

Attleborough Christmas Lights.

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ATC = Attleborough Town Council

Lights Committee = Attleborough Christmas Lights Committee – This is a totally independent group not affiliated in any way to Attleborough Town Council

1. The minutes of the meeting held in the Tavern (see attached item 1A) state that Cllr J Ellis would recruit two Town Councillors to the Lights Committee. These minutes were shared at Full Council on 1/10/18. The minutes show that they were 'noted'. No action was recorded. (See attached item 1B). It cannot be found, to date, a record of any Councillors being assigned to the Lights Committee by ATC. Furthermore, as noted in the 2013 notes by the then clerk Mark Broughton (see attached item 1C) 'decisions [...] would have to be taken by the committee of six councillors' and Terms of Reference for any committee would need to be put to Full Council and agreed. This does not appear to have happened.
2. Since the sad demise of Cllr G Ellis there has been no monies passed to the Town Council from the Lights Committee as can be seen in attached item 2A
3. Ms Gina Lopes when clerk appears to have had concerns regarding the Lights Committee and the fact that they were not a registered charity and with her guidance a constitution was drawn up and signed by some Lights Committee members (see attached item 3A). This constitution does not, however, make clear ownership of the lights.
4. The electrician who worked with Cllr G Ellis for many years resigned from the Lights Committee in October 2018 and sent notification to ATC (see attached item 4A). In his resignation letter he expressed concern as to the way the Light Committee had questioned his integrity. His resignation, letter and concerns were not, it appears, discussed at Full Council.
5. The electrician who resigned had been sending detailed invoices to ATC for payment. It can be seen from these sample invoices (see attached item 5A and 5B) that ATC did, in fact, pay for many lightbulbs.
6. The electrician who resigned had been charging ATC £400 per year for storing the lights. (See attached item 6A). The new electrician charged ATC £1300 per year (see attached item 6B). It has been verbally suggested that the increase was due to some of the lights previously being privately stored by the late Cllr G Ellis however, to date, no record of any discussion at Full Council ref the increase in storage costs can be found.
7. Over the past 20 years ATC (through the residents' council tax contributions) have paid approx. £340,898.00 to the Lights Committee. (See attached item 7A). Despite this massive contribution many residents are unaware of ATC financial support to the lights (using Taxpayers money). The Lights Committee place regular social media posts informing the public of financial contributions towards the lights by local businesses.

They also produce advertising banners to display beside the tree on the square thanking contributors. This year it was only after our clerk raised with the Lights Committee the absence of any acknowledgement of the support of ATC (and ergo the residents of Attleborough through their Council Tax) was a thank you posted on social media and ATC were told that they had 'forgotten' to put ATC on the advertising banner. It should be noted that there was no thank you to ATC (and therefore the residents of Attleborough) on the banner used in 2021 either.

8. It has been stated to various Town Councillors verbally by members of the Lights Committee that ATC (and therefore the tax paying residents) do not own a single lightbulb and if the Lights Committee 'pulled the plug' on the lights ATC would have no lights. This is despite ATC (and therefore the tax paying residents) contributing over £300k to the Lights Committee over the last 20 years.
9. In an email sent to a local business in December 2021 the Lights Committee state that 'ATC don't own a single bulb' and that 'the lights [...] do solely belong to us' (see attached items 9A and 9B).
10. During 2022 the Lights Committee were informed that due to the need for ATC to show due diligence for our residents that 3 quotes would be needed for all invoices submitted for payment in future. It was suggested that a lump sum be donated to the Lights Committee so that they could then choose to spend the money how they deemed appropriate. A donation of £15k was agreed by Full Council.
11. Social Media Posts at the time were both inaccurate and inflammatory regarding ATC and its support for the Christmas Lights. (See attached items 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D).
12. The Lights Committee then proceeded to put the lights up around the town on Sunday October 9th, 2022, this was the same day as the Community Book Sale. The Lights Committee did not inform ATC that the lights would be going up on this day. Obstructions were caused by equipment being used to erect the lights in front of the TH.
13. The erection of the lights took one day. In previous years when ATC (and therefore the tax paying residents) had been paying the electrician the lights had gone up over a 4-5-week period. Each day being invoiced separately to ATC (see attached sample invoices 13A, 13B, 13C).
14. It can be seen in the accounts from when Cllr G Ellis was running the lights that no charge was made for the Christmas Tree. Since his death there has been a charge of £300 and £360 for the tree (see attached 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E). There is also the question of whether cutting down a tree every year for a 6-week display is good for the environment. The purchase of a reusable tree would seem to be a far more environmentally friendly option.

15. ATC only discovered when the Tree was being erected on the square this year from an announcement by the Lights Committee on social media. Cllr J Ellis and Cllr T Taylor are both members of the Lights Committee. There had been no communication with ATC prior to check if the square was being used on that day for any other events.
16. On 19th October 2022 Archant (EDP and Wymondham and Attleborough Mercury) ran an article in which E Ellis is quoted as saying the lights cost around £8k per year. This figure was subsequently changed to £20,000 in the online article although the date of the change is unclear.
17. A social media post on 17th November 2022 stated that Bakeaholics had 'tampered with and broken the Christmas Lights last year without the permission of ATC'. This inaccurate statement was not corrected by the Lights Committee. (see attached item 17A).
18. The light display itself is considerably smaller now than in previous years. Displays attached to lampposts have not been replaced and the lights cover a smaller part of the town.
19. Investigations into other towns has shown that much smaller budgets are used with bigger displays than ours. The respective Town Councils oversee the installation and purchase of displays.
20. Sadly, where once Attleborough had one of the best displays in Norfolk this is no longer the case. To invest such high figures in the light display we should, the opinion could be, get a return on the investment with an increase in footfall in the town whilst the light display is in place for the 6 weeks. This year the town was very quiet every day after 2pm.
21. At the Christmas Carnival on Sunday November 27th, 2022, a list of those who had contributed towards the cost of the lights was read out. Attleborough Town Council was not included in this list.

Conclusion:

Ownership of the lights needs to be established.

Investment of over £340,000 over 20 years with no capital assets to show is, it could be argued, not a good use of public funds.

The Grant award process of ATC needs reviewing.

One possible option could be that a separate ATC Christmas Light Committee could be formed by ATC with clear Terms of Reference in place. This committee could include members from the community but as with all TC committees voting rights should be restricted to elected councillors.

Minutes of the Committee Meeting for Attleborough Christmas Lighting,
held at 12pm on Sat, 11th. August 2018 at Mrs B Ellis's home.

Christmas lights

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Present ; Joe Ellis ; Elliot Ellis ; Joe Phillips; Paul Boggia.
Apology from Julie Blyth.

1/ PB and JP were anxious to clarify the situation regarding what has to be done, and when.
Also who is to be responsible for what, and what further materials are needed this year.

