



# Wells Town Council

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

## MINUTES

2022/18

### Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at 1906 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 and 1 Member of the Public.

- 1) Public Forum  
Peter Rainsford expressed concerns about the behaviour of the new waste collection operatives working for Serco, since the crews were changed collections have been missed and the bins were not being returned properly.
- 2) Reports
  - a) Police – No report received.
  - b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby  
A report was received which is on the website.
  - c) North Norfolk District Councillor Peter Fisher  
A report was received which is available on the website.
- 3) Apologies – Michael Dalby
- 4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations  
MC item 11.
- 5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2022  
Approved and signed.
- 6) To consider planning for the retirement of the Clerk and the financial implications.  
It is the Clerk's intention to retire in the autumn of 2024. If the council wanted the incoming Clerk to shadow the Clerk for the last year, funds would need to be included in the 2023 2024 budget.  
Resolved – to included funding in the 2023 -2024 budget.
- 7) To consider the feasibility and benefits of employing a handyperson.  
Resolved – After some discussion it was agreed that a better option would be to try and find a preferred contractor or contractors.
- 8) To consider improvements to the southern access to the Buttlands and replacement of the broken wooden posts.  
Resolved – It was agreed that the wooden posts should be replaced with similar posts in oak and MC and RH would meet and consider what could be done regarding the access.



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- 9) To consider the problem of dogs running loose on the Buttlands.  
Resolved – it was agreed that some new signage would be trialled.
- 10) To consider a meeting with representatives of NNDC.  
Resolved – It was agreed that the councillors would like to meet initially with Peter Fisher and Tim Adams, the leader of NNDC. A meeting would be arranged at the Community Hospital.
- 11) To consider grants applications from the Wells Twinning Committee and Wells Christmas Lighting Committee.  
Resolved - The Twinning Committee was granted £400 and Wells Christmas Lighting Committee £800.
- 12) Reports
- d) Town Clerk  
 The Clerk reminded the councillors that any budget items were required as soon as possible. A consultation document regarding an updated traffic order for parking restrictions on Bolts Close and East Quay had been received (*the councillors agreed to support the new traffic order*). Another consultation document had been received from APHS concerning a new resources centre for children with special educational needs (*the councillors supported the proposal*). The annual external audit for the financial year 2021 – 2022 had been concluded, no issues had been identified. A response had been received from NNDC regarding the impact of making Staithe Street a prohibited street for street trading; NNDC ruled that any goods on the highway would be affected. The Clerk asked for permission to approach the councillors individually to ensure sufficient countersignatures would be available after the elections in May 2024 (*permission was given*).
- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees  
 RA (Tourism and Neighbourhood Plan) RA reported that there had been a significant number of responses to the Neighbourhood Plan consultation which would be considered by the working group at a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October.  
 RH (Children’s Playground) The roundabout has been removed for maintenance.  
 MC (Traffic/Parking and Buttlands) MC reported that many drivers are flouting the parking restrictions on the Quay.  
 PR informed the councillors that the new Wells lifeboat, ‘The Duke of Edinburgh’, would be arriving at the weekend. Councillors were invited to visit the new boathouse and lifeboat on the 12<sup>th</sup> November, at a time to be arranged.
- 13) 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.
- 14) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022.  
 Meeting ends 2030hrs.



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