



Wells Town Council

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

MINUTES

2021/24

Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 4th October 2021 at 1912 hrs.

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Janet Angles, Roger Arguile, Mel Catton, Pauline Catton, Karen Clarke, Jessica Curtis, Lindsay Dew, Peter Rainsford, Joyce Trett & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk) Peter Fisher, Michael Dalby and 2 Member of the Public

1) Public Forum

An allotment holder spoke about a rat problem on the East End Allotments. A member of the flood warden team spoke about recent fresh water flooding and advised people to report problems with surface water drainage to Norfolk County Council Highways via the reporting system on the County Council's website

2) Reports

a) Police – no report received.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby

A report was received and is available on the website.

c) North Norfolk District Councillor Peter Fisher

A report was received and is available on the website. In addition, questioned where asked about what action was being taken to remove the person camped on NNDC land at Northfield Crescent; the town council had received numerous complaints. The Town Council formally resolved to ask that NNDC move the person on as soon as humanely possible. Councillor Fisher agreed he would find out what was happening.

3) Apologies – Ray Hewitt

4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations. None.

5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2021. Approved and signed.

6) To receive a presentation from William Schofield, a Chances Advocate for the NCC Chances Project.

Mr Schofield was not in attendance.



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7) To consider the following grant requests

- a. Wells Community Hospital Trust
- b. Norfolk Citizens Advice
- c. Burnham Market Area Community Car Scheme

Resolved – each should receive £500

8) To consider pest control at the East End Allotments.

Discussions revealed that there had been several complaints from allotment holders about an infestation of rats at the East End Allotments. There was a pest control regime in place but allotment holders believe more should be done. Pest control is expensive and there must be a balance of expenditure with receipts from allotment rents.

Resolved – To have a blitz for three to four months by allocating an additional £400 for pest control. The situation would be reviewed in March and discussions would take place with allotment holders about a way forward for the future.

9) To consider a request from Wells & District Royal British Legion, asking if Wells Town Council will take responsibility for the road closure needed to enable the remembrance parade on 14th November 2021.

Resolved – the Town Council agreed to take responsibility for the event road closure to enable the Remembrance Day parade.

10) To consider anything that can be done to enable the Paramedics recently based in the Town to stay on.

Everyone agreed what a success it had been having the paramedics based in the town and what a good job they had done. It was now known that they would remain until the end of the October half term and would return next year from April until September. The town council is supportive and will continue to monitor the situation.

11) To consider the appointment of a new representative to the Sheringham Shoal Community Fund grants committee.

LD asked if she could stand down from the committee. It was resolved that JT would take her place.

12) Reports

d) Town Clerk

The Clerk reported as follows: a) the Clerk asked if funds could be used to replace the map in the noticeboard on Staithe Street (this was agreed). b) the new bollards for the vehicle access point on the Buttlands have arrived and will soon be installed c) bids for the 2022/2023 budget were now due from councillors.



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e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

PR (Environment and Climate) PR was looking for ideas for projects to reduce the town's carbon footprint.

MC (Traffic and Parking) MC reported that there would be a meeting of the Traffic Management Working Party at 2 pm on 28th October 2021. Nothing yet had been received from NCC regarding bus parking on Market Lane. Parking misdemeanours were still being committed and some additional restrictions were required. Black bags of rubbish were being left by waste bins (the Clerk advised to let him know of any incidents and he would pass them on to NNDC who would investigate).

RA (Tourism and Neighbourhood Plan) RA reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Consultation event had been well attended, a meeting has been arranged to discuss the conclusions. There would be another public consultation when the first draft of the completed plan was finished. RA paid tribute to the members of the working party for all their hard work.

13) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

The financial reports were circulated and agreed. These can be viewed at Appendix A and on the website

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed.

14) To confirm Date of Next Meetings - Confirmed as Monday 1st November 2021.

Meeting ends 2115hrs.



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