



Wells Town Council

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

MINUTES

2022/22

Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 5th December 2022 at 1912 hrs

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Janet Angles, Roger Arguile, Mel Catton, Pauline Catton, Karen Clarke, Lindsay Dew, Ray Hewitt, Peter Rainsford, Joyce Trett & Guy Warren
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Michael Dalby & Peter Fisher

- 1) Public Forum – No Speakers
- 2) Reports
 - a) Police – No report received.
 - b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby
A report was received which is available on the website. Michael joined the meeting by zoom and several issues were discussed, including the proposed traffic survey and the parish partnership town gateway. A trip hazard on Station Road was brought to his attention.
 - c) North Norfolk District Council, Councillor Peter Fisher
A report was received which is available on the website. In addition to the report, an abandoned car on Mill Road was reported to Peter.
- 3) Apologies – Jessica Curtis
- 4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations
None
- 5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2022
Approved and signed.
- 6) To consider correspondence received concerning the lack of a suitable connecting bus service from Wells for those who need to reach Easton College or Norwich City College.
It was discussed that there is no connecting bus service between Wells and Norwich that allows passengers to arrive before 9am and return after 5 pm making it difficult for those that need to travel for work and education.
Resolved – It was agreed that the council should investigate further and that Councillors Arguile and Rainsford would collaborate to organise a survey using The Quay magazine, to canvas the town and find out how many people were affected before taking the matter up with Norfolk County Council.



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- 7) To consider responding to a Rural Mobility Survey which is being undertaken by Transport East.

The survey is to look at future transport needs for the area.

Resolved – It was agreed the Clerk should complete the survey on behalf of the council.

- 8) Reports

d) Town Clerk

The Clerk had prepared a report which is available on the Website. In addition, the Clerk reported that Ian Gregory from NCC Highways had made contact, and that both he and Tim Young would be attending the next Traffic Management Working party meeting on 26th January 2023, to discuss the proposed town traffic survey.

e) Portfolio Holders/Committees/Working Parties/Councillors

GW (Polka Cemetery and Churchyard) GW raised concerns about a possible unauthorised access onto the Polka Cemetery. (*The Clerk was asked to write to the PCC.*)

PR (Climate and Environment) PR announced he would be speaking at an event about hosing at Wells Maltings on 15th December called 'Homes for Whom'. PR also reported that a resident had raised concerns about the brightness of the new sign at the entrance to the Quay car park.

MC (Traffic/Parking and Buttlands) MC reported there had been some evidence of on street parking enforcement recently along The Quay. MC also reported that Wells Harbour had achieved Heritage Harbour Status.

RA (Tourism and Neighbourhood Plan) RA reminded councillors of the meeting with consultants working for Holkham and outlined the Neighbourhood Plan process.

- 9) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

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

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed.

- 10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 9th January 2023.

Meeting ends 2025hrs.



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