2/ PB suggested that the second Sunday lift hire could be dispensed with by cutting out the pea-led lights which are never very reliable; to the four trees in the church yard and one tree in the square. This would cut down considerably the time spent on installation with the lift. The trees to be up-lit instead with coloured LED floodlights, four to each tree. JE to make metal brackets for each tree, five in total. This will look equally as effective, but save expensive Sunday lift time and labour costs.

3/ The lighting strings have all been tested and approved; repaired where necessary and possible.

4/ Two large frames need major attention and the father christmas frames being of poor quality are looking very tatty indeed.

5/ Sunday 14th. October 2018 is the first day of the lift installations and the lift is already booked.

We realise that this is only eight weeks away!
Therefore, JP and PB need to know ASAP what is to be done about the father christmas frames and the two large frames. EE to check the interest in purchasing new frames.

6/ As there are funds available, it was decided to replace at least two festoon looms, and to purchase 500 new 1 watt LED BC lamps, and to go ahead with buying twenty 30 watt LED coloured floodlights for the trees.

The 1 watt BC lamps are much more suitable for the other trees in the square and the old peoples home, as they are also much more effective and durable.

The total cost of investment would be approx ; £2,650.00 which will be worthwhile to keep up the general condition.

7/ JE to co-opt two more town council members to help with the fund raising.
EE to be the secretary although the minutes in this instance were taken by PB.
JP to install lighting.

JE to represent the town council, and report back to them on decisions made.

JB to act as treasurer

PB to use his experience of ten years testing and installing the lights to over see and advise.

Also to call again upon his experienced Sunday team.

8/ PB reminded the committee that the Christmas Tree in the square ought to have 110 volt lighting and not 240 volt. He emphasised that this should be treated as a matter of urgency and be changed this year.

9/ The committee were in agreement that the Christmas Lights are a special asset to the town, with nothing but compliments all round, and therefore will go ahead again this year.

The meeting closed at 1.30pm with thanks to Barbara for the use of her home.

- The Christmas Lights Committee have now confirmed their group's constitution in line with Council's previous request.
- The Draft London Road Masterplan is being presented for Members' consideration
- Reminded Members on the 19 September 2018, the Norfolk's Branch of the Royal British Legion 'Torch of Remembrance' will be coming to the Town at approximately 14.00 in Queens Square; all Councillors are encouraged to attend.

070.18) Financial Matters

a) To authorise the payment of cheques: -

On the motion of Cllr Bond, seconded by Cllr S Taylor, it was

RESOLVED to approve and accept the payment of cheques as per cheque list dated 3 September 2018 - £31,917.61.

b) To agree direct debits: -

On the motion of Cllr S Taylor, seconded by Cllr Williams, it was

RESOLVED to approve and accept the direct debits list dated 1 October 2018 – Total £23,714.13.

c) To receive Income: -

On the motion of Cllr Crouch seconded by Cllr Bond, it was

RESOLVED to approve and accept the income list for September 2018 – Total £2,735.00.

a) Income & Expenditure Reports 31 August 2018: – Noted for information

b) Request for Donation (\$137): –

- i. Creative Arts East; 25 Years Celebrations

On the motion of Cllr Williams, seconded by Cllr Ellis, it was

RESOLVED to donate £100.00 to Creative Arts East.

ACTION: Clerk

071.18) NALC L09-18 | 2018 Model Standing Orders – Amendments:

On the motion of Cllr Crouch, seconded by Cllr S Taylor, it was

RESOLVED to accept the required amendments to Attleborough Town Council Standing Orders.

ACTION: Clerk

072.18) Correspondence

a) Update from Zurich Insurance: –

The Clerk informed Members that the Claimant had proceeded to take his claim to a hearing; however the claimant did not attend and the previous agreement to pay his excess of £100.00 still stands.

b) Attleborough Christmas Lighting: -

- i. Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2018: – Noted for information
- ii. Attleborough Draft Christmas Lights Constitution: – Noted for information

c) Minutes of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Meeting held on Thursday 6 September 2018: – Noted for information

d) Thank You Correspondence: – Noted for information

- i. Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; WW1 Veteran Silhouettes

073.18) Presentation of London Road Play Area Masterplan Design; by Mr Phil Doyle; Playlink Consultant

a) Draft Masterplan Design; London Road Play Area Costings

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Christmas Lights:

I understand that there has been some public interest in the spending on the Christmas Lights in the town. The situation is unclear to me. I understand that the Council has budgeted for a grant of up to £20,000 and I can understand that by having contractors' invoices made out to the Council, there is a saving on the VAT, compared with simply giving a donation of money to the Christmas Lights organisation/ group. There is also the complication that Councillor Ellis runs the Christmas Lights and has contracted Councillor Dickerson's company to do some of the work.

Is the "Christmas Lights" a separate legal entity, run by Councillor Ellis, with its own public liability insurance? If it is, then I would expect Councillor Ellis to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, and leave the room, when the budget is set or when new amounts are vired to that heading in the budget, and his Register of Interests should show Christmas Lights under "Contracts with the Council" – it is currently listed under Securities. If Councillor Dickerson did not know at the point that the budget was agreed that his company would be getting the work, then he would not need to declare an interest. (I note that Councillor Dickerson correctly declared a DPI at the February 2013 meeting when his company applied for the work for the cemetery, and left the meeting for the discussion and voting.)

In this scenario then the Council would want to ensure, given the size of the donation, that the service was good value for money and might ask for assurances about the steps taken to get quotes and for copies of the insurances and necessary permissions for working on the highway, as you might with a grasscutting contractor, for example.

If the "Christmas Lights" does not have its own insurance, but is more of a Committee of the Council, and the lights are covered by the Town Council's insurances, then the situation appears to me to be a little more complicated; a committee cannot consist of only one councillor by law, and the Council's own regulations state that there must be six councillors on each committee. Cllr Ellis as a committee member would not have to declare an interest in the spending on the lights, but the decisions as to the appointment of the contractors would have to be taken by the committee of six councillors. Cllr Dickerson would then have to declare a DPI and leave the room each time the allocation of the work was discussed. The Council's own regulations about contracts over £15,000 would also apply.

This issue is complicated and never "black and white." I am giving my views based on my own experience as parish clerk and discussions with other clerks over several years. The Council can obtain advice on this from the Monitoring Officer at Breckland District Council. The main issue to me is the reputation of the Town Council. Councillors should always strive to be transparent in their decisions so that the "man in the street" is clear that councillors making decisions about public money do not have any interests in those decisions. It is always better to declare an interest unnecessarily than to not declare an interest and have the public suspicious!

