



# Wells Town Council

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

## MINUTES

2022/20

### Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 1902 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 3 Member of the Public.

1) Public Forum

A member of the public complained about a town councillor who took some photographs of his possessions outside a property belonging to Victory Housing. Pat Weston spoke about the upcoming Lord Mayor's procession in London on 12<sup>th</sup> November. PR spoke about missed brown bin collections on East Quay. MC reported a streetlight out at Bases Lane and praised Wells RNLi for the way they engaged with the community on the occasion of the homecoming of the new Lifeboat.

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 Councillor Peter Fisher

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3) Apologies – Michael Dalby & 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 3rd October 2022  
Approved and signed.

6) To consider the budget and precept for the financial year 2023 - 2024.

The Clerk advised that since he had prepared and circulated the budget an individual had applied for the job of placing out the bollards in Staithe Street. The councillors resolved to offer the person the job. The proposed budget presented by the Clerk was then discussed and amended to allow the employment of the person.

Resolved – The amended budget was agreed, including a precept of £80,000.



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- 7) To consider whether to ask NNDC to designate Staithe Street a prohibited or consent street for street trading purposes.  
Resolved – to defer for more enquiries to be made of NNDC about what activity is defined as ‘street trading’.
- 8) To consider a request from a consultant working on behalf of Holkham Estate, asking for a meeting with the Town Council with regard the Neighbourhood Plan.  
Resolved – It was agreed the consultant would meet with the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.
- 9) To consider the issues of parking and traffic management in the town and the lack of response from Norfolk County Council Highways.  
Resolved – The Clerk was asked to write formally to Michael Dalby, the County Councillor for Wells, and ask him to speak with officers and progress those schemes that had been agreed.
- 10) Reports
- d) Town Clerk  
 The Clerk had prepared a report which is available on the Website. In response to the report the Council resolved to renew the Electricity Procurement Service Agreement with ESPO. The Clerk also inform the council that the National Joint Council has agreed with the government the new pay scales for Clerks on the model contract, back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.
- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees  
 MC (Traffic/Parking and Buttlands) MC reported that the Christmas lights on the Buttlands had been renewed and reconditioned. The next traffic management meeting would be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Vehicles continue to illegally park on the Quay. The road markings in the vicinity of the Quay roundabout have faded and need renewing.
- 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 - Confirmed as Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Meeting ends 2048hrs.



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