



MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 7 October 2019 at 1904 at The Methodist Room

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Pc Pegden, Press (The Quay) & 8 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

A resident asked if the Town Council had received notice of any planning application for the Croquet Green. A member of the public mentioned the Coastal Futures initiative which is a public meeting at the Maltings on 24th October 2019, to discuss issues related to climate change and rising sea levels. The same member of the public asked about the provision of electric car charging points.

2) Apologies Janet Angles & Peter Fisher

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

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2019 Agreed and signed.

5) To receive a presentation from Simon Daykin on behalf of Wells Maltings.

Simon gave the council a brief outline of facts and figures relating to the first 16 months of the Maltings since it opened last year. He also announced some recent changes which would make the community space more affordable and would allow hirers to do their own catering for events. The Council thanked Simon for all that had been done.

6) To consider Police resources available in Wells.

Concerns were expressed about the lack of a Police presence in the Town, crimes going unreported and issues with the IOI reporting system. Pc Pegden was present and he gave an outline of the Police resources covering Wells.

Resolved – to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner with the council's concerns.

7) To consider a letter from the Harbour Master concerning the future of the Harbour Users Advisory Committee (HUAC)

Some councillors believed the HUAC was the best method for the Harbour to consult with stakeholders.

Resolved – To write to the Harbour Master and Commissioners asking that the Harbour Users Advisory Committee continue.

8) To consider the use of Glyphosate by Town Council contractors.

Currently the council's ground maintenance contractor only uses glyphosate at the Town Cemetery and any change would have cost implications maintaining weed free areas using other methods.

Resolved – to review when the current contract comes up for renewal.



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- 9) To consider a request for financial help with repairs needed to the War Memorial.
Resolved – to cover half the cost of the repairs (£150); it is understood the Memorial club would be funding the rest.
- 10) To consider proposals to modify the litter bin at the Skatepark.
 RH advised that he would wish to monitor the situation with the bin over the winter and make a decision on the best way forward before the start of the season next year.
- 11) To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.
 RA submitted a report which is available on the website.
- 12) Reports
- a) Safer Neighbourhood Team
 Pc Pegden gave a report during item 6; during the previous month there had been 28 calls to Police, one affray, one theft of motor vehicle, two assaults and two offences of malicious communication. The current priorities are anti-social behaviour during Halloween, marine theft and heating oil theft.
- b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong
 Councillor Strong mentioned the following:
- The celebration of Wells Library's 70th year.
 - The importance of using the library to safeguard it for the future.
 - The library now has E services providing electronic copies of magazines and papers.
 - There is a coffee morning at the library every Friday morning between 11 - 12.
 - Marie reported on the progress of the requested changes to the towns parking regulations, she has had some assurances that the work would be completed before the start of the 2020 season.
- c) North Norfolk District Council
 Councillor Peter Fisher was not present but submitted a report which is available on the website.
- d) Town Clerk's Report
 The Clerk reported that the two large white grit bins at Market Lane and Theatre Road were damaged and needed moving (*it was greed they should be disposed of*), permission to fell three of the trees in the Congregational Church yard had been refused by NNDC, Wells Beach has been nominated for an award for best dog friendly beach by readers of Dog Friendly Magazine and anyone wanting to attend the Coastal Futures meeting at the Maltings on 24th October 2019, needs to book as spaces are limited.
- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees
 JE (Buttlands, Staithe Street and Noticeboard) there have been problems with dogs on extended leads in Staithe Street.
 LD (Cemetery) LD asked if there were any plans to reduce the size of the trees overhanging the ashes plot.
 MC (Traffic Management) a meeting of the Traffic Management Working Party will be at 2pm on 22nd October 2019. Now the seasonal restrictions have been lifted it is getting dangerous along the Quay.



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13) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

Barclay Bank	Bank Charges - monthly	8.05
NNDC	Rates - Office	53.00
Anglian Water	Cemetery	13.48
Total gas & Power	Street Lighting electricity	132.82
Clerk to the Council	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00

Payments 7 October 2019

Contractor	Bollards	220.00
Clerk to the Council	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	248.94
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	499.89
Westcotec Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance (Sept)	77.90
P J & B Jones Ltd	Ground Maintenance	1365.00
Wells Community Hospital Trust	Office Rent	262.50
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Waste Collection £158.34 + £94.69	253.03
Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	Duty of Care Admin Costs	51.06
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE 2nd quarter	1808.46
Avena Environmental Limited	Confidential Waste Disposal	94.87
Starboard Systems Ltd	Software Licence	34.80
Masbo Cleaning Services	Cleaning Bus Shelter	100.00
Viking	Office Supplies	83.64
Viking	Office Supplies	70.79
NALC	VAT Course	42.00
NNDC	Emptying of Dog Bins	979.20
Pear Technology Services Ltd	Mapping Software Licence	264.00
Ofcom	Radio Licence (Flood Wardens)	75.00
Wells Christmas Tide Festival	Grant	500.00
Platten & Anthony DIY	Padlocks for Speed Sign	14.99
Wells Twinning Committee	Grant	250.00
Norfolk Citizens Advice	Grant	300.00
B & S Chains (Midlands) Ltd	Playground Swing Fittings	123.55
Staff	Litter Picking	270.93

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

14) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 4 November 2019.

Meeting ends 2135



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