



Wells Town Council

Wells Community Hospital,
Mill Road, Wells-next-the-Sea,
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Clerks' report written for the meeting to be held November 2022 & prepared 31/10/2022

1. As requested, a meeting with Tim Adams, leader of NNDC, has been arranged for 14:30 hrs Monday 14th November 2022 at Wells Community Hospital
2. It is again necessary to consider renewing the four-year Procurement Service Agreement with ESPO for the Town Council's streetlighting electricity supply. The new agreement term will be from October 2024 to September 2028. ESPO's bulk buying strategy, using TotalEnergies as a supplier, has consistently supplied electricity at a lower unit price. During the period of the four-year contract the unit price is renegotiated annually. I would recommend that the council continues with ESPO.
3. A formal offer has been received, for a Town Councillor to join the group from Wells participating in this year's Lord Mayor's procession in London.
4. I have received no reply from the Highways Authority or Parking Operations in response to emails sent regarding the enforcement of the bus bays on Market Lane.
5. North Norfolk District Council will be installing posts and hedging on the grassed area at the bottom of Northfield Crescent to stop vehicles parking on the land.
6. Correspondence has been received from Stalham Town Council, concerning s106 agreements and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Following the experiences of Stalham Town Council, their Clerk suggests that councillors might want to consider Wells Town Council canvassing their local MP asking him to support a move to end s106 in favour of CIL.
7. Following the recent announcement by Alpha Nurseries Ltd, that Polka Day Care would be closing on 11th November 2022, I wrote to Duncan Baker MP, Michel Dalby (Norfolk County Councillor for Wells), John Fisher (Norfolk County Councillor cabinet member for children services) and Peter Fisher (North Norfolk District Councillor for Wells). I only received replies from Duncan Baker and Peter Fisher. Duncan Baker has hopefully negotiated a reprieve with Norfolk County Council which will allow a handover from Alpha Nurseries to a new operator without it being necessary to close Polka Day Care.
8. The finger on the fingerpost outside the Co-op, opposite the entrance to Old Staithe Walk, on Polka Road, has been broken and needs replacing.

Greg Hewitt
Town Clerk