



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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

2019/17

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 3 June 2019 at 1906 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Janet Angles, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Ray Hewitt, Peter Rainsford & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Peter Fisher, Press (The Quay) & 16 Members of the Public

- 1) Public Forum
No speakers
- 2) Apologies None
- 3) To receive Declarations of Interest MG item II
- 4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 May 2019.
Resolved – minutes to be altered at item 8, 'Traffic Management Portfolio'; to be amended to 'Not formally agreed, to be revisited'. Minutes amended accordingly, agreed and signed.
- 5) To receive written applications for the office of Town councillor and to Co-opt candidates to fill three vacancies.
Four candidates were present and spoke of their interest in being Town Councillors.
Resolved – Mel Catton, Jessica Curtis and Joyce Trett were co-opted onto the council. All signed the declaration of office and joined the councillors at the table.
- 6) To consider and agree the Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019.
Resolved – The individual statements I – 9 were read and agreed. The Annual Governance Statement 2018/2019 was signed accordingly.
- 7) To consider and agree the annual accounts for 2018/2019.
Resolved – The annual accounts for 2018/2019 were agreed.
- 8) To consider and agree the annual Accounting Statement for 2018/2019.
Resolved - The annual Accounting Statement for 2018/2019 was agreed and signed
- 9) To discuss the need for a Village hall (RH).
RH explained that a suggestion, that Wells needed a village hall, was made by a resident at the recent Annual Town Meeting and he asked for the suggestion to go on the agenda for further discussion.
Resolved – A working party was formed to look at the feasibility of providing a village hall. Councillors Jessica Curtis, Ray Hewitt, Joyce Trett and Guy Warren agreed to be on the working party which would report back to the Council in the future.



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- 10) To consider a request from an individual to hold commercial yoga classes on the Buttlands.
The Clerk explained that the council's policies for the Buttlands did not allow for commercial activity and it was against national guidelines for a registered village green.
Resolved – There should be no commercial activity and the request was declined.
- 11) To discuss the untidiness of some parts of the Northfield Estate (LD).
LD explained she had received complaints from residents about some parts of the estate.
Resolved – To request that a representative of Victory Housing meet with two or three councillors and that they conduct a site visit and walk round with the councillors.
- 12) To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Steering Group and agree a formal Town Council response to the Local Plan Consultation.
Councillor Arguile introduced a report to the council outlining the suggested response for the council to the Local Plan consultation (a copy of the report is available on the website).
Resolved – To accept the report in full for submission to North Norfolk District Council.
- 13) Reports
- a) Safer Neighbourhood Team
No report was received
- b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong
Councillor Strong informed the council of the following:
- That she will be formally cutting the ribbon at the opening of the re-use centre at the town's re-cycling centre soon.
 - That new developments of thirty or more houses could have free fibre broadband to each property
 - Action for Children would be operating the nearest children's centre.
 - There would be no loss of mobile libraries.
 - That the yellow lines on The Glebe had been changed from a double yellow line which was incorrect for the restriction to a single yellow line to allow for enforcement.
- c) North Norfolk District Council
Councillor Peter Fisher informed the Council of the following.
- Palm Oil on the beaches
 - A seaside award for Wells beach
 - The deep history coast
- d) Town Clerk's Report
The Clerk circulated a letter to be sent to a trader in Staithe Street regarding A-boards obstructing the footpath. Councillors were advised if the problem continued to provide suitable evidence and the highways authority would be informed for enforcement action. The Clerk also updated councillors on a recent meeting with the highways authority regarding proposals to widen the footpaths on the quay to at least 1.7 metres and provide three pedestrian crossing areas.



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e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

PC (Dementia Friendly Community & Fairtrade) The Dementia Fun & Forgetfulness Information Day was well attended.

JE (Buttlands, Staithe Street and Noticeboard) People have been allowing their dogs on the Buttlands off the lead.

RH (Children's Playground) RA praised the pest operative for keeping the moles down at the cemetery, it's the best he has seen it. RH expressed concerns about the litter bin at the Skatepark which was often overflowing due to use by those returning to Holkham's Freeman Street car park (*to be an agenda item at the next meeting*).

14) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Barclay Bank	Bank Charges	17.62
NNDC	Rates - Office	53.00
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting Electricity	636.27
Clerk to the Council	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments 3 June 2019

Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	220.14
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	499.89
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	262.50
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery	84.00
JMC Garden & Landscape Services Ltd	Tree Surgery - Buttlands	786.00
Pear Technology Services Ltd	Mapping System support	51.00
P J & B Jones Ltd	Ground Maintenance	1365.00
Contractor	Bollards	220.00
Staff	Litter Picking	270.93

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

15) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 1 July 2019.

Meeting ends 2047



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