YEAR END	INCOME	EXPENSES	NET COST TO TC	Comments
2001	£ 2,011.00	£ 10,870.00	£ 8,859.00	
2002	£ 4,045.00	£ 13,680.00	£ 9,634.00	
2003	£ 3,931.00	£ 17,464.00	£ 13,532.00	
2004	£ 1,655.00	£ 16,915.00	£ 15,260.00	
2005	£ 2,455.00	£ 19,238.00	£ 16,783.00	
2006	£ 7,974.00	£ 26,221.00	£ 18,247.00	
2007	£ 4,023.00	£ 24,270.00	£ 20,247.00	
2008	£ 3,913.00	£ 20,960.00	£ 17,047.00	
2009	£ 3,901.00	£ 21,407.00	£ 17,506.00	
2010	£ 3,992.00	£ 21,595.00	£ 17,603.00	
2011	£ 1,420.00	£ 16,070.00	£ 14,650.00	
2012	£ 3,993.00	£ 21,596.00	£ 17,603.00	
2013	£ 1,816.00	£ 13,331.00	£ 11,514.00	
2014	£ 4,133.00	£ 17,965.00	£ 13,832.00	
2015	£ 3,356.00	£ 11,328.00	£ 7,972.00	
2016	£ 3,617.00	£ 16,508.00	£ 12,891.00	
2017	£ 4,800.00	£ 19,338.00	£ 14,538.00	
2018	£ 3,536.00	£ 21,237.00	£ 17,701.00	
2019		£ 14,819.00	£ 14,819.00	
2020		£ 13,888.00	£ 13,888.00	
2021		£ 19,452.00	£ 19,452.00	
2022		£ 12,317.00	£ 12,317.00	
2023		£ 15,000.00	£ 15,000.00	Donation
Total	£ 64,571.00	£ 405,469.00	£ 340,898.00	

Constitution

NAME

The name of the organisation shall be **ATTLEBOROUGH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

AIMS

The aims of the Group shall be to ensure the Christmas lights are installed each year and will be on display from the end of November to early January. The Christmas lights are for the benefit of all the residents of Attleborough to enjoy the festive season.

POWERS

To further these aims the committee shall have power to:

- (a) Obtain, collect and receive money or funds by way of contributions, donations, grants and any other lawful method towards the aims of the Group.
- (b) Associate local authorities, voluntary organisations and the residents of Attleborough in a common effort to carry out the aims of the Group.
- (c) Do all such lawful things as will further the aims of the Group.

MEMBERSHIP

- (a) Voting membership shall be open to anyone over the age of 16 who supports the aims of the group.
- (b) The Management Committee shall have the power to approve or reject applications for membership or to terminate the membership of any member provided that the member shall have the right to be heard by the committee before a final decision is made.

MANAGEMENT

- (a) A Management Committee elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall manage the Group.
- (b) The committee shall consist of a chair, secretary, treasurer.
- (c) The committee may co-opt up to a further two voting members who shall resign at the next Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The committee shall meet at least four times each year.
- (e) At least 3 committee members must be present at a committee meeting to be able to make decisions.
- (f) A proper record of all transactions and meetings shall be kept.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 12 months of the date of the adoption of this constitution and each year thereafter.

- (b) Notices of the AGM shall be published three weeks beforehand and a report on the Group's financial position for the previous year will be made available at the same time.
- (c) A Special General Meeting may be called at any time at the request of the committee, or not less than one quarter of the membership. A notice explaining the place, date, time and reason shall be sent to all members three weeks beforehand.
- (d) One third of membership or three members being present, whichever is the greater, shall enable a General Meeting to take place.
- (e) Proposals to change the constitution must be given in writing to the secretary at least 28 days before a general meeting and approved by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

ACCOUNTS

- (a) The funds of the group including all donations, contributions and bequests, shall be paid into an account operated by the management committee. All cheques drawn on the account must be signed by at least two members of the Management Committee.
- (b) The funds belonging to the group shall be applied only to further the aims of the group.
- (c) A current record of all income, funding and expenditure will be kept.

DISSOLUTION

- (a) The Group may be dissolved by a resolution passed by a simple two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting.
- (b) If confirmed, the committee shall distribute any assets remaining after the payment of all bills to other charitable group(s) or organisation(s) having aims similar to the Group or some other charitable purpose(s) as the Group may decide.

(c) Signed by Chair [Signature] Date 13/8/18

Signed by Secretary [Signature] Date 13/8/18

Signed by Treasurer [Signature] Date 13/8/18

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Enquiries | Attleborough Town Council

From:
Sent:
To:
Subject:

~~Rona Boggia rona.boggia@bt.com~~
24 October 2018 12:58
Enquiries | Attleborough Town Council
Christmas Lighting

To all members of the Attleborough Town Council.

This is to confirm that as of Wednesday 17th. October 2018 at a meeting of the lighting committee held in the London Tavern at 6.pm. I felt that it was impossible for me to continue to be on the committee, or take any part in the Christmas Lighting in the town, as there was a major clash of personalities. Accusations directed at me were thrown around, and as I have only ever wanted the best for the town, as Geoff Ellis did, I felt compelled to resign on the spot. As you may know, Geoff and I worked together for ten years (testing the lights, and later installing them for the last five) during which time Geoff passed on to me the knowledge needed to get everything right, and ready for the switch on. I had been trying to save money by only using a high lift which has to be manned by six people, on one Sunday instead of two. This and other things were brought into question, in a nasty way, which I was not prepared to put up with. It transpires that the lighting committee are not worried about saving money, as they have a five figure sum in the bank, plus donations coming in this year to top it up.

I hope that the present committee have everything in hand, and the switch on goes according to plan.

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ELECTRICIANS

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The Poles, Crown Road, Old Buckenham, NR17 5SL

INVOICE

Vat Reg No. 989278047
Company Reg No. 7225884

4147

Tel/Fax: 01953 880870
Mobile: 07768 373470

TOTAL DUE 9,540.00

Invoice number 4147
 Invoice date 30.10.2017
 Terms 21 Days
 Your Ref; Christmas Lighting

Sold To
 Name Attleborough Town Cncl
 Address (line 1) via e mail
 Address (line 2)
 Post Code

Date	QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
		To install Christmas lights :-		
1st.Oct		Sunday with high lift		
4th.Oct		Put up strings		
8th.Oct		Sunday with high lift		
11th.Oct		Put up strings		
19th.Oct		Put up strings		
24th.Oct		Put up strings		
29th.Oct		Sunday half day to put up strings on narrow & busy paths		
		To supply & install on strings to reduce overall load on supply		
	50	1watt LED golf ball lamps red	2.95	147.50
	50	1watt LED golf ball lamps green	2.95	147.50
	50	1watt LED golf ball lamps yellow	2.95	147.50
	50	1watt LED golf ball lamps white	2.95	147.50
		These lamps are plastic & therefore more robust & durable. So they should last a lot longer. Being only 1watt each they significantly reduce the loads		
	1	Total labour for October	7,360.00	7,360.00

This contract is subject to our standard terms & conditions. All queries must be put in writing and notified within 7 days of invoice date. Goods remain our property until paid for in full. Subsequent cancellation, will incur a cost of 15% of the contract sum, as detailed above to cover any drawing & associated work costs, which must be paid immediately on receipt of invoice.

