

Bungay Town Council

Report of a meeting of the Environment & Planning Committee held at the Community Centre, Upper Olland St on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 starting at 7.30pm.

Present : Clls Cloke, Barnes, Bradley, Collins, Harnden, Matthews and O'Neill

1. To accept apologies

All members were present.

2. Interests

No interests were declared.

3. Local electors comments on matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Council's Standing Orders

No members of the public were present.

4. Planning applications

Plan DC/17/5232/FUL. Mr & Mrs P Nicholson, construction of a single storey side and rear extension to dwelling, 16 Hillside Rd East was recommended for approval.

5. To consider bird conservation issues in relation to the Council's consultation role in the planning process

It was noted that this issue was being considered by BNDP. It was recommended that the group concerned with this work should monitor planning applications and submit comments to developers and WDC about specific development proposals.

6. To consider items for inclusion in the 18/19 budget

It was recommended that the following expenditure be included in the 18/19 budget:- Portable SIDs, public seats for Rose Hall Gardens and the grass triangle at Beccles Rd.; water drinking fountains, town centre and the Old Grammar School field; bus shelter on Hillside Rd East opposite the junction with Annis Hill; bollards outside former HSBC bank, barriers on kerb edge outside the 2 church entrances in St Mary's St.

Grounds & Premises Committee following the above meeting

Present : Cll Barnes, Paul, Prior and Woods

1. To accept apologies

Cll Ryan's apologies were received.

2. Interests

No interests were declared.

3. Local electors comments on matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Council's Standing Orders

No members of the public were present.

4. To consider items for inclusion in the 18/19 budget

There were no extra items to be included.

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Finance & General Purposes Committee following the above meeting

Present : Cll Lincoln, Adams, Groom, Paul, Prior, and Woods

1. To accept apologies

Apologies were received from Clls Knights and Ryan.

2. Interests

No interests were declared.

3. Local electors comments on matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Council's Standing Orders

No members of the public were present.

4. To consider the Council's response to the proposed closure of the Bungay branch of Lloyds Bank

It was recommended that the Council write to the bank and express their extreme concern about the proposed closure because of the community need and the inadequacy of the alternative provision offered by the Post Office and a mobile unit. It was also noted that there was a continuing need for 24 hour cash machine provision.

5. To consider items put forward by the Environment & Planning and the Grounds & Premises Committees for inclusion in the 18/19 budget

The proposals made were recommended for inclusion in the budget with funding being provided from the Riverside project capital reserve.

6. To consider public consultation in relation to the 18/19 budget and precept

The Clerk proposed that initial notice be given in Bungay & Beyond followed by the distribution of a comprehensive information leaflet to all households, a special surgery on the 10th February, a press release to the BBJ and a dedicated email address for responses provided. The Clerk distributed some draft wording for the Bungay & Beyond item. It was agreed that Cll Prior and Woods have input into the final wording.

7. To consider whether the Council should in the 18/19 financial year commit to capital expenditure on Dinky's Garden. It was recommended that no financial commitment be made but the Council should meet with Bungay in Bloom to discuss their proposals and seek a higher level of routine maintenance of the garden.

8. To consider whether the Council should part fund bird boxes for placement in the town. Funding for this project was not recommended.

9. To consider a draft action plan

Cll Lincoln circulated a draft plan. Members were asked to submit points for inclusion in a revised draft.

10. Balances and cheques for payment:-

The following balances were reported:-

Lloyds current account £190379.80

Lloyds instant access £293.31

Total £190673.11

The following cheques were approved for payment:-

The Friends of St Mary's Church Bungay, room hire, £20.00; IRS Recruitment, litter-pick, £265.68; Community Action Suffolk, web site hosting, £60.00; I Huggins, internal audit fee, accounts to 31 March 2017, £120.00; R Prior, BNDP reimbursements, £55.76; T Stanforth, bus shelter cleaning, £36.00; HMRC PAYE and NIC, £1998.12.

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