



## WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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

2018/19

# MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 4 June 2018 at 1910 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Press (The Quay) & 8 Members of the Public.

Mike Gates thanked the councillors for electing him as chairmen and thanked both Allen Frary and Rodney Crafer for the work both had previously done as chairman. Mike also announced he would resurrect the title of Mayor, which the chairman of a Town Council is entitled to use.

1) Public Forum

Members of the public raised the following issues: the bus stop sign on Mill Road is obscured by foliage, new paving from I5 Mill Road is impeding the footpath, the ally between Mill Road and Gales Court still needs attention, the footpath outside 4 Mill Road has been damaged, there is still obscene graffiti on the Skatepark, flags and merchandise obstructing the footpath on the Quay, cars parking on the footpath outside the Chandlery, unsightly advertising on hoarding on the Quay, safety concerns about continued parking opposite the new filling station and unnecessary pollution caused by bus drivers not switching off their engines while dropping pupils at the Primary School.

2) Apologies Roger Arguile, Marie Strong, Vincent Fitzpatrick & Police

3) To receive Declarations of Interest None

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 May 2018. Agreed and Signed

5) To consider and agree the annual Governance Statement 2017/2018.

Resolved – The annual governance statement was approved, completed and signed

6) To consider and agree the annual accounts for 2017/2018.

Resolved – The annual accounts were approved.

7) To consider and agree the annual Accounting Statement for 2017/2018.

Resolved – The annual Accounting Statement was approved and signed.



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- 8) To discuss the sale and disposal of housing association properties without a covenant or condition applied that limits ownership to local residents.  
 LD explained that there were concerns that three bedroom properties were being disposed of by Victory Housing on the open market without any conditions to ensure they remain affordable and available to local people.  
Resolved – the Clerk to write to Victory Housing.
- 9) To consider and support a proposal from the Beach Road Toilet and Memorial Site Working Party, for the improvement of the Beach Road toilets, subject to consent from NNDC, using local volunteers. In addition, to agree to allocate some funding to the project.  
 PC explained a site meeting with District Councillor John Lee had been postponed until after the Town Council meeting and it was agreed to re-agenda the item to the next Town Council meeting.
- 10) Reports
- a) Safer Neighbourhood Team  
 A report was submitted and circulated to the councillors.
- b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong  
 Marie's report will be in the next issue of the Quay magazine as usual.
- c) North Norfolk District Council  
 Councillor Vincent Fitzpatrick sent a report which is available on the website.
- d) Town Clerk's Report  
 The Clerk advised that a response had been received from the proprietor of the Globe and the A Boards would be removed by 8<sup>th</sup> June, NCC Highways were going to replace the missing 'no through road' sign at the south eastern end of Staithe Street and that the bus shelters had been professionally cleaned to a very high standard. The Clerk suggested that going forward the Bus Shelters should be regularly cleaned and this was agreed.
- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees
- JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) JE advised there was a problem in Staithe Street with children's scooters. The Buttlands was in good order after the usual Bank Holiday event.
- LD (Cemetery) Complaints have been received about the state of the ground maintenance at the Cemetery (*The Clerk advised he had also received complaints and had asked the contractor to make immediate improvements.*)
- RH (Playing Field) RH advised the water leak is still being investigated.
- CM (Traffic and Parking) CM advised NCC highways are progressing the proposed changes to the parking restrictions and hopefully more information will soon be available.
- TF (Services) TF advised that Keir's litter operatives are doing a good job keeping the Quay litter free.
- GW (Polka Cemetery, Church Yard and Services) GW asked if plans were in hand to replace the missing streetlight on High Street now the new contractor was on board. (*The Clerk advised the contractor had been asked to visit the site and report back with recommendations.*)



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### 12) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

#### **Payments during the month**

NNDC	Rates - Office	53.00
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting Electricity	553.17
E-on Energy	Buttlands	24.44
Clerk to the Council	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Broadband Service	1.69

#### **Payments 4 June 2018**

Contractor	Bollards	220.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	216.55
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	490.87
Norse Eastern Limited	Grounds maintenance £1426.24	-----
	Grounds maintenance £318.34	1744.58
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Collection	117.14
Wells Community Hospital	Rent	262.50
Command Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control Cemetery	84.00
Viking	Office Supplies	113.15
Masbo Cleaning Services	Cleaning Bus Shelters	400.00
Staff	Litter Picking	261.80

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

### 13) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 2 July 2018.

Meeting ends 2013



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