Please make checks payable to: [Redacted]
 Bacs details; sort code [Redacted] a/c no. [Redacted]

SUBTOTAL 7,950.00
VAT 20 1,590.00

PAYMENTS
PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT 9,540.00
TERMS: Net 21 Days

Reg Office; [Redacted] Bedford

England Director; [Redacted]

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◆◆◆ **INVOICE**

Vat Reg No. [REDACTED]
 Company Reg.No. [REDACTED]

4152

Tel: [REDACTED]
 Mobile: [REDACTED]

e mail: [REDACTED]

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TOTAL DUE 6,630.00

Invoice number 4152
 Invoice date 30.11.17
 Terms 21 Days
 Your Ref; Xmas Lights

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Sold To
 Name Attleborough Town Council
 Address (line 1) via e mail
 Address (line 2)
 Post Code

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Date	QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
		To Finish installation:-		
1st Nov		Put up strings		
2nd Nov		Put up strings		
8th Nov		Put up frames & church etc		
10th Nov		Put up strings/put box in square		
14th Nov		Clean lanterns etc & put up		
16th Nov		Frames at town hall etc		
17th Nov		Sort out supply for shops		
19th Nov		Sunday- Tree up		
20th Nov		Griffin etc		
23rd Nov	1	Test all installations	450.00	450.00
24th Nov		Sort problem with Griffin		
25th Nov		Check all strings etc		
26th Nov		Sunday Switch On		
		Check all time clocks & adjust as necessary		
	1	labour	4,250.00	4,250.00
		No festoons were replaced this year, as we up-graded to LED lamps instead.		
		Materials Supplied		
	300	1watt LED golf ball lamps assorted colours	2.75	825.00
		N.B Whilst the strings around the square with coloured lamps suspended on the posts are 110volt, the tree uses a 230volt supply. This has always been the case but I thought that I should make this clear to the council		

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Please make checks payable to: [REDACTED]

Bacs details ; sort code [REDACTED] a/c no [REDACTED]

SUBTOTAL 5,525.00
VAT 20 1,105.00

PAYMENTS
PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT 6,630.00

TERMS: Net 21 Days

Reg Office ; [REDACTED]

England

Director ; [REDACTED]

[Handwritten signature]

EMBED LIMITED

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INVOICE

Vat Reg No. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Company Reg.No. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

4157

Tel: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Mobile: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

e mail: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

TOTAL DUE 6,028.92

Invoice number 4157
 Invoice date 16.1.2018
 Terms 21 Days
 Your Ref; Christmas Lighting

Sold To
 Name Attleborough Town Council
 Address (line 1)
 Address (line 2) via e mail
 Post Code

Date	QTY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE EACH	TOTAL
Dec		Maintenance of xmas lights		
4th.Dec	1	Attend to timer problems	180.00	180.00
12th.Dec	1	Attend to problems various	180.00	180.00
	50	Replace 50 lamps with LED's	2.75	137.50
19th.Dec	1	Attend to problems with tree	70.00	70.00
20th.Dec	1	Attend to problems with tree	140.00	140.00
	1	Hooks purchased	12.20	12.20
	1	16amp plug & skt @ sundaze	16.40	16.40
	1	Label packs x 4	8.00	8.00
Jan		Disconnecting & Taking down		
5th.Jan	1	Disconnect & ready for sunday	320.00	320.00
7th.Jan	1	Sunday take down high with cherry picker	1,830.00	1,830.00
8th.Jan	1	Start taking down rest	80.00	80.00
9th.Jan	1	Continue	460.00	460.00
10th.Jan	1	"	440.00	440.00
11th.Jan	1	"	430.00	430.00
13th.Jan	1	finish up & put into storage	320.00	320.00
	1	Storage for One year	400.00	400.00
NB		Attleborough Town Council to provide insurance for their property whilst in secure and alarmed storage		

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 of the contract sum, as detailed above to cover any
 drawing & associated work costs, which must be paid
 immediately on receipt of invoice.

Please make checks payable to:

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Bacs details ; sort code ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a/c no ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

SUBTOTAL 5,024.10
 VAT 20 1,004.82

PAYMENTS
 PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT 6,028.92

TERMS: Net 21 Days

Reg Office; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ England

Director; ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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VAT Invoice

INVOICE TO
Attleborough X-mas Lights
Attleborough Town Council
Town Hall
Queens Square
Attleborough
NR17 2AF

INVOICE NO. 1041
DATE 30/05/2019
DUE DATE 29/06/2019
TERMS Net 30

DATE	ACTIVITY	QTY	RATE	VAT	AMOUNT
30/05/2019	Services Preparing x-mas lights for testing. PAT Testing all frames and adjusting/upgrading all safely/fire risks with the frames. Upgrading all connections to IP65 and lowering the risk of electric shocks/fire Hazards.	1	1,280.00	20.0% S	1,280.00

30/05/2019	Invoice 1 of 2 X-mas lights Yearly storage cost Yearly x-mas lights storage cost. Cost to me for hire of unit.	1	1,300.00	20.0% S	1,300.00
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Please make all payments to:
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SUBTOTAL	2,580.00
VAT TOTAL	516.00
TOTAL	3,096.00
BALANCE DUE	£3,096.00

Please make cheques payable to,
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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BOX INC ATTIEBOROUGH

Christmas Light Committee

do have ownership of the

sockets and fuse board and

as such if any damage occurs

it will be us that is liable.

