

Bungay Town Council

Minutes of the March meeting of this Council held at the Council Chamber, Broad Street on Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.45pm.

Present : Cll Groom, Matthews, Adams, Barnes, Bradley, Collins, Harden, Knights, Lincoln, O’Neill, Paul, Prior and Woods.

Also present were Cll Ritchie (SCC) and 1 member of the public.

1. To accept apologies

Apologies were received from Cll Cloke.

2. Interests

Cll Priod declared a non pecuniary interest in agenda item 11.

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

These were approved.

4. To receive public representations

No representations were made.

5. County Councillor’s report

Cll Ritchie reported that he had given Bungay in Bloom a £1k grant from the locality budget and had provided a further £2K to outlying parishes to fund the purchase of speed activated warning signs. SCC were considering a speed limit request for Low Road, Mettingham and he had passed to SCC a request for the 30mph speed to be extended westward on the Flixton Road.

6. To receive a report on local policing matters

A written report had been received. Cll Barnes reported that the PCSO has issued a further 10 parking tickets today. He urged members of the public to use the 101 line to report police related matters so that the police could build up a picture of current issues and address them. Other members noted that the 101 line was not operating as it should.

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7. To receive correspondence

The following correspondence was reported:-

Letters of thanks for donations were received from Bungay Black Dog Marathon and the Honey Pot Centre for the youth club provision.

Email correspondence from Mr D Abbey about bus matters. Cll Barnes was liaising with him about these.

8. To receive a report from the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 6th March 2017

A report was received. The Clerk reported further on the donation requests from Bungay in Bloom and the Festival and donations of £770 and £600 respectively were agreed.

9. To consider plans received, to receive a report from the Environment and Planning Committee meeting held on the 6th March 2017 and to receive planning decisions from Waveney District Council and the Broads Authority

The following plans were considered:-

DC/17/0888/LBC, Mr M Davies, install stair-lift to rear staircase, Rose Hall, 52 Upper Olland St. Approval recommended.

DC17/0903/COU, Orwell Housing Association, partial change of use from grassed area to 6 car parking bays, land fronting 5-8 Garden Close. Approval recommended.

DC/17/0877/FUL, Mrs M Canham, construction of 2 single storey 3 bed dwellings, 13 Boyscott Lane. Refusal recommended on grounds of overdevelopment.

DC/17/0950/FUL, Mr R Woods, extension to veranda, formation of garden store and conversion of existing store to WC, 19 Boyscott Lane. Approval recommended.

DC/16/4054/OUT, Suffolk CC, outline application – construct 4 detached two storey residential units and 4 detached garages with new vehicular access and landscape works, Bungay Youth Centre, Old Grammar Lane. Refusal recommended as it was considered that this land should be used for social housing.

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

10. To receive a report from the Governance Committee meeting held on the 6th March 2017

A report was received. It was noted that the intention was that 2 councillors who were not NDP members and 2 who were together with the Clerk would meet under the chairmanship of Cll Woods to consider NDP matters. Clls Lincoln, Harden, Adams and Collins were appointed.

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11. To consider providing a grit bin for placement near the new Annis Hill development

It was agreed that this issue could be addressed by moving the existing bin in Waveney Road close to the junction with Annis Hill.

12. To consider the Council's response to the proposed closure of the Norwich & Peterborough BS branch in Bungay

It was agreed that the Council seek a meeting with the Chief Executive of the Yorkshire BS. It was also noted that it was very important that the Lloyds Bank branch remain open.

13. To receive a report on the traffic consultation exercise and to consider how to proceed

A written report from Cll Harden had been distributed to all members. It was agreed that the public who had taken part be thanked for their participation via the *BBJ* and that the working party who had overseen the exercise identify the resources that will be needed to more fully collate, analyse and utilise the feedback that has been received.

Cll Harden was thanked for his work.

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

The Clerk reported that the hot water supply in the kitchen was not working. He will have this looked at.

15. To receive a report from the latest councillors surgery

Written reports were received. Cll Groom agreed to contact WDC about Outney Rd street cleaning issues.

16. To receive written reports from Council Representatives

Written reports were received. While thanking Cll Barnes for the heritage project report, Cll Prior noted that this should have been made by Cll Haward who is the Council appointee to this body.

In response to a question from Cll Collins, the Clerk outlined the role of SCC in bus matters.

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17. To receive reports from District Councillors

Cll Woods reported on a meeting he and Cll Groom had with the WDC asset management portfolio holder and a senior WDC officer about Council use of the WDC Local office. They had agreed that the Council could be granted a licence to use this accommodation.

18. Town Mayor's Report

Cll Groom reported on events attended and on the town's 'best place to live' rating in the *Sunday Times*.

19. To receive balance details and approve cheques for payment

The following balances were reported:-

	£
Lloyds current account	23539.75
Lloyds instant access account	293.21
Scottish Widows	131770.65
Total	155603.61

It was agreed that as the interest rate on Lloyds instant access account was now more than that offered on the Scottish Widows account the latter be closed and the funds moved to the instant access account.

The following cheques were approved for payment:-

Friends of St Mary's, room hire NDP, £60.00; Suffolk Association of Local Councils, conference fees, Council £270.00, NDP £90.00, total £360.00; C M Stanforth, bus shelter cleaning, £43.20; T S James, NDP consultant cost, £150.00; Bungay Printers, NDP print cost, £21.00; R Prior, NDP reimbursement costs, £13.14, Council print toner allowance, £19.98, total £33.12.

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