



# Wells Town Council

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

## MINUTES

2023/14

### **Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 at 1940 hrs.**

Those Present: Mel Catton (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Bob Curtis, Cheryl Curtis, Jen Davies, Lindsay Dew, Peter Rainsford, Susan Rainsford, Joyce Trett & David Wines.

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Peter Fisher & 28 members of the public.

1) Public Forum

A member of the Parochial Church Council updated the Town Council on the plans for the refurbishment of St Nicholas Church.

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 delivered which is available on the website.

3) Apologies – Jessica Curtis & 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 5th June 2023.  
Approved and signed.

6) To receive a presentation from representatives of Holkham Estate regarding plans for the development of land off Mill Road.

The presentation outlined plans for a mixed development of 51 dwellings with 23 for open market sale, 9 for social rent, 5 shared equity, 9 for Homes for Wells and 5 open market rent. The access would be off Mill Road near Mill Farm and there would be public open space adjacent to the north of the site. Questions were taken and answered from councillors and members of the public.

7) To consider making an application to Historic England to have the Gordan Barrett Hall given listed status.

Various options were considered for ensuring the Hall is safeguarded for the future use of the community. The Clerk was not sure listing was the best option and if the building was eligible. The chairman volunteered to make further enquiries.

8) To consider how the Town Council wants to plan for the transition when the current Town Clerk retires.

Resolved – It was agreed to form a small working party to consider the options and report back at the September meeting. The members would be MC, PC, LD & RA.



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### 9) Reports

#### a) Town Clerk

The Clerk reported the following: The council had been offered a selection of dates for a full council training session (*the 1<sup>st</sup> November was selected*). The town gateway had now been installed on the B1105. Concerns about pedestrian safety at the entrance to the Co-op had been reported to Highways. In order to provide training for the Chairman and the Councillors there would be a slight overspend on the agreed budget, was this acceptable (*the overspend was agreed*). The EA had been contacted about the small sea defence bank along the old east end railway cutting and they were making enquiries. The September meeting would be in the Fourth Space at the Maltings. The Clerk expressed some concerns about the draft Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill currently going through parliament and the possible impact on events held on the Buttlands.

#### b) Portfolio Holders/Committees/Working Parties/Councillors

DW had been approached by Wells in Bloom about the possibility of some more dog waste bins (*to be an agenda item*).

JD (St Nicholas Churchyard and Polka Cemetery) JD had met with the Parochial Church Council and introduced herself as the new portfolio holder. She also reported concerns about the recycling centre being closed during the published opening hours and vegetation obscuring the entrance.

BC (Finance) BC had spoken with the Clerk about procedures.

PR (Affordable Housing) PR and SR are working on a guide to the different types of social housing available in the town.

SR (Maltings and Affordable Housing) SR had attended a board meeting at the Maltings and praised the work of staff at the Maltings who have organised a weekly youth club for those aged 11 to 16.

JT (Allotments) JT on behalf of JC reported that there were dips in front of the goals on the children's playground.

RA (Tourism / Neighbourhood Plan) RA reported to JT a complaint he had received about the east end allotments. JT agreed to speak with the complainant.

MC (Traffic Management and Buttlands) MC reported he now had a quote for the replacement posts on the Buttlands and was looking for a suitable contractor to instal them. Members of the Traffic Management Working Party would be meeting again with Highways this week to try and finalise proposals for parking improvements.

LD (Market Lane Cemetery) LD thanked the Chair of Homes for Wells, for all that she was doing.

### 10) 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.

### 11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Meeting ends 2140 hrs.



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