Additionally the lights that

were being used do solely

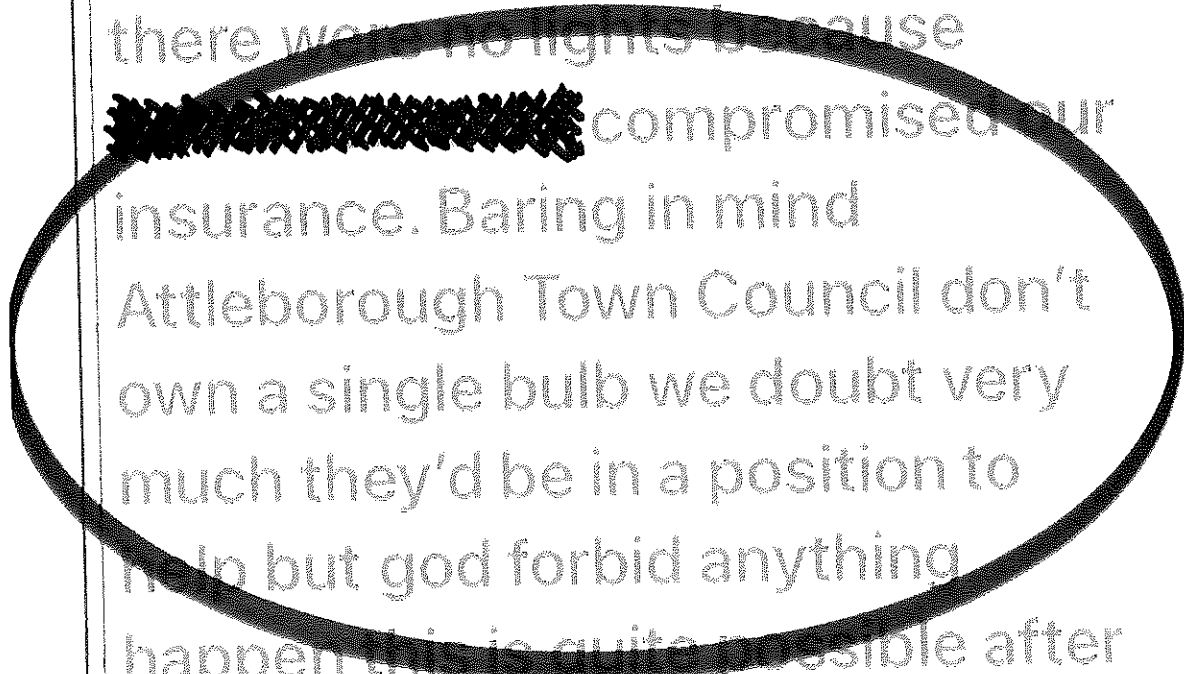
belong to us and using them

without permission (or even

asking) is entirely

unacceptable.

Your so quick to think about public perception but have you stopped to think how the towns people would feel if next year there were no rights because ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ compromised our insurance. Baring in mind




Attleborough Town Council don't own a single bulb we doubt very much they'd be in a position to help but god forbid anything happen this is quite possible after the reckless actions you yourself have admitted to this weekend. Like I have said twice now..... not once was I reckless and not once did I do anything dangerous, once no feed was found by Reg and myself we sealed up the box and gave up on the idea !!! we only switched on the square a few hours early both days we did not tamper with any nuclear fuel rods for Christs sake.....they are light

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] they had
always been very helpful,
however this year was
another story.


**Due diligence is great and
should be done and totally
support it.**

**Normally the committee
takes no money from the
council, the council will
pay invoices submitted.
However the
administration of the
council now no longer
wishes to put their time
into this and lobbied for
the council to revoke this
help. The committee was
told they had to put in for a
grant so initially the
committee asked for 12k
this year and anything over
the committee would pay
the council, but as they f**

the council, but as they f  

 ked about deadlines were shorter than other years no electrician was booked and they Initially didnt confirm if the electric was going to be covered. The committee had to ask for 15k to make sure there was enough to cover any unforeseen expenses, meaning it cost 3k more because they were dicks about it.

Hopeful as nearly all the lights are now new and LED costs will be coming down and the committee will able to put something back.

Funny enough they had technical problems and couldn't stream the meeting  but the discussion didn't make them look good, if it wasn't

Funny enough they had technical problems and couldn't stream the meeting 🤔 but the discussion didn't make them look good, if it wasn't for Cllr Tyrer they would have been no lights this year.

To many outsiders there now or people that have only been here 2 minutes thinking they know what's best for the Borough.

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TAX INVOICE

Attleborough Town Council
Town Hall
Queens Square
Attleborough
NR17 2AF

Invoice Date
18 Oct 2021
Invoice Number
INV-1200
VAT Number
344470701

~~ABC Contractors Limited~~
~~1 St Nicholas Street~~
~~DN5~~
Norfolk
~~NR2 4LB~~
GBR
RML

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
Installation of Attleborough x-mas lights	1.00	940.00	20%	940.00
16/10/2021				
Installation of Attleborough x-mas lights	1.00	1,410.00	20%	1,410.00
17/10/2021				
New buckets with lids	23	500 350.00	20%	350.00
Plugs, sockets and whisk boxes	1.00	130.00	20%	130.00
			Subtotal	2,830.00
			TOTAL VAT 20%	566.00
			TOTAL GBP	3,396.00

Due Date: 25 Oct 2021

Please make all payments to:

~~ABC Contractors Limited~~
Account Number: ~~244470701~~ Sort Code: ~~08-17-20~~
Please make cheques payable to ~~ABC Contractors Ltd~~

Payment Terms:

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Thank you for choosing ~~ABC Contractors Ltd~~

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TAX INVOICE

Attleborough Town Council
Town Hall
Queens Square
Attleborough
NR17 2AF

Invoice Date
21 Nov 2021

Invoice Number
INV-1203

VAT Number
~~649091~~

~~JE Contractors Limited
6 St. Nicholas Street
Diss
Norfolk
NR2 1LB
GBR~~

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
X-mas Lights Preparation for lamps and plug adaptors - Joe + Luke - 6.5 Hours 06/11/21	1.00	350.00	20%	350.00
X-mas Lights Installation - Joe + Luke + Ben - 9 Hours - 12/11/22	1.00	660.00	20%	660.00
X-mas Lights Installation - Joe + Luke - 8 Hours - 16/11/21	1.00	420.00	20%	420.00
Blue Plug Connectors x 30 of these	1.00	89.96	20%	89.96
X-mas Lights Installation Joe + Luke + Ben - 7 Hours - 19/11/21	1.00	500.00	20%	500.00
X-mas Light Installation - Joe + Luke + Ben + Jamie - 8 Hours - 21/11/21	1.00	880.00	20%	880.00
Church yard tree lights wrapped removed and rewrapped 16x Of these wrapped	1.00	350.00	20%	350.00
Subtotal				3,249.96
TOTAL VAT 20%				649.99
TOTAL GBP				3,899.95

Due Date: 30 Nov 2021

Please make all payments to:

~~JE Contractors Ltd~~
Account Number: ~~23459764~~ Sort Code: ~~00-17-20~~
Please make cheques payable to, ~~JE Contractors Ltd~~

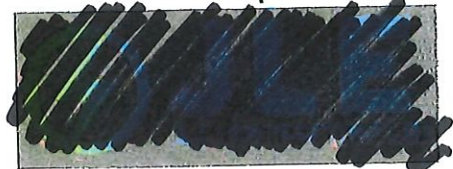
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TAX INVOICE

