



Bungay Town Council

Annual Report 2010/11

Thank you for allowing me to lead Bungay in such a busy and dramatic year as Mayor and Chairman of the Council.

As Mayor, I have met wonderful people and been amazed at the hard work, dedication and selflessness of so many Bungay people.

Bungay is remarkable – just look at the events we put on. The Bungay Festival, Pumpkin Night, Wish Upon a Star, our three Street Fairs – and a host of smaller events such as garden parties, suppers, bring and buys – organised to raise money both for the town and for charities. Every one of these is time consuming and shows real dedication. Bungay – I take my hat off to you.

On the Council side, things have been more difficult, but no less exciting. In November we learnt about Suffolk County Council's swingeing cuts which threatened to deprive us of Lollipop Ladies, our Library, our Youth Services and a proximate Recycling Centre. For a start!

Effective Cross Community Working Parties swung into action, with a large number of people – Council and Community - putting in very hard work to protect our community. Coupled with major changes in Suffolk County Council's philosophy, it looks as if the Crossing Patrols will definitely be saved, that our Library – hopefully – looks secure, and the Recycling Centre in Beccles will be continued until at least 2011 when other local provisions will have been worked on.

But one event still saddens us, and always will. Right in the middle of the Bungay Festival, for which he had done, as in so many years, a vast amount of organisation, on July 17th, Cllr Jim Jervis, dearly loved and respected, suddenly passed away. We miss you Jim - and your sense of humour, your experience and wisdom. We will not forget you.

In addition, three stalwarts of the council retired – John Palin, who had served for 37 years; Arthur Fisher, who served for 25 years and Malcolm Bedingfield. Thank you, Gentlemen. You were wonderful, and we will miss you as well. In their places we welcome Cllrs Terry Reeve; Olly Barnes; Richard Vinton and Sylvia Knights (co-opted). I am now very pleased to hand over to the new Mayor, Cllr Angela Brook. Thank you for a rewarding year.

CLLR SIMON WOODS

Do you find this Newsletter difficult to read? Contact any Councillor, or the Town Clerk (01986 892361), and we will send you a larger print version. Thank you.

Mayor: Simon Woods, 6 Pilgrims Way, Bungay, NR35 1HL. 896040

Deputy Mayor: Angela Brook, 26 Earsham Street, Bungay, NR35 1AQ. 893455

Members:

Malcolm Bedingfield, 14 Fairfield Road, Bungay, NR35 1RY. 893249

Janet Blowers O'Neill, 19 Trinity Street, Bungay, NR35 1EH. 893292

Angela Brook, 26 Earsham Street, Bungay, NR35 1AQ. 893455

Judy Cloke, 2 Waveney Road, Bungay, NR35 1LH. 894653

Martin Evans, 7 Outney Road, Bungay, NR35 1DZ. 893563

Arthur W Fisher, 1 Solace Close, Bungay, NR35 1LF. 892005

John Groom, 28 Wingfield Street, Bungay, NR35 1EZ. 895105

Dave O'Neill, 19 Trinity Street, Bungay, NR35 1EH. 893292

John V Palin, 38 Fairfield Road, Bungay, NR35 1RY. 894806

Terry Reeve 29 St John Road, Bungay, NR35 1DH 896 416 Replaced Cllr Jim Jervis (deceased)

Deirdre Shepherd, The Smokehouse, 48 Bridge St, Bungay, NR35 1HD. 893638

Simon Thompson, 57 Southend Road, Bungay, NR35 1DN. 895801

Didy Ward, 19 Flixton Road, Bungay, NR35 1HQ. 893824

John Warnes, The Barn, 47 Beccles Road, Bungay, NR35 1HT. 892855

Simon Woods, 6 Pilgrims Way, Bungay, NR35 1HL. 896040

TOWN CLERK - Peter Morrow, 11 Wharton Street, Bungay, NR35 1EL. 892361.

Changes for 2011-2012:

Cllrs Bedingfield, Fisher and Palin left the Council at the 2011 elections. Their positions were replaced by:

Olly Barnes, 18 Nethergate Street, Bungay, NR35 1HE. 892074

Richard Vinton, 53 Beccles Road, Bungay NR35 1HQ. 07729 195444

Sylvia Knights, Oakham, 30 Norwich Road, Ditchingham, Bungay NR35 2JL. 893479

The 2011-2012 Mayor is Angela Brook and the Deputy Mayor is Terry Reeve.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2010-2011

All were chaired by the Mayor, Cllr Simon Woods

Planning Committee: Cllrs Woods, Bedingfield, Brook, Evans, Fisher, Palin, Ward and Warnes.

Finance & General Purposes Committee: Cllrs Woods, Blowers O'Neill, Brook, Groom, Jervis, Shepherd, O'Neill and Thompson.

