



Wells Town Council

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

MINUTES

2021/20

Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 6th September 2021 at 1903 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) and 35 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

James Tottle, the contractor responsible for placing the bollards in Staithe Street, announced he would be finishing at the end of the year. He also said that Wells needed residents parking. MC raised concerns about some holiday properties leaving waste bags outside their premises before collection day. Several other members of the public spoke against the proposals at item 7.

2) Reports

a) Police – a report was received and is available on the website.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby
No report received

c) North Norfolk District Councillor Peter Fisher
No report received

3) Apologies – Peter Fisher

4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations. MG, LD, KC & JT item 7.

5) Under Section 33 of Localism Act 2011, to consider allowing all councillors that may have an interest in item 7 a dispensation to participate and vote, thereby enabling proper debate and allowing the interests of the whole community to be represented. Resolved – it was agreed all those with a declared interest could participate and vote.

6) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2021.
Approved and signed.



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- 7) To consider the following correspondence
- a) *A letter received from Medcentres PLC, asking the Town Council to consider making available the West End Allotment site for the development of an extra-care housing facility and 62 affordable homes.*
- b) *An Expression of Interest (counterproposal) received from Homes for Wells, to develop part of the West End Allotment site, excluding the allotment gardens, for new affordable homes for key workers and local families.*

Resolved – a) To reject absolutely in the strongest words. Furthermore, not to consider any other application until the Neighbourhood Plan process is complete. (RH asked for a recorded vote, the vote for the proposal was unanimous by all the councillor's present) b) to defer any consideration of this and recommend that it goes through the Neighbourhood Plan process.

- 8) To consider a proposal from Councillor Ray Hewitt that any scheme to develop the West End Allotment site includes a provision for a Community Hall and that, if necessary, the people of Wells be consulted on such a provision.

RH explained, that should any plan be considered now or in the future to develop part of the land at the West End allotment site, that it should include provision for a community hall, together with amenity land for the hall.

Resolved – That it should go on record that this request should be considered, when or if, any future proposal for development is put forward.

- 9) To receive a report from the neighbourhood plan working party.
A report was circulated and is available on the website.

10) Reports

d) Town Clerk

The Clerk reported as follows: a) requested enquiries of BT about painting the red telephone kiosk on the Buttlands had been unsuccessful. b) The painting of the skatepark by pupils from the Alderman Peel High School had been a real success. (Councillors asked that a letter of thanks go to the school) c) As stated in the Neighbourhood Plan report, there would be an additional Town Council meeting on 20th September to receive a report regarding the Neighbourhood Plan public consultation scheduled for 1st and 2nd October. d) The annual external audit for the financial year ending the 31st March 2021 had been concluded, the certificate of completion from the auditor can be found on the Town Council's website.



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e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

PR (Environment and Climate) PR said that following a recent video and environmental campaign from NNDC he had been unable to establish any external outreach from NNDC. He listed several events that might be of interest, Norfolk Coast Partnership Dark Skies, Queens Green Canopy and Norfolk and Suffolk Coast and Estuary Conference.

GW (Churchyard and Polka Cemetery) GW asked about the sign from the south gate and the condition of the path through the Polka Cemetery.

RH (Children's Playground) RH announced there would be no bonfire on the Buttlands this year because it had become impossible to meet the requirements of the insurers. (The councillors thanked Ray for all that he had done for the bonfire event over many years).

JT said what a success the Paramedics based at the Community Hospital during the summer period had been. Unfortunately, it had not been possible to keep them there into October. She wondered if the council could give any financial support (to be an agenda item).

MC (Traffic and Parking) MC said he had received many complaints about unlawful parking. There was a particular problem outside the Globe with vehicles parked alongside the planters completely blocking the road. NCC had said they were prepared to do a survey to look at parking problems and a possible residents parking scheme; this would be further discussed at the next working party meeting. There had been another site meeting on Market Lane concerning coach parking and a proposal was imminent, Michael Dalby is discussing with the relevant people about the possibility of school coaches parking within the grounds of the High School.

PC (Health and Wellbeing) PC stated that at the last Police SNAP meeting the agreed priorities were illegal parking and damage to cars. Unfortunately, although it was well known that many cars had been damaged in the town the police had received only one report. It is important people report these crimes.

PR (Wells Lifeboat Chairman) PR stated what an honour it was for the town that the new scheduled Shannon lifeboat for Wells would be named after His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip the Duke of Edinburgh.

11) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

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

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed.

12) To confirm Date of Next Meetings - Confirmed as Monday 20th September 2021 and Monday 4^h October 2021.

Meeting ends 2045hrs.



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