



Wells Town Council

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

MINUTES

2021/17

Town Council Meeting held at the Kiln Room, Wells Maltings on 5th July 2021 at 1915 hrs.

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Michael Dalby (NCC), Press (The Quay) and 13 Members of the Public

- 1) Prior to the start of the Town Council meeting there will be a presentation concerning social housing in Wells from Nicky Debbage (Housing Strategy and Delivery Manager NNDC) and Adrian Barber (Managing Director Victory Housing). Following the presentation there will be a short question and answer session.

Copies of the presentations are available on the website. Most questions asked were about the sale of housing association houses, Adrian Barber said that some properties were not economically viable and it made more sense to sell them and use the money to build new dwellings. Since 2016, 16 properties have been sold or are under consideration for sale. He also stated that since 2016, 44 new properties had been built in Wells for Victory Housing.

- 2) Presentation from Sarah Peberday, General Manager Wells Community Hospital.

Sarah outlined the current range of activities at the hospital including medical facilities, fitness classes, parent and toddler group, community hub, food bank and the newly opened café. The hospital was very much a going concern and is intent on providing facilities for the community.

- 3) Public Forum

Councillors raised concerns about an individual with a horse camped on land at Northfield Crescent. A councillor asked if BT could be contacted about the state of the town's red telephone kiosks which need painting. The same councillor suggested that the offer of CPR training from the Air Ambulance should be taken up by councillors. A member of the public also expressed concerns about the individual with the horse and the state of the green on the crescent. A member of the public questioned the response given by Adrian Barber concerning the valuation of a property offered to Homes for Wells by Victory Housing, Homes for Wells are interested in buying all the properties offered for disposal but cannot afford them at the offered price.

- 4) Reports

a) Police – No report received.



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- b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby
A report was given which is available on the website.
- c) North Norfolk District Councillor Peter Fisher
A report was received which is available on the website.
- 5) Apologies – Ray Hewitt & Peter Fisher
- 6) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations. None
- 7) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2021.
Approved and signed.
- 8) To consider applications from candidates for co-option to the vacant seat on the Town Council and to co-opt one person to fill the position.
Prior to a vote each applicant introduced themselves.
Resolved – Karen Clarke was co-opted onto the Town Council.
- 9) To reaffirm the affiliation of the Flood Warden Team to Wells Town Council.
Marie Strong, a senior flood warden, spoke about the flood warden team and their work.
Resolved – It was agreed that the Flood Warden Team should be affiliated to the Town Council.
- 10) To support a request from the Traffic Management Working Party that the Town Council writes to NNDC, regarding the urgent need for overflow parking provision in the town and to clarify the NNDC's position on this matter.
A draft letter had been circulated to the councillors by the Clerk prior to the meeting.
Resolved – That the letter should be sent to the Leader of the District Council.
- 11) To receive a report from the neighbourhood plan working party.
A report was circulated and is available on the website.
- 12) Reports
d) Town Clerk
The Clerk reported as follows: a) It had been proposed by Guy Stratton at S. T. Sutton Funeral Directors that the best solution for storing waste soil from grave preparation was to build a compound in the NW corner of the cemetery. Guy's team would do the work and he was preparing a price for the council to consider. b) 60 parking cones had been delivered to the council office for use in the town as directed by the Highways Authority. c) NCC's parish partnership fund is available again for highways projects. d) Highways have asked for notification of any significant highways problems that need attention e) The High School had received several entries for the Skatepark Graffiti design, six had been shortlisted for the judges to consider. It was hoped the work would be done during the school holidays f) A broken bench had been removed from the Market Lane Cemetery.



