

Bungay Town Council

Minutes of the September meeting held at the Council Chamber on Monday 19th September 2016 7.45pm.

Present : Cll Groom, Barnes, Cloke, Collins, Haward, Lincoln, O'Neill, Prior and Woods.

Cll Ritchie(SCC) and 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Clls Buck, Chater, Harnden, Knight and Thompson. The Clerk advised that Cll Thompson had also tendered his resignation to the Council and this was received.

2. Interests

No interests were declared.

3. Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 18th July 2016

These were approved and signed.

4. Public representations

Mr Masterson whose residential property is adjacent to the site spoke of his concerns about the proposal erection of 4 retail units at the Co-op site in Hillside Road East. These centred on noise, smell, late night traffic movements and light pollution.

5. County Councillor's report

Cll Ritchie reported that he had spoken to the Police Commissioner about anti-social behaviour in Bungay. He had advised that a decision had been taken in principle to transfer parking enforcement to district councils in the county. The transfer may take 2 or 3 years. He said that Lowestoft was likely to be parished. Locality fund grants of £500 each had been made to St Edmund's School library project and the latest Charmed Life production.

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6. To receive a report on local policing matters

No formal police report was received but the Clerk reported that a policing item would be included on the October committee agenda to allow members to put forward matters for the next police liaison meeting and to consider particular policing issues.

Cll Barnes reported that the traffic police had spent a lot of time in the town in the last month addressing motor related anti-social behaviour. Cll Groom and Woods had a meeting with the Police Commissioner to highlight local issues of concern.

7. To receive correspondence

The following correspondence was reported:-

Cll Harden stating his objections to the above Co-op plan.

Papers relating to the Suffolk Police & Crime Panel meeting held on the 19th July. Cll O'Neill requesting that the Council take an Ordnance Survey license for BNDP purposes. This would be considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

Funding request to support Owles Pre-School at Ilketshall St Lawrence. This was declined on the grounds that it was unclear whether there would be material benefits to Bungay residents.

A resident about the standard of highway grass cutting. It was noted that these issues were being addressed by the Council.

A resident requesting a perch seat in the Trinity Street bus shelter. This will be considered by the Environment & Planning Committee.

Bungay in Bloom and Charmed Life thanking the Council for financial support.

Suggestion that Bungay should establish a Men's Shed in Bungay. This matter to be given publicity in the newsletter.

WDC re consultation responses :options for the Waveney Local Plan.

SCC re temporary Earsham St street closure for bollard replacement etc, 19th to 23rd September

SALC Public Services survey. Referred to Finance & Genral Purposes Committee.

Notice of new power cut call number 105.

Derek Abbey about bus route issues. It was agreed that Cll Barnes would accompany Mr Abbey to meetings with the bus operators if required.

Mr J Hartley re closure of Lowestoft Magistrates Court. It was noted that as alternative provision for Bungay residents would be provided in Norwich they would not be adversely impacted by this although Beccles residents would be because they would have to travel to Ipswich. It was agreed that the Council support Beccles TC if they opposed the closure because of this.

Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner giving details of future public meetings.

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WDC re funding for Youth Holiday Activities in 2017. The Clerk advised that a copy had been forwarded to Cll Knights for the information of the library.
A resident re car related anti-social behaviour in the Priory Lane car park.
BACT re promotion of new service. It was agreed that details be included in the newsletter.
SALC re neighbourhood planning implications of the Housing & Planning Act 2016.

8. To consider plans received and to receive planning decisions from Waveney District Council and the Broads Authority and receive a report from the Environment & Planning Committee meetings held on 1st and 12th August and 5th September 2016

The following plan was considered:-

DC/16/3615/FUL, RC Diocese of East Anglia, replacing a canopy to early learning play area, St Edmunds County Primary School, St Mary's St. Approval recommended.

DC/16/3639/LBC and DC/16/3638/FUL, Rupert Derham, renovation of attic rooms to form single 2 bedroom apartment, 51-53 Earsham St. Approval recommended.

DC/16/3586/FUL, Central England Co-operative Ltd, erection of 4 retail units, including re-configuration of existing car parking and designated secure service yard, each unit to have A1 retail and A5 hot food usage, Rainbow Foodstore, Hillside Road East. Refusal recommended. Adverse impact on residential properties adjacent to the proposed development(smell, noise, late night traffic); loss to light for those residential properties standing to the east of development, increase in traffic to site and access issues arising from revised site layout, new trading units at this location will impact adversely on the viability of Bungay town centre.

DC/16/3603/FUL, T Conroy and S Barrett, construction of a single storey rear extension with internal alterations, 13 Woodland Drive. Approval recommended.

DC/16/3653/COU, S Flatt and J Howarth, change of use from domestic store to retail, 9 Trinity St. Approval recommended.

BA/2016/0321/TCAA, tree work, Bridge House, 34 Bridge St. Approval recommended.

A report of planning decisions was received.

Reports of the committee meetings were received. The course of action to carry forward the traffic issues review recommended by the committee was agreed.

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9. To authorise the Clerk to sign the WDC/BNDP service agreement on behalf of the Council

This was agreed.

10. To receive a report from the Publications working party and to consider future arrangements for the publication of the periodic Council reports

The report was received and it was agreed that 3 reports per year would be included in the Village Book from February 2017 at a cost of £474 + VAT per issue including artwork.

11. To consider SCC proposals to introduce a 50mph speed limit along approx. 4 miles of the B1062 Bungay to Beccles Rd

The Council decided that they did not support this proposal. They considered it was unnecessary, would not be effective, was unlikely to be adequately enforced and given these factors would be a waste of public money.

12. To receive the 2016 external audit report from BDO

The Clerk reported that the external audit report was unqualified. The auditor recommended that in future years the electors' rights inspection period should commence after the accounting statements are approved.

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

The Clerk reported on bookings during the summer period and the resumption of regular bookings and the need to check the external lights.

14. To receive a report from the latest councillors surgery

A written report had been distributed. Cll Lincoln noted residents concern about anti-social behaviour.

15. To receive written reports from Council Representatives

Written reports had been distributed.

16. To receive reports from District Councillors

Cll Woods reported that he had chaired a WDC governance meeting. Cll Groom had attended planning meeting and a site visit.

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17. Town Mayor's Report

Cll Groom reported attendance at the local NSPCC AGM, Southwold Summer Theatre and a joint WDC/Beccles Civic Service. He had also attended the Deputy Town Mayor's wedding celebrations.

18. To receive balance details and approve cheques for payment

The following balances were reported:-

	£
Lloyds c/a	35296.25
Lloyds instant access a/c	293.13
Scottish Widows a/c	131244.23
Total	166833.61

The following cheques were approved for payment:-

IRS Recruitment Ltd, litter pick, £605.33; Bungay Honeypot Centre, donation food bank (S137), £50.00, room hire meetings, £15.00, total £65.00; C M Stanforth, bus shelter cleaning, £43.20; P J Lee Hire & Sales Ltd, litter pick equipment, £24.92; Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner, PCSO half year cost, £7849.50; PDQ Digital Media Solutions Ltd, bus service information, £146.40; Waveney Norse Ltd, Riverside cleaning, £190.48.

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