twinning Committee's Gala for one plus guest. The council were informed by the Clerk of significant problems with Barclays Bank, who were threatening to restrict the council's account as part of their Know Your Customer initiative. The problem is that the Bank does not understand the needs of the parish council sector.
(*Councillors gave the Clerk the authority to close the account if necessary*).

b) Portfolio Holders/Committees/Working Parties/Councillors

RA (Tourism and Neighbourhood Plan) RA reported back to the council on the enquiries he had made concerning transport options in the town. He advised that the Burnham Market Area Car Scheme would help with journeys subject to the availability of drivers and a minimum £7 fee. The Neighbourhood Plan Working Party has been in correspondence with Holkham concerning a section of the Mill Road triangle. It was hoped the Neighbourhood Plan would be ready for formal consideration by the council at the June meeting.

RH (Children's Playground) RH advised the roundabout has now been re-installed although the rubber matting will need replacing. RH thanked Arthur Howell for the use of the machine to lift the roundabout into place. The new climbing nets had also been installed on the bounty and the climbing frame. The boundary fence on the east side needs attention and the friends would be painting some of the equipment this year. Ray thanked the councillors for their support through recent troubled times.

MC (Traffic Management and Buttlands) MC reported that the harbour would be installing the new Heritage Harbour signs during the next three weeks. He also reported on a flood meeting he had attended at Holkham, the meeting was very interesting but the projections for sea level rise and the impact on the town was concerning. He reported he was organising new posts on the Buttlands. The traffic working party was now considering improvements to the parking restrictions and some residents parking; talks were ongoing with the Highways Authority. He thanked the Chairman for all the work he had done for the town over many years.

9) 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.

10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 15th May 2023.

Meeting ends 2038 hrs.

