

WELLS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 21st JANUARY 2010

PRESENT: Cllr C Borastero (The Mayor)
Cllrs: D Anderson; M Brandon; T Butt Philip; N Kennedy;
J Nicholas; J North; J Osman; J Parkes; C Price; S Robertson;
H Siggs; D Unwin.

IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Luck

INFORMAL SESSION:

The Mayors Chaplain led the Council in prayers.

Mrs. Siddons referred to previous minutes of City Council and asked they be amended to show correct dates.

Mr. Cooke asked the Members to consider combining the roll of Superintendent and Clerk to the City Council to save money.

Mr. Hudsmith expressed his thanks to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and RFO for organizing the amazing transformation in the relief road maintenance.

He also expressed his concern on the lack of gritting in Wells during the adverse weather and also the stopping of the relocation of the Butchers stall to Somerfield car park when the market was closed.

The Mayor responded to Mrs. Siddons and agreed to amend the minutes; she thanked Mr. Cooke and Mr. Hudsmith.

Members responded to the lack of gritting expressing their concerns on Health & Safety, lack of Grit bins, loss of Market days etc.

Cllr Osman as a Somerset County Council representative stated he was aware of the problems and policies and schedules for gritting will be looked at again.

FORMAL SESSION:

10/001C **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**
Cllrs L Byrne; S Davies; T Robbins.

10/002C **DECLARTIONS OF INTEREST.**
There were none

10/003C **REPORT FROM THE POLICE**
The new Inspector for the area sent his apologies, since last meeting a total of 83 parking tickets had been issued.

10/004C **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL** held on 17th
December 2009
After amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on 17th December 2009 were confirmed as a true record and were resolved then signed by the Mayor.

- 10/005C **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**
The Mayor confirmed Steve Luck had been appointed temporary Proper Officer.
- 10/006C **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on 12th January 2010.
Cllr Siggs presented the minutes and drew attention to the proposed precept; he then moved their adoption as necessary which was **Resolved**.
- 10/007C **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on 14th January 2010.
Cllr Kennedy presented the minutes and drew attention to the proposed Waitrose store and Highways issues; he then moved their adoption as necessary which was **Resolved**.
- 10/008C **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
The correspondence has been available for inspection in the Wells City Council Offices, no matters arising.
- 10/009C **REPORTS OF COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES AND DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**
Cllr Siggs as District Council and County Council representative spoke about lessons to be learnt regarding gritting in adverse weather and the balance between services and cost implications to Council Tax payers. Refuse collection had been disrupted due to Christmas and bad weather and extra shifts were being done to catch up on collections. He expressed a need for better public information.
Cllr Brandon as District Council representative also spoke on the lack of gritting.
Cllr Osman as County representative informed members of the building of the new Children's Centre in Wells and the proposed opening date of May 6th.
- 10/010C **REPORT FROM THE CLERKS EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE**
Deferred until closed session
- 10/011C **ITEMS FOR URGENT REPORT**
Cllr Anderson expressed his disappointment at the lack of Press attendance to this meeting

EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public is excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Council then went into private session.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm. There were three members of the public present.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next City Council Precept meeting is **Thursday 28th January 2010 at 7.00 p.m.**

Signed.....
(The Mayor)

Date.....