



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 May 2025 & prepared 07/07/2025

1. Sluice Channel and Skate Park Fence – The Clerk has been contacted by Holkham Estate to inform them that work to complete clearing the sluice channel, as well as the installation of the new skate park fence, has been scheduled for September so as not to disturb nesting birds.
2. Grass Cutting Payment – The Wells Town Council has received an agreed amount from NCC in lieu of grass cutting carried out by the Council's contractor on their behalf.
3. Play Field Working Party Meeting – The Play Field Working Party, along with the Friends of the Wells Play Field, have met on site with a representative from Kompan to discuss plans to enhance the play field. Both groups are now waiting for ideas and suggestions from Wells Primary and Nursery School, Alderman Peel High School and Little Gillies, to be incorporate into their 'wish list' of play equipment to improve children's play experience, from toddlers to teens, in addition to making the Beach Road Play Field inclusive.
4. The Clerk has been contacted by a member of the public in connection with a felled sign post they had been storing on behalf of the Council.
5. Allotment Inspections – The Allotment Working Party completed their first inspections scheduled for 2025 of the Mill Road and Northfield Lane allotment sites.
6. Allotment Working Party Meeting – Following the inspections mentioned above, the Allotment Working Party met to discuss their findings on the 3rd of July. As a result, the Clerk has been asked to look into fees collected by other allotments within a 20 mile radius with the intention to see if a further increase in the amount currently charged per allotment plot by the Council would be possible in order to offset rising maintenance costs. The Clerk has also been asked to write to a number of tenants to inform them of the Council's concerns regarding their plots. Certain councillors have volunteered to hand deliver these letters so as to cut down on postage costs. Finally, the Clerk will contact LB to enquire into engaging their services to prepare neglected plots for new tenants.
7. The Clerk is in the process of identifying a possible speaker to deliver a talk on the subject of the Wash Barrage. Once identified the Clerk will arrange a suitable venue for the event.
8. The Clerk has been in contact with Councillor PF in relation to a damaged bench in Tugboat Yard.
9. A member of the public has contacted the Clerk with a request to place a memorial bench on the Buttlands; the Clerk will research the cost of a concrete plinth to provide a base for the bench should the Council agree to its installation.
10. Following the recent resignation of Councillor DW from the Wells Town Council, NNDC have informed the Clerk that they have received a petition containing the required number of names to instigate a Notice of Election. Candidates wishing to stand need to hand deliver their nominations to the Return Officer at NNDC by 4:00pm on the 31st of July. If the election is contested a poll will be arranged by NNDC and take place on Thursday the 28th of August. The result will then be announced the next day.

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Town Clerk