



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 6 November 2017 at 1914 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Rodney Crafer (Chairman), Gary Anthony, Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Tony Ford, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt, Campbell MacCallum & Guy Warren
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Vincent Fitzpatrick, Simon Hester, Press (The Quay) & 14 Members of the Public.

- 1) Public Forum Roger Arguile spoke about his concern that no one attended the recent sustainable dog walking workshop on behalf of the Town Council.
- 2) Apologies Allen Frary
- 3) To receive Declarations of Interest MG Item 7
- 4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2017. Agreed and Signed
- 10 a) Safer Neighbourhood Team
Pc Jason Pegden informed the council about recent crimes and reminded everyone how important it was to contact the police about anything suspicious with as full a description as possible including any vehicle number plate details. He also advised that any parking problems should be called in as they happen on 101 and not after the event. Insp Ed Brown introduced himself as the new area Police Inspector.
- 5) To discuss with Nicky Debbage from NNDC and representatives from Homes for Wells the Community Housing Fund and an opportunity to develop a community led housing project in Wells.
Nicky Debbage spoke to the council about her role as a Local Housing Enabler and the Community Housing Fund of 2.4 million which NNDC had received from central government to encourage affordable housing in those areas most hit by second homes. Nicky would be working with parishes, developers and local housing groups such as Homes for Wells to try and enable more affordable homes to be built. David Fennell the Chair of Homes for Wells also spoke about the success of Homes for Wells and their desire to provide more houses for local people.
- 6) To consider the budget for 2018/2019.
The Clerk explained the budget proposal and there were some discussions about the expenditure for the proposed roundabout at the junction of the Quay and Beach Road.
Resolved – The budget proposal was agreed and the precept set at £73685.



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- 7) To consider an NNDC Cabinet recommendation proposal to make the Staithe Street Pay and Display Car Park disable parking only.

It was explained that North Norfolk District Council's cabinet have proposed that when the Maltings development is complete the remaining pay and display spaces on the Staithe Street Car Park are allocated for disable parking only. NNDC are also of the opinion that there will only be 10 spaces and not the 18 shown on the approved plans for the Maltings Development.

Resolved – The Town Council is concerned about the loss of the promised 18 parking spaces and would ask that NNDC conduct a full consultation with all stakeholders, including the Maltings, Wells Town Council, traders and residents.

- 8) To consider a request from Holkham Estate for the Town Council to sponsor two LED parking information signs. The signs will be erected by Holkham Estate at no cost to the Town Council.

Resolved – The Town Council will sponsor the signs by applying to the Highways Authority for permission for the signs to be erected.

- 9) To consider a proposal by County Councillor Dr Marie Strong for a TROD (low cost footpath) at the western end of Mill Road to give safe access into the Holkham east gate.

Following the acceptance of the budget it was agreed that the funds would not be available to pursue the project in the next financial year.

10) Reports

c) North Norfolk District Council

Cllr Fitzpatrick spoke; a copy of his report is available on the website. RH challenged Cllr Fitzpatrick about the continued problem with surface water outside the Beach Road toilets, the poor response regarding the repairs at Newgates Lane toilets and the unstable wall at Stearmans Yard. Cllr Hester advised the council as to why he had recently stood down from the conservative group to become an independent, he said he could not support much of the business put through by the present administration, although he was still a conservative in exile. Councillors challenged Cllr Fitzpatrick about his support for a planning application on the East Quay contrary to the views expressed by the Town Council and residents. He said he had reviewed the application and supported it.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Marie had met with the Chief Constable and recent changes are about insufficient funding. NCC is currently consulting about the budget. There may be changes with the recycling centres, including charging for some items. The yellow lines in Staithe Street are to be refreshed and it is now hoped that the trees obscuring the street lights on Northfield Lane will be trimmed. A full report from Marie can be found in the Quay Magazine.

d) Town Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that a councillor was needed to give a reading at the carol service on 8th December; RA volunteered. Another councillor was needed to lay the wreath on Armistice Day; JE volunteered. Wells Churches Together would be conducting a sleep out on the Buttlands on 9th December for the Urban Fund Homeless Project. A reply had been received from Norman Lamb regarding the letter sent on behalf of the council concerning second homes.



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e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Noticeboard/Staithe Street) JE thanked RH for the sterling job done on the Buttlands following the bonfire, the site was remarkably clean. The removable post at the entrance to the Buttlands is in need of maintenance.

RH (Children's Playing field) RH reported the bonfire had been a huge success.

CM (Traffic and Parking) CM was delighted the roundabout at the junction of Beach Road and the Quay would now hopefully go ahead.

GW (Polka Cemetery, Churchyard and Services) GW is concerned about an unofficial access gate onto the Polka Cemetery.

II) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Anglian Water	Cemetery	12.19
British Telecom	Telephone Service	97.38
NNDC	Rates - Office	55.00
Total Gas & Power	Street Lighting electricity	485.72
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Email service	1.69

Payments 6 November 2017

Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	250.91
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	482.04
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Lighting - Maintenance Sept £241.24	-----
	Lighting - Maintenance Oct £241.96	483.20
Norse Eastern Ltd	Ground Maintenance £1391.45	-----
	Ground Maintenance £310.57	1702.02
Veolia Environmental Services	Waste collection Sept/Oct- plus annual charge	387.37
Wells Community Hospital	Office Rent October	250.00
Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	18.50
Holkham Estates	Playing Field Rent	25.00
S T Sutton	Skip - Excess soil Cemetery	225.00
M Briggs Building	Redecoration cemetery gate and repairs	1345.00
Eddy Cast	Litter Picking	277.20
Ofcom	Flood Wardens - Radio Licence	75.00

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 4 December 2017.

Meeting ends 2135

