

Minutes of a meeting of Beccles Town Council held on Tuesday 8 January 2019 in the Council Chamber of Beccles Town Hall at 7.00pm

PRESENT

E Brambley-Crawshaw, Mayor, In the chair	
R Stubbings, Deputy Mayor	
G Birrell	J Janney
Mrs S A Bubb	R Kathuria
A Downes	A Lever
G Elliott	Mrs C A Topping (part)
N Elliott	J B Walmsley
Mrs M D Haynes	

IN ATTENDANCE **Claire Boyne, Town Clerk**

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC **0**

~~153. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE~~

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Catchpole, Brooks and Harris.

154. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST OR ANY REQUESTS FOR THE GRANTING OF DISPENSATIONS IN RELATION TO ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

155. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2018

The apologies had been missed from Councillors Janney and Haynes, and so these would be added to the final version.

RESOLVED To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the town council meeting held on Tuesday 4 December 2018, subject to the above amendment

156. REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

157. TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AND RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING, AND TO ALLOW COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Reports attached

158. TO RECONVENE THE MEETING AND RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:-

Council's Representatives on Outside Bodies

No reports

Working Party Reports

No reports

159. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED To receive the draft minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 3 December 2018

160. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ASSETS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED To receive the draft minutes of the Assets & Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 10 December 2018

161. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED To receive the draft minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2018

162. PROTOCOL REGARDING THE DEATH OF A SENIOR NATIONAL FIGURE

There was a discussion regarding offering the Town Flag to the family of a previous Town Mayor to drape over the coffin. Usual procedure was for the Town Flag to be flown at half mast from the Bell Tower, but it was agreed that the clerk could still offer the family the option to drape the Town Flag over the coffin if they felt it was appropriate.

The clerk reported that floral tributes would be laid in the Sheepgate shelter area and that any announcement by the mayor would be made outside Wetherspoons in the same area where the 2 minutes silence is held for Remembrance Sunday. The clerk had purchased a stock of black armbands in case these would be needed.

RESOLVED To agree the protocol regarding the death of a senior national figure

163. FIRST DRAFT OF A STRATEGY FOR ADULT MENTAL HEALTH FROM THE NHS GREAT YARMOUTH AND WAVENEY CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Councillor Downes, council's Mental Health Champion, suggested that councillors could respond as individuals, but that it may also be appropriate for the council to respond as a body. She reported on the failings of the current mental health service being provided by the Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

Councillors generally welcomed the report and saw it as a positive step that the CCG were reviewing their strategy.

Councillor N Elliott therefore proposed that Councillor Downes is tasked with preparing a draft response on behalf of the council, with this being circulated for agreement by email.

It was suggested that the council should congratulate the CCG for making a very small but first step to make improvements to the mental health service and also request to be kept informed of progress so that this can be compared against the national government proposals.

Councillor Lever seconded Councillor N Elliott's proposal, a vote was taken and it was therefore

RESOLVED That Councillor Downes, council's Mental Health Champion, prepares a draft response to the first draft of a strategy for Adult Mental Health from the NHS Great Yarmouth and Waveney Clinical Commissioning Group on the council's behalf and seeks agreement to the response from councillors via email

164. SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS TO DATE

RESOLVED To approve the Summary of Receipts and Payments to date

165. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR JANUARY 2019

It was reported that a further email had been received from Fran Tuck thanking the council for its donation to the St Luke's Christmas Lunch.

It was noted that there was an error on the schedule. The rent being received for the Blyburgate Cottage was £900, not £363 as shown on the schedule.

RESOLVED To approve the Schedule of Payments for January 2019, subject to the above amendment

166. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

The mayor reported that a Swap Shop event was taking place at Blyburgate Hall on 19 January. The hall was also going to be a Terracycle point with all proceeds going to the Beccles Fenland Charity Trust.

Work on the Skate Park had now commenced.

167. TO CONFIRM THE DATE OF THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AS TUESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2019

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 5 February 2019.

168. ADMISSION TO MEETINGS - PURSUANT TO SECTION 1(2) OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960 IT IS PROPOSED

THAT, BECAUSE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED, THE PUBLIC AND PRESS LEAVE THE MEETING DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE REMAINING MATTERS

Reports to Council 8 January 2019

Suffolk Police

The Safer Neighbourhood Team's December report was circulated (attached). It was noted that no crime figures or solve rates were included, and so the clerk was asked to follow this up. There was a comment that shops in the town centre after dark appeared to be very vulnerable to crime.

Suffolk County Council

Councillor Brambley-Crawshaw gave her report (attached).

