



# Wells Town Council

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

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## MINUTES

2022/05

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### Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 1911 hrs.

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Peter Fisher and 3 Members of the Public

- 1) Public Forum  
RA had received complaints from a concerned resident about the conduct of an individual on the Northfield Estate (Councillors asked the Clerk to write to the appropriate authorities). Marie Strong thanked the council for the recent response to NNDC Local Plan consultation.
- 2) To receive an update by Simon Daykin from Wells Maltings about plans and activities the Maltings is organising with the community and young people.  
A presentation was given by Simon and his colleague, Katy Moore, detailing the successful work The Maltings was doing with the local community, in particular the activities involving the schools and younger members of the community.
- 3) Reports
  - a) Police – No report received.
  - b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby  
No report was received.
  - c) North Norfolk District Councillor Peter Fisher  
A report was received and is available on the website.
- 4) Apologies – Ray Hewitt
- 5) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations.  
LD item 9.
- 6) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.  
Approved and signed.
- 7) To consider a report from the Clerk concerning the maintenance of the Bounty Play Boat on the children's playground.  
Resolved – It was agreed that the bounty should be painted and a recent quotation from a local contractor be accepted.
- 8) To discussed concerns about street cleansing throughout the town.  
Resolved – It was acknowledged that recent improvements had been made by NNDC's contractor Serco. The Clerk was asked to thank NNDC but the situation should continue to be monitored.



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- 9) To discuss Station Road and pedestrian safety.  
Resolved – It was agreed that there was a need for safety improvements. The Clerk was asked to write to Norfolk County Council Highways to see if anything could be done
- 10) To consider a request for a memorial tree to be planted in the Town.  
 Correspondence had been received about planting a tree to commemorate an airman who was killed during WWII and was born in Wells  
Resolved – The Clerk was asked to contact the Parochial Church Council to see if they would agree to a tree in the Churchyard or Polka Cemetery.
- 11) To give the Clerk delegated authority to arrange the repair and cleaning of the mayor's chain of office.  
Resolved – It was agreed that Councillor Arguile would take the chain of office to Tilletts in Norwich to obtain a quotation.
- 12) Reports
- a) Town Clerk  
 The Clerk reported on a meeting with Tim Adams the leader of NNDC. Tim had promised to investigate concerns about street trading, public toilets and street cleansing. Complaints had been received about the planters outside the Globe Inn obstructing the highway.
- b) Portfolio Holders/Committees
- GW (Churchyard and Polka Cemetery) GW reported he had re-attached the 'please close the gate' sign to the churchyard gate.
- PR (Climate and Environment) PR expressed concerns about rising energy costs and of how important it was to try and find solutions to bring costs down.
- RA (Tourism and Neighbourhood Plan) RA delivered a report on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party. A copy is available on the website.
- KC (Housing) KC shared PR's views on energy costs and said local housing stocks need to be brought up to standard. KC was hoping to form a local residents association and was looking for volunteers.
- MC (Traffic and Parking) MC reported on a meeting of the Traffic Management Working Party with representatives from NCC Highways. It has been agreed that a survey would be undertaken by highways to consider parking throughout the town, including the feasibility of residents only parking. Volunteers were required over the Easter holiday weekend to record vehicle volumes in the town for the survey.
- PC (Wellbeing and health) PC had attended a meeting with the ambulance service. Response times were still too slow with the main problem being at the main hospitals. A new response vehicle is now based at Fakenham and the cycling paramedics would be based at the Community Hospital over the Easter weekend. A volunteer first responder was needed for the town.
- 13) 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.
- 14) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022.  
 Meeting ends 2130hrs.