Attleborough Town Council
Town Hall
Queens Square
Attleborough
NR17 2AF

Invoice Date
10 Jan 2022

Invoice Number
INV-1231

Reference
X-mas lights

VAT Number
424002

JE Contractors Limited
6 St. Nicholas Street
Diss
Norfolk
IP22 4LB
GBR

Description	Quantity	Unit Price	VAT	Amount GBP
material used installing existing and new Christmas lights:	1.00	935.00	20%	935.00
3 outlet connectors, tape, wagos, blue flex, timers, eyelet hooks,				
23/11/21 xmas lights Ben + Jamie	1.00	400.00	20%	400.00
24/11/21 X-mas lights Ben + Jamie	1.00	400.00	20%	400.00
27/11/21 X-mas lights Joe, Luke, Ben, Jamie	1.00	840.00	20%	840.00
28/11/21 X-mas lights Joe, Luke, Ben, Jamie	1.00	840.00	20%	840.00
Replace Faulty loom with new loom (Abbots) 1 hour Jamie, Luke, Ben, Gaz	1.00	102.50	20%	102.50
8 Call outs to X-mas lights	1.00	440.00	20%	440.00
8/1/22 X-mas Lights Take Down Joe, Luke, Ben, Jamie, Luke B	1.00	1,040.00	20%	1,040.00
9/1/22 X-mas Lights Take Down Joe, Luke, Ben, Jamie, Gaz, Luke B	1.00	1,240.00	20%	1,240.00
			Subtotal	6,237.50
			TOTAL VAT 20%	1,247.50
			TOTAL GBP	7,485.00

Due Date: 17 Jan 2022

Please make all payments to:

JE Contractors Ltd
Account Number: 200070 Sort Code: 200721
Please make cheques payable to JE Contractors Ltd

Payment Terms:

V. J. Dale

Company Registration No: 1200732 Registered Office: 6 St Nicholas Street, Diss, Norfolk, IP22 4LB, GB

Attleborough Christmas Lights 2015-2016

	Net	VAT	Total
Festivelite	884.58	176.92	1,061.50
Festivelite	1,073.50	214.70	1,288.20
PMB Co Ltd	1,180.00	236.00	1,416.00
PMB Co Ltd	7,280.10	1,456.02	8,736.12
PMB Co Ltd	450.00	90.00	540.00
PMB Co Ltd	3,923.80	784.76	4,708.56
C J Webster	209.70	41.94	251.64
Eastern Counties Access Platforms	500.00	100.00	600.00
Anglia Platforms Access	446.65	89.33	535.98
Anglia Platforms Access	553.25	110.65	663.90
	16,501.58	3,300.32	19,801.90

Light Fund Cost Deducted

Festivelite	1,073.50	
PMB Co Ltd	833.90	
Anglia Platform Access	999.90	
Eastern Access	500.00	
C J Webster	209.70	
	<u>3,617.00</u>	Paid to Attleborough Town Council
Balance of Payment	<u>12,884.58</u>	Paid by Attleborough Town Council

Other Cost Paid from Light Fund

Boswell Insurance	295.20
Xmas Tree Hoist & Electrics	270.00
Xmas Tree Donated	0.00
	<u>565.20</u>

Summary Total	<u>3,617.00</u>		
Net Light Fund	<u>4,182.20</u>	12,884.58	Net Town Council donation
			16,501.58

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Attleborough Christmas Lights 2016-2017

	Net	VAT	Total
Festivelite	643.32	128.66	771.98
Festivelite	72.50	14.50	87.00
PMB Co Ltd	900.00	180.00	1,080.00
PMB Co Ltd	900.00	180.00	1,080.00
PMB Co Ltd	259.10	51.82	310.92
PMB Co Ltd	7,995.50	1,599.10	9,594.60
PMB Co Ltd	2,644.70	528.94	3,173.64
PMB Co Ltd	3,930.00	786.00	4,716.00
C.J Webster	149.85	29.97	179.82
Arlington Services	880.00	176.00	1,056.00
Anglia Platforms Access	482.30	96.46	578.76
Anglia Platforms Access	480.80	96.16	576.96
	19,338.07	3,867.61	23,205.68

Light Fund Cost Deducted

Festivelite	715.82	
PMB Co Ltd	2,092.08	
Anglia Platform Access	963.10	
Arlington Services	880.00	
C J Webster	149.00	
	<u>4,800.00</u>	Paid to Attleborough Town Council
Balance of Payment	<u>14,538.07</u>	Paid by Attleborough Town Council

cheque received
£4,800.00
PAID 6/3/17

Other Cost Paid from Light Fund

Boswell Insurance	235.00
Xmas Tree Hoist & Electrics	245.00
Xmas Tree Donated	0.00
	<u>480.00</u>

Summary Total	4,800.00		
Net Light Fund	<u>5,280.00</u>	14,538.07	Net Town Council donation
			19,338.07

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Attleborough Christmas Lights 2017-2018



	Net	VAT	Total
Festivelite	607.18	121.43	728.61
Great Melton Farms	300.00	60.00	360.00
PMB Co Ltd	1,140.00	228.00	1,368.00
PMB Co Ltd	5,525.00	1,105.00	6,630.00
PMB Co Ltd	7,950.00	1,590.00	9,540.00
PMB Co Ltd	5,024.10	1,004.82	6,028.92
Anglia Platforms Access	498.40	99.68	598.08
Anglia Platforms Access	492.30	98.46	590.76
	21,536.98	4,307.39	25,844.37

Light Fund Cost Deducted

Festivelite	607.18
PMB Co Ltd	1,140.00
Anglia Platforms Access	498.40
Great Melton Farms	300.00
Anglia Platforms Access	498.40
Anglia Platforms Access	492.30

3,536.28 Paid to Attleborough Town Council
18,000.70 Paid by Attleborough Town Council

Balance of Payment

Other Cost Paid from Light Fund

Boswell Insurance	249.84
Xmas Tree Hoist & Electrics	250.00
C W Services	150.00
	<u>649.84</u>

Summary Total	<u>3,536.28</u>		
Net Light Fund	<u>4,186.12</u>	18,000.70 Net Town Council donation	21,536.98

Cheque Received
£ 3536.28
23/3/18

Attleborough Christmas Lights 2019-2020

	Net	VAT	Total
JSP Electrical	2,110.75	422.15	2,532.90
JSP Electrical	2,580.00	516.00	3,096.00
JSP Electrical	3,312.35	662.47	3,974.82
JSP Electrical	5,885.00	1,177.00	7,062.00

13,088.10 2,777.62 16,665.72

Balance of Payment

13,088.10 Paid by Attleborough Town Council

Other Cost Paid from Light Fund

Ebay N & P Thermoplastic Moulders Ltd	70.00
Nuts n Bolts (Bench paint)	47.07
Litemania t/a Lumalite	2,616.91
Alan Boswell Insurance	249.84
Elliott Ellis (Lidl, Litemania, CSS, Jan Smith & Various for race night)	500.00
JSP Electrical	540.00
Great Melton Farms	360.00
JSP Electrical	2,100.00
Items for quiz and stall paid by cash	128.35
	<u>6,622.17</u>