Waveney District Council

Councillor G Elliott reported that modifications to the Local Plan were now out for consultation until 28 January 2019. There appeared to be no major changes in the Beccles area.

There was concern expressed that the country park location in the Neighbourhood Village was no longer in a fixed location. Councillor G Elliott clarified that legal wording requirements meant that the location of the park could not be fixed to a specific place. The whole area needed to be developed with a Master Plan and the original plan had showed a bigger country park in just one area. Planners agreed that the park should be spread around the development, allowing for circular walks and offering a significant buffer between the old estate and the new.

Councillor Topping reported that she attended the Scrutiny Meeting last week. She had requested that Suffolk Network Assurance was scrutinised following roads being closed in Beccles during important Christmas times with no apparent work being carried out on closed roads for up to 4 days. There was concern that Suffolk Network Assurance were not following their own protocols.

Dec 2018

SNT Newsletter

Beccles and Bungay

You said...

> Parking Issues in Bungay in and around the Town Centre

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We did...

> FPN's issued during Nov in Bungay.

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Responding to issues in your community

From the 19th November to the 26th November the SDR was on Blyburgate out of 59417 vehicles only 4009 were over the speed limit which is 6.7% over the speed limit compared to the last time being the 6th August 2015 - 13th August 2015 where out of 62795 vehicles 5007 were over the speed limit which meant 8.0% were over the speed limit so there has been a decrease in speeding in the area.

Making the community safer

On the 20th November Pc 1330 Yeldham attended Bungay library and offered crime prevention for the morning to those who came in which was very well received. On the 30th November Pc 1330 Yeldham attended the St Michaels Church coffee morning and gave crime prevention again to those who attended which was very well attended and we had very positive responses from being there. Pc 1330 Yeldham will continue to do crime prevention events up to Christmas and in the new year.

Preventing, reducing and solving crime and ASB

We urge local residents to check their security by going onto suffolk police's website and looking at the 1st Principle crime prevention advice, you can do a self assessment by looking at the home security leaflet, all the leaflets online can be printed out or emailed to friends and family.

This SNT covers the following parishes

The wards of Beccles North, Beccles South, Bungay, Wainford and Worlingham

Future events

11th December - "Pop In Prevention" event Bungay community Library 11:00-1200 midday

14th December - "Pop In Prevention" event Beccles, St Michaels Church coffee morning



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Parish Report January 2019

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Council pledges to lead fight against single-use plastics

On 6 December 2018, my group successfully put forward a motion calling on Suffolk County Council to do more to tackle single-use plastic waste in the county. The motion was agreed unanimously by all councillors.

The measures the council has agreed to implement include a commitment to work towards only using sustainable or re-usable plastics in all council buildings, writing to the public on how to reduce plastic waste, and creating a "plastic free Suffolk network" of councils, businesses and other organisations.

Consultation on cuts to Citizens Advice

In November, Suffolk County Council announced their intention to cut all funding for Suffolk's Citizens Advice Bureaus as part of their budget savings proposals. This was later amended to a phased cut over 2 years. The funding will be reduced by half (£184 000) in 2019/20, before being removed entirely in 2020/21.

I am very concerned by these proposals, which will have a huge impact on our Citizen's Advice Bureaus. The services provided by CABs represent great value for money and support many of our most vulnerable residents.

Suffolk County Council have launched a consultation on this proposed funding cut, which I would encourage you all to complete. The consultation runs until 5pm on Wednesday 23 January, and can be found at: www.suffolk.gov.uk/cabconsultation

Suffolk County Council refuses to tackle carbon emissions

At the Council meeting in December, I proposed a motion asking Suffolk County Council to set an annual "carbon budget" and create targets for reducing carbon emissions. A carbon budget would set out how much carbon the council could emit each year, much like a financial budget sets out how much money can be spent. Unfortunately, the administration voted against the motion and refused to commit to any carbon reduction targets.

Suffolk County Council already monitors its carbon emissions, but currently this work is not in the public domain and there are no clear targets for carbon reduction. The motion asked the council to make this process open, transparent and accountable, and it's a shame the administration didn't want to engage with us on this issue.

Modern slavery statement unanimously agreed

A motion on modern slavery was unanimously agreed at the Council meeting in December. The motion commits Suffolk County Council to comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and do all it can to eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking in Suffolk.

In addition, the council will review its procurement processes to see where they can be strengthened to fully comply with the Modern Slavery Act and bring a paper to Cabinet to decide on the production of an annual slavery and human trafficking statement. This statement will outline our actions to identify, prevent and mitigate modern slavery in our communities.