



Wells Town Council

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

MINUTES

2022/03

Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 7th February 2022 at 1920 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) and 7 Members of the Public

- 1) Public Forum
No comments made.
- 2) To receive an update on Wells Beach car parking and railway replacement from Peter Mitchell on behalf of Holkham Estate.
A presentation was given by Peter and a colleague introducing a new bus shuttle service than would start in the early summer, conveying passengers from the football club car park to the beach car park. There would be some changes to the infrastructure on the beach road to enable the buses to travel along the inside of the football field. Holkham were also introducing a specially adapted wheel chair for use on the beach. The old railway line may be used as a cycle track subject to overcoming some issues of access at the Pinewoods end. Holkham were still hoping to get planning permission to continue with the use of the overflow car park and connecting bridge.
- 3) Reports
 - a) Police – no report received.
 - b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby
A report was received and is available on the website.
 - c) North Norfolk District Councillor Peter Fisher
Apologies sent.
- 4) Apologies –Ray Hewitt, Peter Fisher and Michael Dalby
- 5) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations.
None.
- 6) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2022.
Approved and signed.
- 7) To elect a member to the new Housing Portfolio.
Resolved – Councillor Karen Clarke was appointed



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- 8) To receive a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party together with a number of documents for approval.
 RA introduced the documents which had been prepared as part of the Neighbourhood Plan process.
Resolved – The Town Council noted the documents. (*The report and documents are available under publications on the Council's website*)
- 9) To consider any response the Town Council would wish to make to North Norfolk District Council's consultation regarding the recently published proposed submission version of the Local Plan.
 RA presented to the council a report and information regarding NNDC's draft Local Plan (*available on the WTC website*) and asked that a response be sent to the consultation using professional assistance from one of the consultants working for the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.
Resolved – It was agreed that the consultant should be engaged to draft a response on behalf of the Town Council.
- 10) To consider the recent removal of a streetlight on Bases Lane and whether or not the light should be replaced.
Resolved – to wait and see if a replacement was needed.
- 11) Reports
- a) Town Clerk
 The Clerk reported that no reply had yet been received from Timothy Young at NCC regarding the Traffic Management meeting, the improvements to the footpath in the Churchyard had been organised by the church using volunteers from the High School, a request had been received for a memorial tree to be planted in memory of a locally born airman killed in WWII (*to be agenda for further discussion*), the Mayor's regalia needed refurbishing and the Town Gateway for Two Furlong Hill, agreed and paid for under the Parish Partnership scheme, had still not been installed.
- b) Portfolio Holders/Committees
 LD (Cemetery) there is still a Co-op shopping trolley abandoned at the cemetery behind the gate.
 MC (Traffic and Parking) MC reported that there had been a successful meeting at Market Lane and a plan for resolving the issues with the coach parking had been agreed; however, the plan could take at least nine months to implement. MC also expressed concerns about vehicles parked in the approaches to the zebra crossing outside the Primary School and vehicles parking on the restrictions on the Quay and down High Street.
- 12) 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.
- 13) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 7th March 2022.
 Meeting ends 2120hrs.



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