



Wells Town Council

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

MINUTES

2023/01

Town Council Meeting held at the Clore Room, Wells Maltings on 9th January 2023 at 1910 hrs

Those Present: Mike Gates (Chairman), Karen Clarke, Jessica Curtis, Lindsay Dew, Ray Hewitt, Peter Rainsford & Joyce Trett
Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Michael Dalby, Peter Fisher & 9 members of the public.

- 1) Public Forum – A number of residents spoke about the impact of the closure of Polka Day Care and the desperate need for child day care facilities in Wells.
- 2) Reports
 - a) Police – No report received.
 - b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Michael Dalby
A report was received which is available on the website. Michael promised his support to fight for Polka Day Care, he would speak with county officers and find out who owned the building. He also gave an update on the town gateway which should be installed in the next couple of months. A problem with the state of Shop Lane and cars there obstructing the footpath was brought to his attention and he agreed to investigate.
 - c) North Norfolk District Council, Councillor Peter Fisher
A report was received which is available on the website.
- 3) Apologies – Janet Angles, Roger Arguile, Mel Catton, Pauline Catton & Guy Warren
- 4) To receive Declarations of Interest and consider any requests for Dispensations
None
- 5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th December 2022
Approved and signed.
- 6) To consider a proposal from Norfolk County Council to provide improved facilities at the town's main Buttlands bus stop including new shelters.
Resolved – It was agreed that the council would be interested in seeing a more detailed proposal, particularly one that improved pedestrian safety. The Clerk was also asked to mention the need for a better bus service for those that need to travel to Norwich for work or education.



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- 7) To discuss the closure of the Polka Day Care facility.
Resolved – Following the discussion with parents and residents in the public forum, it was agreed that everything that could be done to keep Polka Day Care open would be done. The Clerk would again write to the relevant people. Parents present had agreed to help get the information the Clerk needed to counter the claims made by officers at Norfolk County Council.
- 8) Reports
d) Town Clerk
The Clerk reported that an operative was now employed by the council to place out the bollards in Staithe Street. He advised that this year is an election year and councillors would need to consider if they will be standing again. The elections will be on the 4th May and nominations need to be with NNDC by 15th April 2023.
- e) Portfolio Holders/Committees/Working Parties/Councillors
PR delivered a report on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group. The report is available on the website.
- 9) 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.
- 10) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Monday 6th February 2023.

Meeting ends 2050hrs.

