

## WELLS CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY CENTRE AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, WELLS TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 6.00PM VIA ZOOM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: L Agabani (Chairman), l'Anson, J Linsdell

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs: J Parker, J Rust, P Crummay  
Town Clerk/RFO: S Luck  
Open Spaces Officer, M Culliford  
SCC Cllr T Munt  
No member(s) of the public

**20/14CO APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs: P Welch (Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairman), C Rees, O Hartley

**20/15CO DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Agabani declared a personal interest in agenda item 20/21CO(ii) as a Market Place trader.

**20/16CO MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the City Centre & Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 were proposed, seconded, approved and will be signed.

**20/17CO MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

None present.

**20/18CO WELLS CEMETERY**

i. Biodiversity Report

The Open Spaces Officer reported God's Acre advisor was unable to attend as previously agreed, due to the Covid restrictions. Therefore, he had arranged for a local specialist to meet members to discuss options available. This was approved and the meeting will be arranged as soon as possible.

ii. The Tree Survey

The Open Spaces Officer reported he had received the latest report from the surveyor and work was being carried out to remedy problems. Members requested they be sent a copy of the report by email.

**20/19CO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

The new electricity supply to the overhead wires at the start of the High Street has been agreed with the building owner and will be installed in the next few weeks.

**20/20CO ALLOTMENTS**

i. Water supply to Barnes Close

The Open Spaces Officer presented the project and quotes to install the new water supply. After discussions this was proposed, seconded and approved by members.

ii. Proposed water supply at Bishop's Palace

A report was given on a proposal by some tenants to install a new water supply and standpipes to the allotments. A letter has been sent to the Bishops Palace regarding the proposal as they are the landowners and we are awaiting their reply.

Members supported the continued use of the sustainable supply.

- iii. Fees for 2020-21  
There will be no increase in fees for the coming year.

**20/21CO STREET FURNITURE**

- i. Dog Bin request at Milton Lane  
The dog bin was proposed, seconded and approved.
- ii. Proposed Market Street Bollards  
The proposal put forward by the Coronus working party was to replace the metal barriers at the entrance of the Market Place working with MDC and SCC.  
The new heritage posts would incorporate new signage and replace the existing old access signs.  
The project was proposed, seconded and approved.
- iii. Cycle racks – to include Wells Bus Station  
The Open Spaces Officer reported on the siting of the new cycle racks outside the Town Hall, the replacement racks in the High Street and he is now working on placing new racks in Wells Bus Station.

**20/22CO DRAFT TREE POLICY**

A final draft incorporating members' initial feedback was circulated to members for comments before its presentation to Full Council for approval. Members were asked for any final comments to be sent to the Open Spaces Officer.

**20/23CO WILDLIFE-FRIENDLY INITIATIVES IN WELLS**

Cllr Parker presented the proposal to make Wells a Wildlife-friendly City following the initiative of Risby Parish Council. This would incorporate the selling of sapling trees and new signage on verges and areas of grass that is being left to re-wilding by MDC. The project was proposed, seconded and approved.

**20/24CO ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS OF REPORT**

The Open Spaces Officer reported Wells in Bloom had and will continue, thanks to the Open Spaces team as we are unable to use volunteers for the foreseeable future.

The Burcott Road residents are wanting the agreed noticeboard, therefore its purchase and installation will be arranged.

**20/25CO DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TBA**