

Bungay Town Council

Report of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee at the Community Centre, Upper Olland Street on Monday 6th February at 7.30pm.

Present : Cll Groom, Adams, Cloke, Knights, Paul and Woods
Also present were 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cll Matthews.

2. Interests.

Non Pecuniary Interests were declared by Cll Paul in agenda item 4 and Clls Cloke, Knight and Woods in agenda item 5.

3. Local electors

No local electors wished to speak.

4. To consider a donation request from the Bungay Black Dog Marathon.

It was recommended that a donation of £200 be made to support the purchase of trophies.

5. To consider providing £650 to part fund a youth centre to operate from the Community Centre.

It was recommended that £650 be provided for the above purpose.

6. To review the grant of £10 per week currently given to the Honeypot Centre as part rent payment for the Bungay foodbank.

It was recommended that this support be continued and in view of the number of Ditchingham residents who benefited that Ditchingham Parish Council be asked to contribute.

7. To receive a report about future financial support to maintain the free first hour parking in the 3 principle WDC car parks.

Cll Woods reported that WDC contribution to the £11K cost of the free first hour would reduce to £2750 in the 2017/2018 financial year. Steps were being taken to meet the resulting shortfall including seeking £1K from the Town Trust. It was agreed that the Council collect the SCC locality money currently being held by BEBA and the BEBA contribution and pay it on to WDC when required to do so.

8. To receive a report about the publication of a new town guide.

Cll Cloke reported on the Micro Press offer to produce a quality Town Guide under the editorial control of the Council but at no cost to the Council. BEBA did not wish to be involved in this and a response from the Tourism Group was awaited and would be reported at the main meeting.

9. Balances and to approve cheques for payment:-

The following balances were reported:-	£
Lloyds current account	32610.83
Lloyds instant access	293.20
Scottish Widows deposit	131770.65
Total	164674.68

Finance and General Purposes Committee (cont)

The following cheques for payment were approved:-

IRS Recruitment, litter-pick, £509.76; Waveney Norse Ltd, Riverside cleaning, £190.48; Waveney District Council, uncontested election costs, £200.00; Gartec, lift service Riverside, £278.40; Bungay Printers, BNDP costs, £15.00; Mayday Office Equipment Services Ltd, photo-copy costs, £82.06.

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Following the above meeting and before the Environment & Planning Committee met Mr P Jeans spoke on behalf of the owners of the former allotment land (between Pilgrims Way, Garden Close and Wingfield Street) about possible future development of this land for housing.

Report of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee at the Community Centre, Upper Olland Street on Monday 6th February 2017 at 8.25pm

Present : Clls Collins, Prior, Barnes, Harnden and Lincoln.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Cll Bradley and O’Neill

2. Interests

No interests were declared.

3. Local electors

Cll Knights spoke against the Co-op plan and requested that the Committee send a representative to speak at the WDC Planning meeting on the 14th February when this plan was to be considered.

4. The following plans were considered:-

DC/ 17/0266/VOC, Mr R Patrick, variation of condition 2 and 7 of DC/15/0382/FUL, construction of chalet bungalow with attached garage – alterations to previously approved drawings, 1 Messenger Close, Bungay. Approval recommended.

DC/16/5418/FUL, Ms M Tatham, construction of single storey rear extension, 1 Saxon Place. Approval recommended.

DC/17/0144/FUL, Mr Hennessey, install a new shed at the rear of premises, Earsham Street Cafe, 11-13 Earsham St. Approval recommended.

DC/16/3586/FUL, The Co-operative Society, new units and associated works, premises at Hillside Rd East. This is on the agenda to consider any amended proposals before the WDC planning meeting on the 14th February. Full details of any amendments following the WDC site visit and any material changes arising from discussions with WDC officers should be available on the WDC planning portal. The Clerk reported that no amendments to the plan which had previously been considered by the Council had been lodged. The Council’s original response to the proposal would therefore stand.

Cll Collins agreed to represent the Council at the WDC Planning meeting.

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Report of a meeting of the Grounds & Premises Committee at the Community Centre, Upper Olland Street on Monday 6th February 2017 following the above meeting

Present : Cll Barnes, Cloke, Prior and Woods

1. Apologies.

No apologies were received.

2. Interests.

No interests were declared.

3. Local electors

No local electors wished to speak.

4. To receive an update about the future of the WDC premises in Broad Street and related office provision matters.

Cll Woods reported that he had been pressing the relevant WDC Portfolio Holder. He had not got a response but would follow up on this.

Cll Barnes expressed the view that the office at the Riverside was not suitable for full time occupation by an employee and use of the smaller of the 2 other rooms would compromise other use of the larger room. Working from home for a new employee would not meet the Council's requirements. Use of the former WDC offices was the best option.

Cll Prior requested that availability of other suitable office accommodation in the town centre be investigated.

It was agreed that the Clerk start this process and report at the full meeting under a separate agenda item.

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