Net Light Fund

6,622.17

13,888.10 Net Town Council donation

13,888.10

Donations Received

White Lodge	500.00
Attleborough Parish Charities	1,000.00
Alan Rump & Son	150.00
ENM Services	500.00
K Foley	500.00
Tracy Turner	500.00
Donna Kissinger Estate Agent	150.00
Andy Free Ltd	40.00
Hammond Lee Ltd	200.00
Attleborough Travel	25.00
Nuts n Bolts	50.00
A & N Perkins	100.00
Millbanks	75.00
Wyhills Ltd	75.00
Punctilio Props	500.00
Toms Fish Bar and East of England Coop	250.00
Roger & Norton Ltd	50.00
The Hideout	100.00
Rix Automatics	200.00
A W Myhill & Son	20.00
MA Partners	150.00
Eastern Attachments	250.00
One Stop	50.00
Race night, Quiz and carvery night and stall on day of event	1,602.93
Race night, Quiz and carvery night and stall on day of event	620.00
Collection Boxes	276.98
	<u>7,924.91</u>

Attleborough Christmas Lights 2020-2021



	Net	VAT	Total
JLE Contractors Ltd	4,608.00	921.60	5,529.60
JLE Contractors Ltd	4,091.79	818.36	4,910.15
Neil Thomas	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
J & L Electrical (East Anglia) Ltd	5,102.35	1,020.47	6,122.82
J & L Electrical (East Anglia) Ltd	4,640.00	928.00	5,568.00
	<u>19,542.14</u>	<u>3,688.43</u>	<u>23,230.57</u>

Balance of Payment

19,542.14 Paid by Attleborough Town Council

Other Cost Paid from Light Fund

Alan Boswell Insurance	279.83
Litemania t/a Lumalite	778.32
J & L Electrical	3,720.00
Cherry Picker x 2	1,118.40
CSS Banners x 2	140.00
Crane for Tree Erection	450.00
Great Melton Farms	360.00
Sainsburys Envelopes	2.00
Standley Steel	5.08
	<u>6,853.63</u>

Net Light Fund

6,853.63

19,542.14 Net Town Council donation

19,542.14

Donations Received

Xmas Carnival Donation	700.00
Beesthorpe Moto	500.00
Banham Poultry	500.00
Eastern Attachments	500.00
Anglian Demolition	500.00
ENM Services	300.00
Eastern Flow Screen	500.00
K Foley Ltd	150.00
Donna Kissinger Property	200.00
Attleborough W I	200.00
Hammond Lee	100.00
Nuts N Bolts	75.00
East of England Coop	50.00
Myhill Ltd	50.00
Donation of Cash ?	100.00
Millbanks	150.00
M A Partners	205.00
Pat Nicholls	100.00
No7 Healthcare	25.00
Sweetness	50.00
Cranks	150.00
Tony Perkins	150.00
Toms Fish Bar	150.00
	<u>5,755.00</u>

they could run their charity grotto... he is NOT a victim in all of this!

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[redacted] it goes way deeper than the santa tued

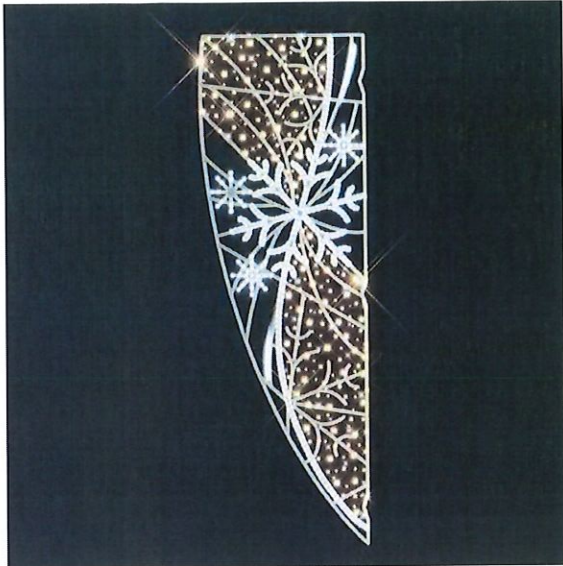
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[redacted] I'm glad it's cancelled as last year he broke and tampered with the Attleborough Christmas light box to get them on, obviously without permission from the council , just so daughter could use them at her event. We all pay for that!! It's disgusting.

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[redacted] people reading these posts and the newspaper articles aren't aware of the background



A: Set of 4 ~ 3m Snowflake & Patterns Commercial Christmas Lamp Post Silhouette Motifs (Refurbished)

Product Code: 16329

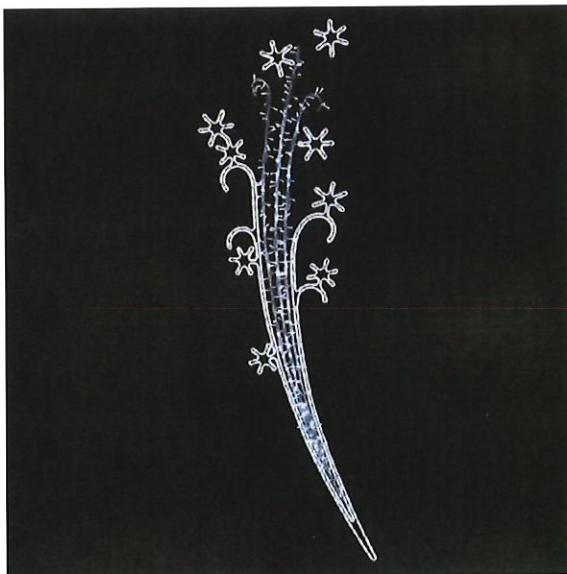
£1,596.00



B: 2.45m Commercial Christmas Tree Swirl Lamp Post Silhouette Motif (Refurbished)

Product Code: 800556

£369.00 £299.00



C: 3m Flower Vase Commercial Christmas Lamp Post Silhouette Motif (Refurbished)

Product Code: 800092

£369.00

Lamppost Lights

These lights are now full price as the sale ended 31st January 2023, however the company has confirmed they would honour the sale price of 50% off these full priced items.

As a guide you would need approximately 12 of these to cover the Hideout to The end of Church Street, or 40 to cover the one way system.

At the sale prices this would be a savings of approximately £7000.

Below is an example of an environmentally friendly Christmas Tree alternative

Fairybell | 10 metres | 4000 LED lights | Warm white

£949.95 £759.95 Sale



Hi

I walk my dog on the Decoy Common most days and I notice it is becoming a dumping ground for the town council green waste.

