

Bungay Town Council

Minutes of the December meeting of this Council held at the Council Chamber, Broad Street on Monday 18th December 2017 starting at 7.45pm.

Present : Cll Matthews, Lincoln, Adams, Barnes, Bradley, Cloke, Collins, Harden, Knights, O'Neill, Paul, Prior, Ryan and Woods.

Also present was Cll Ritchie (SCC)

1. To accept apologies

No apologies were received.

2. Interests

Cll Adams and Knights declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 20th November 2017

The above minutes were approved and signed.

4. To receive public representations

No members of the public were present.

5. To receive correspondence

The following correspondence was received:-

WDC advising that plan DC/17/4164/ARM (Halsbury Homes Ltd, 150 new dwellings, land at St John's Rd) had been withdrawn.

WDC advising that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State in relation to their refusal to grant consent to plan DC/17/0877/FUL (Mrs M Canham, 2 dwellings, 13 Boyscott Lane).

Beccles & Bungay SNT newsletter.

Resident about on-street parking issue relating to 5 Flixton Rd.

Waveney Norse - pride in Bungay meetings notes.

Resident re tree and landscape issues relating to Pennyfields.

SALC newsletter.

BEBA re proposals to refurbish Dinky's Garden. Referred to F&GPC.

Bungay Society re proposed Lloyds Bank closure. Issue to be considered further by Council.

Waveney Bird Club re bird conservation in Bungay. Referred to Env & Planning and F&GPC.

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6. County Councillor's report

Cll Ritchie reported on SCC consultation on changes to the school transport arrangements. 2 of the 3 options would impact on Bungay High School (BHS) pupils; he thought that the 3rd option(no change) was unlikely to be the outcome . The proposals were a result of budget constraints but they also reflected a reduction in the distance travelled by those attending BHS. The school were talking to SCC about a local solution.

He also reported on re-structuring of the SCC highway contract arrangements to improve performance, broadband roll out, meetings with SCC about the local highway budget with a view to carrying out works partly funded by local councils and planned locality budget expenditure.

The following member comments were made in relation to SCC matters:-

Highway works should be fully funded from SCC budget (Cll Woods).

SCC should pay for the transport of disabled adults to school/training. (Cll Adams).

Questioned why the higher than average reserves weren't being used to support social care expenditure. Noted that school transport changes will impact most on lower income groups (Cll Collins).

Questioned whether research had been done on the impact of school transport proposal on education standards (Cll Paul).

Noted a lack of proper monitoring of contractors and lack of planning to ensure that service levels responded to demographic and other changes (Cll O'Neill).

7. To consider plan received receive planning decisions received from WDC and the Broads Authority and receive a report of a meeting of the Planning & Environment Committee held on Monday 4th December 2017

Plan DC/17/4905/LBC, Mr R Taylor, replace glass conservatory roof with an insulated light weight slate roof, 24 St John's Rd, Bungay; approval recommended. A report of planning decisions and of the above meeting was received. Cll Cloke reported that the bulb planting would be carried out as soon as possible.

8. To receive a report of a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on Monday 4th December 2017

A written report was received.

9. To consider organising a litter-pick

Cll Barnes reported that the litter-picker could deal with problem areas on a rota basis if these were notified to him or the Clerk. It was also suggested by members that the schools could be asked to carry out this work as part of their community day activities, Waveney Norse be directed to problem areas and that grant recipients carry out this work in return for grants.

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10. To receive a report on the proposed changes to the SCC school transport arrangements

Cll Lincoln commented that proposed options 1 and 2 would impact adversely on lower income families and should be rejected. This view was supported by members and approved as the Council's response. Individuals were asked to respond to the consultation and were encouraged to attend the meeting planned for the 22nd January. It was suggested that social media be used to publicise this and co-ordinate travel to the meeting.

11. To receive a report on the review of the traffic survey data and initial report

A written report from Cll Cloke was circulated. Cll Collins said that the public should be kept informed about the Council's work arising from the survey. It was noted that the Council should have direct contact with SCC officers so they could move these matters forward. Cll Matthews advised that she had spoken to Cll Ritchie about this aspect; Cll Ritchie would be discussing this with SCC on the 19th December. Cll Collins said that the Council should concentrate on a crossing for St Mary's St. Cll Lincoln advised that a push should be made for the 4th safety audit together with the terms of reference relating to this. Cll Ritchie to be asked to follow up on this.

12. To receive a report from the LCAS working party

Cll Lincoln reported that the working party had met 3 times and established that many of the requirements are already being met. It was noted that there was no action plan but a draft would be prepared for consideration by the F&GPC. There was no formal training policy but this can be drafted from documents already accepted by the Council.

A procedure for monitoring and following up on surgery queries was to be formulated.

13. To receive a report from the CIL working party

A written report from Cll Woods was received. The required report on these matters would be made to WDC.

The installation of a roundabout at Garden Close was favoured over a trim trail. It was hoped that WDC would fund this; if not third party funding would be sought. A basket swing was to be installed by WDC at Garden Close in an existing frame. CIL funds of £4.5K were reported as being available and proposals will be made about these funds.

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14. To consider matters relating to the 18/19 budget

The Clerk advised that a public consultation exercise should take place in relation to increased salary and property expenditure. It was agreed that initial notice be given in the February issue of Bungay & Beyond, more detail would be provided in a leaflet to be distributed to all house-holds, a dedicated surgery held and a press release issued.

It was agreed that the Env & Planning and Grounds & Property Committees would consider budget items at the January meetings.

15. To receive a report from the latest councillors surgery

A written report was received.

16. To receive written reports from Council Representatives

The following written reports were received:-

Cll Collins : SPS Respecting the past, shaping the future workshop

Cll Collins: Eliza Dreyer Trust

17. To receive reports from District Councillors

Cll Woods noted that civic enforcement of parking regulations was required.

Cll O'Neill asked about the WDC/local councils budget meetings. Cll Woods will follow up on this.

18. Town Mayor's Report

A written report was received. Cll Matthews noted that issues arising from the proposed Lloyds bank closure would be considered at the main January meeting.

19. To receive balance details and approve the following cheques for payment:-

The following balances were reported:-

Lloyds current account £191181.16

Lloyds instant account £293.31

Total £191474.47

The following cheques were approved for payment:-

Bungay Honey Pot Centre, food bank (S137), £40.00, room hire £30.00, total £70.00; IRS Recruitment, litter-pick, £531.36; Waveney District Council, election costs September 2017, £200.00.

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