

Bungay Town Council

Minutes of the November meeting of this Council held at the Council Chamber, Broad Street on Monday 21st November 2016 at 7.45pm.

Present : Cll Groom, Adams, Barnes, Bradley, Cloke, Collins, Harnden, Haward, Knights, Lincoln, O’Neill, Paul and Woods.

Cll Ritchie (SCC) and 5 members of the public.

1. To accept apologies

Apologies were received from Clls Matthews and Prior.

2. To note receipt of the declaration of acceptance of office from Clls Adams and Bradley

The Clerk reported that these had been received.

3. Interests

Clls Cloke, Knights and Woods declared a NPI in the Honeygot plan, Cll Knights in the High School prizes, Clls Adams, Bradley, Collins and O’Neill in the NDP and Clls Adams and Bradley in the Emmanuel Pre-School item.

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 17th October 2016

These were approved.

5. To receive public representations

Cll N Smith, Chairman of Barsham & Shipmeadow Parish Council, spoke in favour of the B1062 50mph speed limit proposal.

6. County Councillor’s report

Cll Ritchie reported that the proposed 50mph limited would be funded from the local highway budget and spoke of other schemes similarly funded. He said that Town Council objections would delay and add to the cost of implementation. He said that he had contributed £1500 from the locality budget towards the work on the Scout HQ.

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6. County Councillor's report (cont)

He was asked if the county had agreed to devolve highway parking enforcement responsibilities to the districts. He said that he thought their agreement was likely to be given.

7. To receive a report on local policing matters

A written report was received from Cll Barnes.

8. To receive correspondence

Residence of Barsham supporting the 50mph speed limit proposals.
Information on NHS health checks.

Suffolk Police re the review of the current policing model. Referred to F&GPC.

Correspondence with the police about anti social behaviour issues.

Mr J Servaes DL, complimenting the town on the Remembrance Day Parade and Service.

WDC Planning advising that formal consent was not needed for plan DC/16/3898/FUL, 52 Kings Rd as it was permitted development.

Copy of a letter that Dr K Lodge as chairman of the Bungay NDP Group had written to the Police Commissioner about local police and highway matters. It was agreed that the Clerk speak to Dr Lodge about the role of the Group.

9. To consider plans received, to receive a report from the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 7th November and to receive planning decisions from Waveney District Council and the Broads Authority

The following plans were considered:-

DC/16/4765/FUL, Mr & Mrs V Killaspy, conversion of outbuildings into accommodation and related work, erection of a single garage, 66 Broad St. Approval recommended subject to consideration being given to height of wall.

DC/16/4535/FUL, Emmanuel Pre-School, change of use from car parking to play area, erection of fencing and play equipment, Emmanuel Pre- School, Emmanuel Church Rooms, Rose Lane. Approval recommended.

DC/16/4150/VOC, Honeypot Committee, variation of condition No 2 of DC/11/0847/FUL – revised drawings showing changed provision and layout of a proposed new Community Centre and play space, playing field, Old Grammar Lane. Consideration of this plan had been deferred by the Environment and Planning Committee because of lack of information on and concerns about car parking provision. Despite a request by the Clerk this was not yet forthcoming. It was agreed to press for this and defer to the next committee meeting for final consideration.

A report of the committee was received. Planning decisions received were noted.

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10. To receive a report from the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 7th November

A report was received and recommendations agreed.

11. To receive a report from the Grounds & Premises Committee meeting held on 7th November

A report was received and golf club rent review recommendation agreed.

12. To consider appointing Cll Adams & Bradley to either the Environment & Planning or the Finance & General Purposes Committee and to increase the membership of one of these committees to 8

It was agreed that Cll Adams be appointed to the F&GPC and membership be increased to 8 and that Cll Bradley be appointed to the Environment & Planning Committee.

13. To appoint 1 trustee to serve on Bungay Town Trust CIO for a 2 year term ending 20th November 2018 and 5 trustees to serve for a 4 year term ending 20th November 2020

Cll Knights and the Clerk were appointed for a 4 year term ending 20th November 2020. No other appointments were made.

14. To receive a BNDP Report and agree a further release of funds as appropriate

The short term funding requirements as outlined in the finance report were agreed. Cll Collins reported on current activities of the Group. Cll Lincoln noted that formal reports should be made to the Council.

15. To consider the East Suffolk Council proposals

Cll Collins and O'Neill spoke against the proposals on grounds of remoteness and size resulting in a democratic deficit, an increased work load for a reduced number of councillors and the need to provide 2 venues for public meetings of the Council. Shared working had already produced savings and few further savings were likely. A proposal to oppose the merger was defeated by 4 votes for with 6 against. A proposal to support the merger was agreed by 9 votes for and 4 against.

16. To re-consider the proposed B1062 50mph speed limit

Further information had been provided by SCC and distributed to members. In the light of this it was agreed that the Council's previous object be withdrawn.

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17. To consider providing 4 prizes for Bungay High School

It was agreed to provide £160.00 for this purpose.

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

The Clerk reported on current and future bookings and minor maintenance issues.

19. To receive a report from the latest councillors surgery

A written report had been distributed.

20. To receive written reports from Council Representatives

Written reports had been distributed.

21. To receive reports from District Councillors

Cll Woods reported that the first Lowestoft Parish elections would take place in May 2017. He said that SCC and the districts were continuing to consider devolution proposals despite the abandonment of the Norfolk/Suffolk proposals because of opposition from West Norfolk.

He reported that Arthur Charvonia WDC Deputy Chief Executive was leaving to take up a joint CEO post in Mid-Suffolk.

In response to a question from Cll O'Neill, the district councillors said that they did not know whether WDC were adopting regulations relating to tattoo establishments which had been adopted by other local authorities.

22. Town Mayor's Report

Cll Groom reported on attendance at a visit by HM The Queen to Newmarket.

23. Balance details and approval of cheques for payment

The following balances were reported:-

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| Lloyds current account | 47954.81 |
| Lloyds instant access account | 293.18 |
| Scot Widows deposit account | 131770.65 |
| Total | 180018.64 |

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The following payments were approved for payment:-

IRS Recruitment Ltd, litter pick, £764.64; Bungay Honeypot Centre, donation food bank (S137), £40.00, room hire £30.00, total £70.00; Community Action Suffolk, web site fee, £60.00; B Lines, bus shelter repair, £35.00; Suffolk Police & Crime Commissioner, balance PCSO contribution 16/17, £7849.50; 1st Bungay (Schools) Sea Scouts, donation (S137), £500.00; Emmanuel Pre-School, donation (S137), £500.00; P Morrow, reimbursements, garden prizes, £120.00; Riverside equipment, £24.00; Civic Service catering, £48.99, total £192.99.

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