



## WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, MILL RD,  
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2018/29

# MINUTES

### Town Council Meeting held on 5 November 2018 at 1927 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Tony Ford, Campbell MacCallum & Stewart Parnell

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Police (Pc Pegden), Press (The Quay) & 2 Members of the Public

Mikes Gates welcomed Stewart Parnell to the Town Council

11) a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

Pc Pegden said it had been a busy summer. During the past month in Wells there had been 37 calls to police, one public order offence, one attempt burglary, one assault and four offences of theft. There had also been a lot of burglaries in the surrounding area and marine theft. He asked that people remain vigilant. With regard reports of anti-social behaviour at the Skatepark, patrols had been making regular visits.

11) b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Councillor Strong announced that the consultation on the proposed changes to parking restrictions would be happening in November. She also spoke about the children's summer reading challenge, the mobile library service, Children's Centres, a proposed reuse shop at the Wells Recycling Centre and Residents Parking. She explained that because of the significant costs involved NCC would not be pursuing any residents parking schemes, if requested, the Town Council would have to fund it themselves, with costs at around £100, 000.

1) Public Forum

No speakers.

2) Apologies Joe Ellison, Ray Hewitt, Guy Warren & Vincent Fitzpatrick

3) To receive Declarations of Interest None.

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 October 2018. Agreed and Signed

5) To receive and consider a presentation from David Fennell on behalf of Homes for Wells.

David spoke about the work of Homes for Wells and explained that the charity relies mainly on donations. However, the charity would like to explore providing more houses to rent, funded by building housing to sell at market value. The charity would like to enter into dialogue with the Town Council to see if it would be possible for the council to make available any land that it owns for such a development. (*An agenda item was requested*).

6) To approve the budget for 2019/2020 and agree the precept for that period.

Resolved – The budget was approved and a precept of £74,073 agreed.



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- 7) To consider the announced closure of Barclays Bank.  
Councillors expressed their concerns about the closure of the Bank and the loss of the only 24/7 ATM available.  
Resolved – To invite a representative from Barclays Bank to the next meeting to discuss the Councillor’s concerns.
- 8) To consider quotations for the Town Council’s ground maintenance contract and award the contract.  
Resolved – To award the contract to Paddy Jones.
- 9) To consider the installation of a CCTV camera to monitor the entrance to the West End Allotments.  
Resolved – Following a discussion of the practicalities and the relevant legislation it was decided not to install a CCTV camera.
- 10) To decide on a new countersignature for the council’s Public Sector Deposit Fund account with CCLA.  
Resolved – Lindsay Dew and Roger Arguile to be countersignatures.

### 11) Reports

#### c) North Norfolk District Council

Neither district councillor was present.

#### d) Town Clerk’s Report

The Clerk had submitted a report which is available on the website. As a result of the report it was resolved not to proceed with a wildflower meadow at the Town Cemetery. In addition the Clerk explained about the introduction by HMRC of digital tax reporting and the requirement for the council to use an accounting software package next year.

#### e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

CM(Traffic & Parking) CM was hopeful that following the consultation the new parking restrictions would be in force before the start of next season.

RA (Tourism & Neighbourhood Plan) There had been a small meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan working party with an officer from NNDC. It was hoped the whole working party would meet on 22<sup>nd</sup> November to consider terms of reference.

### 12) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

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

Anglian Water	Cemetery	7.64
Anglian Water	West End Allotments	55.02
BT	Telephone bill	86.68
NNDC	Rates - Office	53.00
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting electricity	526.03
Clerk to the Council	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Email service	1.69



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**Payments 5 November 2018**

Contractor	Bollards	220.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	217.55
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	490.87
Westcotec Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance (Sept)	283.04
Norse Eastern Limited	Grounds maintenance £1426.24	-----
	Grounds maintenance £318.34	1744.58
Veolia Environmental Services	Waste collection Sept/Oct- plus annual charge	257.23
RBS Engineering Ltd	Church Gate Repair	720.00
Wells Community Hospital	Office Rent October	262.50
Viking	Office Supplies	161.91
Holkham Estates	Playing Field Rent	25.00
Ofcom	Flood Wardens - Radio Licence	75.00
The Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	18.50
G Haller Skip Hire	Skip Hire: Buttlands bonfire circle reduction.	180.00
The Play Inspection Company Ltd	Playground Inspection	94.50
Fakenham Tool & Equipment Hire Ltd	Mini Digger for work on Buttlands Bonfire Circle	124.04
Staff	Litter Picking	254.10

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 3 December 2018.

Meeting ends 2052



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