

## Bungay Town Council

**Minutes of a Special Meeting of Bungay Town Council held at the Council Chamber Broad Street on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.30pm.**

**Present: Clls Reeve, Cloke, Barnes, Blowers O'Neill, Evans, Groom (arrived at 7.50pm during consideration of agenda item1), Knights, Mares, O'Neill, Shepherd, Thompson (left during consideration of agenda item 2), Vinton, Ward, Warnes and Woods. Also present were 6 members of the public.**

On the proposal of Cll O'Neill standing orders were suspended to allow the meeting to take place.

1. No apologies were received.
2. Interests. Clls Evans, Knights, Reeve and Woods declared Non Pecuniary Interests in the agenda items and Cll Vinton's existing dispensation relating to a Discloseable Pecuniary Interest was noted.
3. Public representations.  
Mr J Hartcup, a resident of Trinity Street and a member of the one way no way campaign spoke against the one way proposals which had increased traffic speeds in Trinity Street, increased traffic flow by a multiple of 3 to 4 times in the same street and had increased HGV traffic in the town.  
Ms Ruth Lewis Smith criticised the lack of effective measures to deal with increased HGV traffic in residential areas and asked about the criteria set at the outset of the experiment and questioned whether the experiment demonstrated that these had been met.
4. To consider whether the experimental one-way order should be made permanent.

Clls Reeve, Cloke, Barnes, Evans, Knights, Mares, Shepherd, Thompson, Vinton, Ward and Woods spoke in favour of making the scheme permanent. They considered that the experiment had demonstrated the benefits of the scheme. Cll O'Neill spoke against and said that criteria had not been established at the outset and it was therefore not possible to make a comparison based on sound data. The 20mph limit was not enforceable and was unlikely to be in the future. Cll Blowers O'Neill also spoke against and said that the experiment had not tested the feasibility of shared space which was to be an essential part of the permanent scheme. While shared space had been implemented at other locations they were not comparable with St Mary's St where shared space would present a danger for the less able. Cll Groom spoke of the danger that increased traffic caused by the scheme posed to primary school children and on the resulting traffic chaos in Wingfield St and Staithe Rd at the start and end of the school day. Cll Warnes said that traders were happy with the scheme.

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Cll Blowers O'Neill, seconded by Cll O'Neill moved that the scheme should not be made permanent. This proposal was defeated by 2 votes for 12 against. A proposal by Cll Thompson, seconded by Cll Shepherd that the scheme should be made permanent was carried by 12 votes for, 2 against and 1 abstention.

5. To consider Suffolk County Council proposals contained in drawings 02077/101 and 02077/102 relating to the highway works which will be implemented should the above one-way order be made permanent.

These were considered and the following modifications are to be sought:-

- (i) All old road markings to be removed and replaced with new ones for the sake of clarity.
- (ii) The proposed new pavement on the south side of Wharton St should be restricted where this was necessary to accommodate turning vehicles.
- (iii) When constructing the proposed new pavement in Wharton St drop kerbs or similar should be provided to allow access to existing drive ways and garages on the north side of Wharton St.
- (iv) Warning car park entrance signs should be provided in Lower Olland St.
- (v) Provision of a pedestrian crossing at the Lower Olland St end of Wharton St.
- (vii) Better signage at the north end of Broad St to deter HGVs.
- (viii) Installation of low noise road surfaces in residential areas impacted by increased traffic.
- (ix) Electrical infrastructure for existing crossing(s) should be retained in case they need to be reinstated in the future.
- (x) Proposed crossing areas should be raised so as to effectively slow traffic and provide safe crossing points.

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