



# Wells Town Council

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

## MINUTES

2023/22

### **Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 1905 hrs.**

Those Present: Mel Catton (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Bob Curtis, Cheryl Curtis, Jessica Curtis, Jen Davies, Lindsay Dew, Peter Rainsford & Joyce Trett.

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Michael Dalby and 3 members of the public.

1) Public Forum

A member of the public spoke about the problem of rats on the allotments. RA spoke about surface water in Staithe Street entering shop premises (*Michael Dalby agreed to investigate*). A representative from Coastal Health and Wellbeing (*Wells Community Hospital*) spoke about the services and initiatives being provided.

2) Reports

a) Police – No report received.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby

A report was received which is available on the website.

c) North Norfolk District Council, Councillor Peter Fisher

A report was received which is available on the website.

3) Apologies – Susan Rainsford & Peter Fisher.

4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations.  
None.

5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.  
Approved and signed.

6) To consider procuring stick on signage for the public waste bins, to advise the bins can be used for bagged dog waste.

Following enquiries made by Peter Fisher a commitment had been made by NNDC to supply and fix stickers to the bins in Wells.

7) To consider asking the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Foundation Trust that Wells Town Council be considered a stakeholder with regard any consultation concerning the building of the New QEH.

PR had received a favourable response from the New QEH team and had been invited to participate in a video call.

Resolved – PR, LD and PC would participate in the video call.

8) To consider a request from Wells Library, that councillors hold a regular surgery at the library.

Resolved – Councillors would hold a monthly surgery with the first being on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024. LD would coordinate and prepare a roster.



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- 9) To receive a report from the Children's Playground Working party and agree the proposals put forward.

JC delivered a verbal report, outlining the plan for essential maintenance, the long-term plan to enhance the playground with more modern fully inclusive equipment, proper disability access and an adult outdoor gym.

Resolved – To seek technical assistance with regard some essential repairs. To liaise with specialist companies to obtain fully costed designs and expedite repairs to the slide and goalmouths.

- 10) Reports

a) Town Clerk

A consultation had been received from NCC concerning proposed parking restrictions on Market Lane (*Resolved - MC would respond to the consultation*).

Three applications had been received for the Clerk's position and all three are to be interviewed by the working party. Delegated authority would be needed for them to award the position to the successful candidate (*Resolved – delegated authority given but the council wanted the interview process to include an appropriate practical test*). Due to the Clerk having surgery, he will probably be off work for several weeks; if the surgery goes ahead, will the December meeting be cancelled? (*Resolved – the December meeting would go ahead without the Clerk*). NCC had not been able to send the printed maps needed by the traffic working party but had sent a suitable computer image. (*Resolved – MC would get the maps printed*).

b) Portfolio Holders/Committees/Working Parties/Councillors

PC (Health and Wellbeing) Ambulance response times for Wells for category two emergencies were still not where they should be and patients were now being taken to Kings Lynn to avoid long waits at Norwich. The cycling paramedic was still operating in Wells.

BC (Finance) BC had checked the accounts for the second quarter and everything was in order.

JD (Churchyard and Polka Cemetery) JD had met with members of the PCC and walked the churchyard and Polka cemetery to discuss proposed works.

- 11) 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.

- 12) To confirm Date of Next Meeting – The next meeting will be at 7 pm Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Meeting ends 2130 hrs.

