Bungay Town Council

Report of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held at the Council Chamber, Broad Street, Bungay on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 7.30pm

Present : Clls Barnes, Cloke, Buck, Groom, Knights and Woods
Also present were 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from Cll Collins.
2. Cll Buck declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in agenda item 6.
3. No local electors wished to comment on matters to be considered at this meeting.
4. NDP expenditure for the period to August 2016.
On the basis of information provided on behalf of the NDP steering group, expenditure up to a maximum of £1770 for the period May to August 2016 was authorised subject where appropriate to the Council's financial regulations.
5. NDP/WDC service level agreement.
The Clerk reported that the NDP steering group had sought clarification from WDC about aspects of the agreement. They would need to consider the agreement in the light of this after which the Council would consider their recommendations.
6. Grant application from Bungay Cricket Club.
It was recommended that a grant of £500 be made to support the purchase of sight screens.
7. Grant application from Magpas Helimed.
A grant of £250 was recommended.
8. Funding request from Bungay in Bloom.
The Clerk reported that since the grant application had been made both watering machines had been stolen. The insurance position was being clarified and it was decided to defer consideration of this request pending this.
9. The following balances were reported:-

	£
Lloyds current account	58517.39
Lloyds instant access account	293.11
Scottish Widows account	131244.23
Total	190054.73

The following cheques were approved for payment:-

IRS Recruitment, litter-pick, £509.76; Waveney District Council, election costs, £5928.22; East Anglia's Children's Hospices, donation S137, £200.00;
Bungay Black Dog Marathon, donation S137, £150.00.

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Report of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee at the Council Chamber, Broad St, Bungay on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 following the above meeting

Present : Clls Barnes, Cloke, Knights, Lincoln, Paul and Thompson.
Also present were 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies were received from Cll Collins.
2. Cll Cloke declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in plan DC/16/1501/FUL.
3. An elector who lived in an adjacent property voiced his objection to plan DC/16/1480/FUL on grounds of closeness to the boundary resulting in loss of light and design aspects.
4. The following plans were considered:-

DC/16/1480/FUL, Mr H Leah, construction of a 3 storey side extension, 38 Southend Rd. Refusal was recommended on grounds of loss of light, detriment to outlook and of unacceptable design with the mass of the proposed extension unbalancing the front elevation of the semi-detached block.

DC/16/1558/FUL, Mr & Mrs Elvin, first floor rear extension and single storey room garden extension room, 29 Beccles Rd. Approval recommended.

DC/16/1501/FUL, Mr I Huggins, alterations to front fenestration to facilitate provision of a separate bedroom internally, demolition of existing porch rear wall, 7 Staithe Close. Approval recommended.

5. Use of the community payback programme to carry out work in the Waveney Rd area.

Cll Cloke outlined a proposal to carry out work on a very overgrown piece of community land which shared a boundary with the gardens of a number of residents. The cost using community payback labour was estimated to be in the region of £800. Members did not consider it appropriate for the Council to meet the full cost of this as the major beneficiaries would be the small group of residents and it may be expected that the Council should maintain this land in the future. It was considered that a financial contribution be made by the Council who would facilitate the work provided the residents would meet the bulk of the cost and would carry out maintenance in the future. It was recommended that a contribution of £130 be made subject to these conditions.

6. Report on the River Waveney access project.

The Town Mayor had distributed a written report and this was received. The Town Mayor was thanked for his work on this and it was recommended that the Council support this project.

7. WDC Play Space Evaluation Report Consultation.

Details had been distributed to members. It was noted that additional provision for Bungay was a low priority because some parts of the district were less well provided. It was agreed that routine ground maintenance was important and that Waveney Norse should be pressed to ensure that this took place.

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It was recommended that a review be carried out to establish local priorities and to see how necessary improvements can be funded. It was reported that a group in Halesworth had successfully raised funds for this purpose. It was agreed that Clls Cloke, Lincoln and Paul would carry out the review and Cll Knight would contact the Halesworth group.

8. Suggested re-instatement of the pedestrian crossing at the south end of St Mary's St.

Cll Knight said that she had contacted St Edmund's School and their main concern was improved signage to warn motorists about the crossing by the school. Their concern had arisen from a number of incidents which had been reported to Suffolk County Council. Cll Lincoln said that there was a general problem of motorist failing to comply with the 20mph limit in St Mary's St.

It was agreed that SCC should include this in the next safety audit and consider improved signage.

Cll Paul said that a creative approach was needed. The Clerk suggested that as part of this the school may, subject to necessary consents, be able to put signage on their southern boundary as this was on the approach to the crossing.

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