



Wells Town Council

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

MINUTES

2023/05

Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 6th March 2023 at 1926 hrs.

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Peter Fisher & 2 members of the public.

- 1) Public Forum – A resident spoke about objections to post recently erected on Northfield Crescent by NNDC to stop vehicles driving on a grassed area.
- 2) Reports
 - a) Police – No report received.
 - b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby
Michael joined the meeting by Zoom, he spoke about members allowances and the County Deal. He was questioned about the Polka Day Care closer. bus connectivity and town gateway.
 - c) North Norfolk District Council, Councillor Peter Fisher
A report was received which is available on the website.
- 3) Apologies – Karen Clarke
- 4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations.
JT item 8.
- 5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2023.
Approved and signed.
- 6) To consider correspondence received from a Wells resident, concerning a need for public transport between the various venues and activities in the Town.
Councillors discussed many different possibilities, all of which would require the cooperation of various volunteer organisations and individuals.
Resolved – RA would make enquiries and report back.
- 7) To consider a response to the NCC consultation concerning the ‘County Deal for Norfolk’.
There were concerns about devolution and if there would be any benefits for Wells.
Resolved – Clerk to respond with the Council’s concerns.
- 8) To consider the following requests for Town Council grant funding
 - a) Wells Street Party
 - b) Wells St Nicholas BellringersResolved – To grant each group £550.



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9) Reports

a) Town Clerk

The Clerk reported that the council had been contacted by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, offering a sign at the entrance to the cemetery advising that there were war graves in the cemetery. *The council agreed to the installation of a sign.* The Clerk explained that in response to permission given by the Town Council to increase the number of bank countersignatures he had spoken with councillors Mel Catton and Peter Rainsford and both had agreed. *(The Council resolved to accept Mel Catton and Peter Rainsford as countersignatures for the Barclays and Unity Trust accounts.)*. The Clerk advised that he needed completed election nomination forms back to him by 24th March 2023.

b) Portfolio Holders/Committees/Working Parties/Councillors

LD (Cemetery) LD advised most of the Christmas wreaths at the cemetery had been removed.

RA (Tourism and Neighbourhood Plan) RA informed the council that as there were sufficient town guides left over from last year there would be no need to print any this year. It was hoped the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party could finalise the plan for submission at their next meeting on 16th March 2023.

PR (Environment) PR continues to seek support for providing energy efficiency improvements to the town's social housing stock.

MC (Traffic Management) MC reported that the Traffic Managements Working Party would be meeting with the County Highways team at 09:30 hrs on Wednesday 15th March 2023.

RH (Children's Playground) RH advised the roundabout has now been refurbished and would be reinstated once the paint had hardened.

10) 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.

11) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 3rd April 2023.

Meeting ends 2102hrs.

