



BUNGAY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Grounds, Properties & Amenities Meeting** held on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.00 pm at the Riverside Centre, The Staithe, Bungay.

Members:

Cllr. M Lincoln (ML) (Chair)	Cllr. J Adams (JA)	Cllr. J. Blowers O'Neill (JBO'N)	Cllr. S Collins (SC)
Cllr. M Atterwill (MA) (Vice Chair)	Cllr. J Cloke (JC)	Cllr. B. Prior (BP)	Cllr. P Love (PL)

Also present was Emma Beese (EB), Bungay Assistant Town Clerk and 7 members of the public.

It was proposed by JBO'N, seconded by SC and unanimously resolved that due to the Chairman's absence and the Deputy stepping down, this meeting should be Chaired by BP.

GPAC-049 **Apologies for absence:** To receive any apologies for absence.

2019/2020 **It was proposed by MA, seconded by JBO'N and unanimously resolved to accept apologies from JC and ML.**

GPAC-050 **Declaration of Interest & Requests for Dispensations:** Councillors to declare any Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interests. Notwithstanding this item, Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point in the meeting

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None were declared.

GPAC-051 **Public Forum:** Members of the public are invited to give their views on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration, at the discretion of the Chairman, for no more than 15 minutes. Members of the public may not take part in the Committee meeting itself.

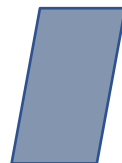
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7 members of the public were present to discuss a variety of different issues as follows:

- One resident with considerable experience in youth activity, voiced concern about the current closure of the skatepark and the need to widen any consultation process regarding the future of the park. The resident expressed a keen interest in being part of any prospective fund-raising activities. Contact details of the resident have been noted.
- A second resident requested the removal of the 'finger sign-post' on the triangle in Staithe Road and the re-siting of this post on Falcon Meadow near to the sluice. It was suggested that an official blue/white highways sign would be a preferable replacement on the 'triangle' and would greatly improve visibility.
- Further concern was voiced regarding the current closure of the skatepark. Highlighting this issue on Twitter has already generated considerable response with offers of donations and links to many other funding bodies.
- Information boards at the Staithe were also requested, comprising text/images about the area's industrial history, details of flora and fauna etc. Picnic tables at the Staithe were also requested.
- Additional support was voiced for the re-opening/regenerating of the skatepark. Water fountains were also requested in the town.

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GPAC-052 **Minutes of the previous meeting:**

2019/2020 **To approve the minutes of the Grounds, Premises & Amenities Committee Meeting held on 12th December: for consideration.**

The minutes of the Grounds, Premises & Amenities Committee Meeting of 12th December were presented for approval. **It was proposed by MA, seconded by PL and unanimously RESOLVED to accept the minutes and they were duly signed by the Chairman (BP).**

GPAC-053 **Skateboard park – for consideration**

2019/2020 Councillors discussed the issues with the skateboard park: the desire to involve the public in future plans; the need to negate future vandalism; the necessity of providing a robust and permanent structure for long-term use and the need to be mindful of the legacy of those previously involved in fundraising for the skatepark. Following this discussion where costs of short term fixes were discussed to enable the reopening of the skatepark whilst fundraising takes place, **it was proposed by JA, seconded by MA and unanimously resolved that interim works of approximately £4,000 should be carried out to enable the current park to re-open and, to run concurrently, a working party should be established (comprising nominated Councillors and members of the public) to investigate and access fundraising activities and funding sources to enable the town to commit to a concrete skatepark. Absolute plans in terms of fundraising activities/sources must be confirmed by August 2020 to ensure that activities move swiftly and do not stall.** This resolution will be discussed at Full Council on 16th January under Budgets (see below).

It was proposed by JBO’N, seconded by JA and unanimously resolved that fundraising activities should be coordinated through a Working Party.

The Assistant Clerk has collated details of interested parties and will arrange an inaugural meeting – **noted**. Information will then be put into the public domain – **noted**.

GPAC-054 **Riverside update – for consideration**

2019/2020 Members were advised of the current activities regarding the Riverside Centre i.e. professional cleaning, fire and general risk assessments and other ongoing improvement works. Having received suggestions and proposed costings for remedial works to the fencing at the rear of the Riverside Centre, **it was proposed by BP, seconded by PL and unanimously resolved that reinforced welded mesh panels should be used as a permanent and cost-effective method of safely securing the decking area. A cost comparison will be made with the price currently identified with maximum expenditure of £200.**

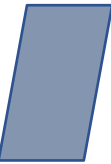
Regarding the safe evacuation of individuals in the event of a fire, the Assistant Clerk updated Councillors on her meeting with the Fire Officer. Due to the ‘unmanned’ status of the building and its positive ‘fire-rating’, the responsibility for arranging safe evacuation of individual members should be borne by the hirers themselves with confirmation of this being reflected in the Terms and Conditions of Hire. This has been ‘actioned’.

GPAC-055 **Budgets for 2020/21 – for consideration**

2019/2020 Regarding budgetary considerations for 2020, **it was proposed by SC, seconded by MA and unanimously resolved that budget allocation should be as follows: £4000 skatepark interim works; £4000 information boards; £1500 new finger post.**



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GPAC-056 Outney Common – tree works – for information

2019/2020 Councillors were advised that that ML is in the process of making contact with Outney Common Owners as requested and will report back at the next meeting.

GPAC-057 Removal of East Suffolk garages in Bungay – for information

2019/2010 Councillors discussed East Suffolk’s current programme of garage removal. Although the removal of derelict garages is welcomed, Councillors expressed concern about what would be left once removal had taken place and emphasised the importance of ensuring land is used purposefully for the benefit of local residents. Ideas for raised gardens/sensory features/disabled access were mooted with the Clerk asked to correspond with his counterpart in Beccles to initiate a joint proposal to be taken to East Suffolk Council.

GPAC-058 Date of next meeting:

2019/2010 **Thursday 13th February**

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

10th January 2020

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