I was lucky today as when I walked my dog this afternoon the town council workers were dumping a load more, so I confronted them as to why it was being dumped there and they replied the town council had a licence to burn it there, so I remarked what about wildlife which could be underneath considering a lot of it has been there weeks and there reply was it would be checked before they burned it next week, I can't see that happening.

How can this be happening nowadays, and why is it not chipped and used as mulch, considering the Common is basically a natural area.

I feel this needs urgent attention before it is burnt

Also, under the freedom of information act I would like to see this licence

Thanks

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19 b)

Rosedale School Parking

Hello,

I'm writing to address the issues in Attleborough regarding the Rosecroft school commuters between 8-9am and 3pm

I've spoken to many residents on Harebell Road, New Road through social media and many people have agreed the issue needs to be addressed.

Every day residents are finding it dangerous to use their own road as the Rosecroft school parents park the cars on the junction at new road and all down the road blocking traffic and creating hazards for pedestrians and road users.

I've seen a few close calls, and had my drive way blocked more times than I can count.

Rosecroft school unlike Attleborough academy provides no parking for the parents to park and drop off their children. A lot of the residents locally were hoping the area next to the school would be used for parking as there is a large plot of land adjacent. However, it's been shared on social media a developer wants to build even more houses on the already massively built-up tiny area on this side of town.

I think it will serve the community and improve safety to rethink and address the issue. Signs will not do; police have been called to sort drive way blockages but long term it needs addressing.

Thank you
Residents of New Road, Harebell and London Road.

19c)

Good afternoon,

Please see the below correspondence from George Freeman MP's constituent

Mr Freeman would be grateful if consideration could be given to the points that our constituent has raised with us, and asks that a response is given, as well as for any advice, support or information you might be able to offer the constituent.

Many thanks in advance.

Kind regards,

Office of George Freeman MP
Member of Parliament for Mid Norfolk

Dear Mr Freeman,

May I, in the first instance, wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I have some comments and questions, most of which are relevant to me as well as to other people.

At the beginning of December my local dental practice ceased to be NHS. This move has, at a stroke, almost doubled the cost of routine treatments. There are no dental practices in my area (probably not anywhere in Norfolk) that are taking on new NHS patients. My dental practice blamed their move to private treatment on successive governments underfunding NHS practices. My conclusion is that, after 12 years in power (I do not consider the Lib-Dem input from 2010 to 2015 to have had a material impact on dentistry) the Conservative party has no interest in supporting the NHS as far as dentistry is concerned. The increase in poor oral health because of high private fees will lead to an increase in chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease amongst the poor.

As a result of a medical condition, I have not been allowed to drive for a minimum of six months. This period is now up, and all required documents have been sent to the DVLA. The DVLA has now insisted that I have a sight test at an optician that is approved by them. The optician that I selected (of two offered) is in Norwich, which allows me to travel by bus (I cannot drive!). The earliest appointment that I could make was 49 days after receipt of the DVLA letter, which is quite outrageous.

Along with the whole UK population I am concerned with what is happening to our health service. Just two weeks ago a neighbour of my sister suffered a stroke. The ambulance took 1 ½ hours to arrive and the person then spent five hours in the ambulance at the N&N. She had another stroke and died.

Nine days ago, a friend of mine suffered a heart attack. His wife was told that there was an eight hour wait for an ambulance even though the call operator knew the circumstances of the call. My friend's wife managed to get her husband into their car, even though he was in agony, and she drove him immediately to the N&N where he had emergency surgery to clear a blocked artery. Had he waited for an ambulance he most likely would have died.

A lack of beds seems to have been the underlying cause for the abovementioned unacceptable conditions.

It is hardly surprising that such situations are occurring every day throughout the UK – the UK has 2.4 beds per 100,00 population compared to the EU average of 4.6 and 7.9 in Germany.

The average number of beds in the UK declined by 8.3% from 2010 to 2019/20. During the same period the population of the UK increased by 4.3 million, or 6.8%.

I completely understand why nurses are taking, for the first time ever, strike action – according to the Nuffield Trust the current median pay for nurses is £7500 below the median for other graduate occupations. This government says it cannot afford to pay more than has been offered. What has happened to the £350 million per week that was going to be available and strongly intimated (if not promised) as being for the NHS when we left the EU?

You may blame the pandemic for the absence of this £350m per week. If so, please tell me in detail where the money has gone! Considering the pandemic, the NAO has estimated that £10 billion has been wasted on unfit for use, overpriced or misplaced PPE. The location of a further £3.6 billion of supplies cannot be located. That is £13.6 that the NHS, including nurses, will not receive.

You might argue that the pandemic was unprecedented and thus in the extreme circumstances errors in procurement could be expected. However, Public Health England carried out Exercise Alice, which

in 2016 tested the country's readiness to cope with Middle East respiratory syndrome, caused by a coronavirus. No Government action was taken on the results.

My final concern is with the police force. In 2010 there were 172000 police officers in the UK which fell to 150000 in 2017 because of Government policy. Even with the current recruitment drive there are still 8000 less officers in 2022 compared to 2010 (even though, as mentioned earlier, there are at least 4.3m more people to police). It is no wonder that County Line drug gangs are thriving, and knife crime is prolific.

Finally, we are the 5th richest country in the world. Isn't it time the Conservative Party acted in a manner that is appropriate to that status?

Sincerely,

Dr Peter Wright

Dear George,

Thank you for your comprehensive response to my email.

I am very happy for you to proceed with the actions suggested.

Concerning the opticians, this may be an issue that needs to be raised with the DVLA rather than or as well as the opticians. My feeling is that the DVLA has nominated too few opticians to carry out DVLA approved and funded eye tests in a prompt manner.

I appreciate that the current Health Secretary is relying on recommendations given by the independent NHS Pay Review Body but the actual independence of this and other review bodies has been questioned. Recommendations have not always been accepted by the Government - Jeremy Hunt did not accept the recommendations of the NHSPRB in 2014.

I have one new issue that you might be able to help with. The main hall in Attleborough - Connaught Hall, has been used as a vaccination centre for many months (I think at least 18+). During this time the adjoining private car park which was a pay and display car park, has been free. I would be interested to know which government body (NHS?) is paying for the long-term hire of Connaught Hall and for the car park and how much. I would also like to know why Attleborough Surgery cannot (or does not) carry out the vaccinations as do all other surgeries that I know of (in Norfolk and other parts of the country).

The loss of Connaught Hall to the community means that no events of more than 70 people can be held in Attleborough. Surrounding villages have larger facilities!

I have briefly looked at your email of 23 December ("Reporting Back 2022") and I look forward to reading it (and its many links) in its entirety. I am genuinely pleased at the amount of involvement you have with local works and activities.

Dear XXXXX

I do indeed give my explicit consent for George to raise the matter concerning Connaught hall with Attleborough Town Council or any other person or Body that needs to be contacted in connection with this case.

Regards,

XXXX