Traffic Committee: Cllrs Woods, Brook, Evans, Fisher, Jervis, O'Neill, Palin, Shepherd, Thompson and Warnes.

Environment Committee: Cllrs Woods, Bedingfield, Brook, Evans, O'Neill, Shepherd, Thompson and Ward.

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Finance & General Purposes Committee: Cllrs Brook, Reeve, Blowers O'Neill, Groom, Shepherd, O'Neill, Thompson.

Traffic Committee: Cllrs Brook, Reeve, Barnes, Groom, O'Neill, Shepherd, Thompson, Warnes, Woods, Ward.

Environment Committee: Cllrs Brook, Reeve, Ward, Vinton, Cloke, Evans, O'Neill, Shepherd, Thompson, Woods.

Bungay Town Council – Annual Accounts 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011

Income (net of VAT)	Amount in £	Expenditure (net of VAT)	Amount in £
Allotment rents	258.38	Allotment expenses	345.90
Civic event receipts	271.41	Audit	520.00
Common dividend	230.00	Bank charges	168.22
Donation	100.00	Civic Events	1411.43
Golf Club rent	5500.00	Donations	4019.50
Insurance claim	544.70	Election costs	4664.85
Interest	1365.09	Equipment purchase	0.00
Locality budget	640.00	Insurance	1361.13
Precept	34150.00	Litterpick	2155.95
Riverside receipts	3373.39	Miscellaneous	49.13
Section 106	1036.00	Office expenses	1334.50
Riverside capital grant	0.00	Prizes	110.63
		Project Officer	5500.00
		Property Maintenance	3490.60
		Quality Council	2144.13
		Regalia	675.83
		Rent	5.00
		Riverside capital	542.88
		Riverside revenue	8044.80
		Salary & on-costs	11434.61
		Section 106	1315.00
		Subscriptions	888.58
		Town Mayor's allowance	950.00
		Training costs	178.10
		Town Promotion	1063.98
Total	<u>47468.97</u>		



DONATIONS

Organisations receiving donations from Bungay Town Council include:

Bungay Sea Scouts	300
Bungay Joint Tourism	1113
Bungay High School prize	75
Bungay in Bloom	450
Bungay BD Marathon	100
Bungay Youth Association	472
Bungay Youth Partnership	886
Christmas Lights	1500
Neighbourhood Watch	100
Royal British Legion	78
Total	<u>5074.00</u>

Total **52374.75**



HAVE YOUR SAY!

Bungay Town Council wants to encourage people to come along and have their say at its Council Meetings. If you would like to make any comments relating to agenda items please arrive at the Council Chamber at least 15 minutes before the meeting's start time and notify the clerk that you wish to speak.

Report from the Bungay Community Council

(responsible for the Honeypot Community Centre, old and new).

Since we last reported here on plans for a new Community Centre for Bungay, sited on the Old Grammar School field, much has happened. The external organisation leading the project met some internal problems and withdrew from the exercise. While the national economic situation worsened by the month, from costings we had carried out on their “plan with pizzazz”, it became obvious that fundraising to that degree was slipping away from us. Lastly, the opportunity for the Beehive nursery to leave the old Hall urgently for better premises forced us to revisit the elements within the new Centre.

With the help of the Community Forum, a feasibility grant was obtained and we are now close to submitting the new scheme for planning approval. At the same time, a realistic business plan has been worked up with Coin Street, the South Bank consultants, which will permit us to approach funders with an attractive proposition. The single storey building is of two distinct parts: the Community wing with a grand hall capable of accommodating 150 seated dinner guests, with adjacent kitchen and bar facilities. A demountable marquee over the terrace will raise this to 200. The Hall will be divisible into two by a central sound-proof partition, permitting simultaneous hire of each space. In addition, there is a 40 seater conference/recreation room, looking out over a picnic area, served by a kiosk off the lobby, and beyond that to the



new children’s play area and existing skateboard park. To the rear of the building, there is the Enterprise wing, providing an open plan area of 12 units of desk space for rent, plus 5 self-contained “incubator” offices for start-up businesses. The original diagonal footpath across the field has been maintained within the landscaping of the surrounding area as has the lime tree avenue to the old school building.

Find us online

Bungay Town Council has a comprehensive website, which gives details of how the council works; how to contact councillors and minutes and agendas.

The BTC website can be found at: www.onesuffolk.co.uk/BungayTC



Councillors’ Surgeries

1st Saturday of every month 10.30 am – noon.

Honeypot Community Centre, Upper Olland Street, Bungay.

If you are a Bungay resident and have a problem with Council services, including those provided by Waveney and Suffolk, such as housing; noise; litter; roads etc, come and talk to a Bungay Councillor, who can offer advice, or forward your concern.

No appointments necessary – everybody welcome.