



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 4 March 2019 at 1908 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford & Ray Hewitt

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Press (The Quay) & 5 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

The Harbour Master, Robert Smith, attended and explained about the operation of the Quay pay and display car park using Civil Enforcement Ltd. He stated the company had been given a three year contract and had been brought in because of abuse Harbour staff had been receiving. The Harbour receives no income from any fines issued and only wants motorists to pay the appropriate fee when parking; the Harbour has to be run as a business for the benefit of the both the Harbour and the Town. He also explained that a recent survey had identified that in addition to those employed directly by Wells Harbour, as a result of the Harbour's overall operation, another 200 people locally are employed indirectly.

2) Apologies Gary Anthony, Campbell MacCallum, Guy Warren & Vincent Fitzpatrick

3) To receive Declarations of Interest RC item 5

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2019. Agreed and Signed

5) To consider the following grant applications:

- Wells Community Hospital
- Citizens Advice Mid Norfolk
- Wells United Charities
- Wells Twinning Committee

Resolved – To increase the relevant budget by £100 and give each applicant £300.

6) To consider a request to place a memorial bench on the Buttlands.

Resolved – Permission given.

7) To appoint new members to the Wells Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

Resolved – Item deferred until after the May election.



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8) Reports

a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

A written report was received; it is available on the website

c) North Norfolk District Council

A report was received from Councillor Fitzpatrick; it is available on the website.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Councillor Strong informed the council of the following:

- That although Fakenham Library was to celebrate its 50th anniversary soon that Wells Library would be celebrating its 70th anniversary on 29th September 2019.
- Permission had been given for a recycling shop at the Recycling Centre.
- An application for an extension to the road closure in Jolly Sailors Yard had been received together with a request for scaffolding on East Quay; she asked the council for their opinion (*it was resolved that permission should not be given for either, work should stop on 7th April and not recommence until after the autumn half term*).

d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported the following:

- that the missing streetlight on High Street has finally been replaced although a complaint has now been received that it is shining into nearby windows, the contractors are working to rectify the problem.
- that following the resignation by a Stewart Parnell from the Council it would be impracticable to co-opt another person prior to the election (*councillors agreed*).
- A delivery lorry had damaged two of the no entry bollards in Staithe Street, a report had been sent to the Police.
- A refund of £510.90 had been received from NCC because of an underspend when installing dropped kerbs on Gales Court as part of the Parish Partnership Scheme.

The Clerk asked for permission to pay the invoice for the works relating to the installation of the new LED Street Lights before the end of the financial year and before the next Council meeting (resolved – permission given).

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

MG (Chairman) advised he had met again with those planning a seaweed operation off the coast; talks were continuing with stakeholders and the outlook was positive.

JE (Buttlands, Staithe Street and Noticeboard) JE had recently been sworn at when he challenged a cyclist on Staithe Street in the pedestrian area and it might be necessary to consider what can be done where the path at the SW corner of the Buttlands is deteriorating.

RA (Tourism & Neighbourhood Plan) A draft of the new Town Guide has been circulated for comment. The minutes of the last Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting have been circulated with a briefing document. Donations have been secured to pay for the additional cost of producing the town guides.



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9) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Barclays Bank	Bank Charges	15.78
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting Electricity	814.95
E-on Energy	Buttlands	49.77
Unity Trust Bank	Transfer to Unity Truct Account	10000.00
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's salary deposit	1000.00

Payments 4 March 2019

Contractor	Bollards	220.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	226.55
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	490.87
Westcotec Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	283.04
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	262.50
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery	84.00
Community Action Norfolk	Subscriptions	20.00
Media8	Wells Town Guide Print	2699.00
DTS Solutions (UK) Ltd	Radio Equipment - Flood Wardens	45.00
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Disposal	94.69
Staff	Litter Picking	234.90
P J & B Jones Ltd	Ground Maintenance	1365.00
Wells Community Hospital	Grant	300.00
Mid Norfolk Citizens Advice	Grant	300.00
Wells United Charities	Grant	300.00
Wells Twinning Committee	Grant	300.00

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 1 April 2019.

Meeting ends 2020



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