



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

WELLS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, MILL RD,
WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA, NR23 1RF

2017/01

MINUTES

Town Council Meeting held on 9 January 2017 at 1900 at The Methodist Room

Those Present: Allen Frary (Chairman), Roger Arguile, Pauline Catton, Rodney Crafer, Lindsay Dew, Joe Ellison, Mike Gates, Ray Hewitt & Guy Warren

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Press (The Quay) & 4 members of the Public.

1) Public Forum

Allen Frary spoke about the lifeboat memorial on Beach Road. He explained that as part of the consultation concerning the design for the new lifeboat station the RNLI had asked if it would be acceptable to relocate the memorial to stand outside the new lifeboat station. The RNLI now maintain the memorial and believe it would an appropriate place for the memorial to stand. Allen further explained that he had contacted all the descendants of those lost in the disaster to establish their wishes. To date there has been no definitive response but the wishes of the descendants would be paramount and the majority decision would be the deciding factor.

2) Apologies Gary Anthony, Tony Ford, Campbell MacCallum & Vincent Fitzpatrick

3) To receive Declarations of Interest None

4) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2016 Agreed and Signed

8) b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

Marie delivered a reported that is attached, available on the website and in the Quay Magazine. In addition Marie explained she had asked about a light at the junction of B1105 and A148 and had been told there was no requirement; at the Town Councils request Marie agreed to pursue the matter.

8) e) RA (Tourism/Town and Parish Forum) RA explained he had been trying to engage with Vincent Fitzpatrick concerning a recent government announcement concerning a Community Housing Fund aimed at providing affordable housing for those communities most effected by second homes. RA suggested the Town Council invites Councillor Richard Price, NNDC's portfolio holder for housing, to attend at a council meeting to find out more information. Resolved – To invite Richard Price.



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- 5) To consider the necessary changes that need to be made to the Town Council's standing orders and procedures to enable the council to comply with NNDC's compulsory 21 day response time for planning consultations.

Resolved – To hold fortnightly planning meetings at the Methodist Hall

- 6) To consider the draft recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for new electoral arrangements for North Norfolk and formally respond if necessary.

MG explained that the draft recommendations were to reduce the number of district councillors from 48 to 40 and that Wells, together with Holkham, would be a single ward represented by a single councillor.

Resolved – To respond and support the recommendations.

- 7) To discuss proposals made by the Wells Coastal Communities Team with regard the Maryland Industrial units.

PC explained that attempts by the Coastal Communities Team to negotiate with the owner of the Maryland Industrial units had failed to bring the units into use and she asked that the council support the Coastal Communities Team in asking NNDC to compulsory purchase.

Resolved – For the Clerk to write requesting the District Council to take action.

- 8) Reports

- a) Safer Neighbourhood Team

No report was received

- c) North Norfolk District Council

Vincent Fitzpatrick sent a report; a copy is attached and available on the website.

- d) Town Clerk

The Clerk advised that the Coastal Communities Team had invited another councillor to attend the first Destination Management Plan meeting at 4pm on 26th January 2017, at the Community Hospital. It was agreed RA would attend. The Clerk had successfully applied for small business rates relief on the Cemetery and the refund was to be back dated to 2011.

- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

JE (Buttlands/Notice Board/Staithe Street) There was an indentation forming where the new electrical cable had been laid.

LD (Cemetery) There appears to have been damage to the verge at the Cemetery.

RH (Playing Field) RH suggested GW should be assigned the portfolio for the Polka Cemetery and Churchyard (*agreed*).

MG (Finance) The accounts were in a healthy state.



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9) Financial Report & Accounts for Settlement

Payments during the month

NNDC	Rates - Office	723.00
E-on	Street Lighting	536.70
NNDC	Cemetery Rates	51.00
Anglian Water	East End Allotments	138.96
Greg Hewitt	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
Madasafish	Email service	1.69

Payee	Details	Amount
Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Greg Hewitt	Salary (net of deposit) & Expenses	201.95
Norfolk Pension Fund	monthly contribution	468.52
TT Jones Electrical Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance 234.71	-----
	Street Lighting Maintenance 279.17	513.88
Veolia Environmental Services	Waste collection	103.34
Avena Environmental Limited	Confidential Waste	75.00
Viking	Bin Bags/Office Supplies	107.63
Wells Community Hospital	Office Rent December	250.00
HM Custom and Revenue	PAYE 3rd Quarter	1818.90
Mr S Marshall - Auto Graphics	Signs for Allotment	16.00
The CGM Group (East Anglia) Ltd	Tree Surveys	540.00
Mr E Cast	Litter Picking	250.25

Resolved – Accounts agreed, accepted and signed

10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 6 February 2017.

Meeting ends 2025

