



# Wells Town Council

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

## MINUTES

2023/03

### **Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 1950 hrs**

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk) & 3 members of the public.

- 1) Public Forum – No questions.
- 2) Reports
  - a) Police – No report received.
  - b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby

A report was received which is available on the website. MC and PC expressed concerns that the footpath on Station Road was still in need of attention despite the work reported in the County Councillor's report. RA spoke about the large number of potholes around the town and expressed disappointment that there was no report from the County Councillor concerning Polka Day Care.
  - c) North Norfolk District Council, Councillor Peter Fisher

A report was received which is available on the website.
- 3) Apologies – Michael Dalby & Peter Fisher
- 4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations.

MC item 6.
- 5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2023.

Approved and signed.
- 6) To consider correspondence received from Wells Harbour about the recently announced Heritage Harbour status and a proposal for new or updated entry signage to the Town that reflects the new status.

Resolved – The Town Council supported the proposal as long as the Fairtrade signs remained.
- 7) To consider a consultation document received from North Norfolk District Council concerning the draft Coastal Adaptation Supplementary Planning Document.

Resolved – The document does not demonstrate an understanding of the flooding issues facing Wells. Someone should be sent to Wells to ensure that there is a better understanding and that the issues are properly addressed.



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### 8) Reports

#### a) Town Clerk

The Clerk reported that there had been a meeting of interested parties concerning the closure of Polka Day Care and that the County Council didn't appear to be supportive in guaranteeing sufficient provision for children under 3 in Wells. However, a group of parents are investigating the feasibility of opening a new day care facility. The Clerk also reported that the large lollipop shaped trees at the Market Lane cemetery had been removed. He also reminded the councillors about the parish elections on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

#### b) Portfolio Holders/Committees/Working Parties/Councillors

LD (Cemetery) Asked about the removal of the Christmas Wreaths at the cemetery. The Clerk confirmed this happened after Valentine's Day.

GW (Churchyard and Polka Cemetery) GW said he thought the Town Sign needed refurbishment.

RA (Tourism and Neighbourhood Plan) He hoped the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party would be able to report on progress in March following a significant amount of ongoing work.

PR (Environment) PR asked if funds could be made available for a concept drawing of the development proposed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

MC (Traffic Management) MC reported on the recent meeting of the Traffic management working party and that Ian Gregory from NCC had agreed to work with the group to take forward many of the proposals and concerns regarding traffic problems in Wells. Initially Ian would work with a small group to help fully understand the issues. Mel suggested the group should be MC, PR, Greg Hewitt, Iain Wolf and Pc Simon Blakeley (*Councillors agreed to this*). MC expressed concerns about the parking situation on Polka Road outside the Primary School. He also said that new yellow lines had been laid in Bolts Close,

PC (Health and Wellbeing) PC advised ambulance response times continued to be slow and well below target times.

RH (Children's Playground) RH advised he was making repairs on the playground and should have everything ready for Easter.

PR(RNLI) PR advised that the Wells Lifeboat Doris Mann had been stood down and that the new Shannon Class Lifeboat the Duke of Edinburgh was now the station boat. There would be a final send off for the Doris Mann in the Quay on 12<sup>th</sup> February.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Meeting ends 2048hrs.

