

Bungay Town Council

Minutes of the January meeting held at the Council Chamber, Broad St on Monday 18th January 2016 at 7.45pm.

Present : Cll Barnes, Cloke, Chater, Collins, Groom, Knights, Paul, Prior, Reeve, Thompson and Woods.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cll Ritchie (SCC), the police and Cll Haward.

2 Interests

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 21st December 2015

Were approved and signed.

4. Public representations

No members were present.

5. County Councillor's report

Cll Ritchie's apologies had been noted.

6. To receive a report on local policing matters

A written report was circulated. Cll Groom raised the issue of newspaper delivery cycle riders without lights. It was agreed that the Town Mayor speak to the PCSO & Sgt Pryce about this issue.

7. To receive correspondence

The following correspondence was reported:-

Mr B Peek about proposed beacon lighting to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

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SALC area meeting dates for 2016.
Complaint re illegal parking in St Mary's St. Issue to be referred to PCSO.
Complaint re condition of WCs in Cross St.
SCC re Suffolk Fire & Rescue Service integrated risk management plan 2015-18.

8. To receive a report from the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 4th January 2016

The report was received and recommendations agreed.

9. To consider plans received, to receive reports from the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 4th January 2016 and to receive planning decisions from Waveney District Council and the Broads Authority

The following plans were considered:-

DC/15/5103/FUL, Ranmere Ltd, change of use from financial to retail and residential, 1 -3 Market Place. Approval recommended.

DC/15/4853/FUL, Mr T Sprake, construction of a bungalow with associated domestic storage, 31 Southend Rd. Approval recommended.

The committee and decision reports were received.

10. Lorry watch co-ordinators report

No report was received.

11. To fund the production of poll cards in the event of a contested election and publicity to encourage nominations if an election is called

It was agreed that the Council would fund poll cards at a cost of approximately £1700. It was agreed that the TC web-site, press contacts and social media be used to encourage nominations.

12. Budget and precept for 2016/2017

Papers had been distributed to all members. It was agreed that provision be made for PCSO funding for 2016/2017. The budget was approved and a precept of £62304 was agreed.

13. To receive a report on the operation of the Riverside Centre

The Clerk reported that he had checked the movement-sensitive external security lights and they were working correctly.

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14. To receive a report from the latest councillors’ surgery

Cll Reeve suggested that a move to a location closer to the town centre be considered to encourage public attendance.
It was agreed that green bin information be provided on the TC web-site.

15. To receive written reports from Council Representatives

Written reports had been circulated. Cll Collins reported that the initial NDP had gone well. 30 individuals had expressed an interest in being on the working party. The question of the plan boundary had not yet been settled; a response from Ditchingham Parish Council was awaited. After this matter was settled the next step was to apply for designated status.

16. To receive reports from District Councillors

Cll Groom reported on attendance at an emergency planning seminar. He recommended that a meeting of the emergency planning working party be held and that this wp liaise with Beccles who were already working on these issues.
Cll Woods reported that a WDC full council meeting would be held on the 20 January. The capital programme and treasury management matters would be considered.

17. Town Mayor’s Report

A written report had been distributed. It was agreed that separate press releases on the budget, PCSOs and car park provision be issued to achieve the maximum coverage.

18. Balance details and approval of payments

The following balance details were reported:-

	£
Lloyds current account	36156.64
Lloyds instant access account	293.08
Scottish Widows account	131244.23
Total	167693.95

The following cheques were approved for payment:-
IRS Recruitment Ltd, litter pick, £247.92; Bungay Museum, honorarium, £125.00; Norse Commercial Services, Riverside, cleaning, £190.48; Mrs J Cloke, mileage, meeting attendance Ipswich, £28.80.

Signed.....
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