



Wells town council

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

MINUTES

2021/08

Town Council Meeting held by Zoom on 12 April 2021 at 1947 hrs

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

Greg Hewitt (Clerk), Marie Strong, Peter Fisher and 6 Members of the Public

1) Public Forum

JT reported that the verges on Two Furlong Hill were encroaching on the footpath, she also asked about signage and maintenance on the playing field and skatepark and advised that she had been asked to raise concerns about some livestock on the east end allotments. MC reported that the wall belonging to NNDC on Tugboat Yard needs some attention.

2) Reports

a) Police – No report received.

b) Norfolk County Council, Councillor Dr Marie Strong

A report was sent and is available on the website. The Town Council thanked Marie for all the work that she has done as a councillor over the years and for all that she has achieved for Wells.

c) North Norfolk District Councillor Peter Fisher

A report was sent and is available on the website. MG asked why a licence to trade had been given to a trader for Stearmans Yard (PF said he believed it was to recoup losses but he has raised an objection and would not support any continuation). PC asked what could be done about the food trailer on the old Ark Royal car park with regard pollution and waste (PF said he has asked environmental protection to look at it). JT & LD asked if anything could be done about the dilapidated Industrial Units at Maryland. MC asked if something could be done about the wall on Tugboat Yard which needed repair (PF asked if he could meet MC on site to assess the problem).

3) Apologies – Ray Hewitt

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

5) To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2021 Approved to be signed.



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- 6) To discuss correspondence received from Wells Town Football Club concerning Gray's Fun Fair wanting to visit for two weeks from the 1st August 2021.
Resolved – The Town Council has no objection to the Fun Fair being there for two weeks from the 1st August.
- 7) To consider how and where the Town Council will meet after the 7th May, when the temporary legislation enabling virtual meetings expires
Resolved – The council asked the Clerk to investigate a hybrid type of meeting at the Maltings.
- 8) To authorise changes to the Town Council's budget for 2021 – 2022 by carrying forward money from the previous financial year to increase the budgets for the Children's Playing Field and Town guide by an additional £1000 each.
Resolved – Authorisation given.
- 9) To authorise expenditure to be incurred from the allocated Neighbourhood Plan fund, to enable work on the plan to continue, while waiting for the 2021 -2022 grant allocation period to open for applications.
Resolved – Authorisation given.
- 10) To receive a report on the Housing Needs Assessment.
 RA delivered a presentation which is available on the website.
- 11) To receive a report from the neighbourhood plan working party.
 A report was submitted and is available on the website.
- 12) Reports
d) Town Clerk
 The Clerk reported as follows: a) that a complaint had been received about the fast food trailer trading on Stearmans Yard car park, the complaint had been passed to NNDC, b) the Skatepark had been damaged by Graffiti, two incidents have been reported to the police, c) St Nicholas Church have asked for written support for their National Lottery Heritage Fund application, d) complaints have been received about parking on the parking restrictions on the Quay (the advice is to report these as they occur to parking operations), e) there is a consultation event regarding the Sheringham Shoal windfarm extension, f) there is a service of commemoration for HRH The Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh on Friday 16th 6 pm at St Nicholas Church for those that want to attend.



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e) Portfolio Holders/Committees

MC (Traffic and Parking) MC is still waiting to here from highways regarding the request for bus parking bays on Market lane. The footpath improvements are working well on the Quay but there are problems with illegal parking that need addressing. MC is hoping to have a traffic working party meeting in June or July.

RA (Tourism and Neighbourhood Plan) paid tribute to Sarah Phillips on her reporting of town council meetings in the Quay Magazine over the years, with a new team in place RA would take up the mantle. The next issue of the Quay would be out the third week in May.

13) 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.

14) To confirm Date of Next Meeting - Confirmed as Tuesday 4th May 2021.

Meeting ends 2110 hrs.



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