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Dear Sir

I am sure Councillor Bantick won't mind me picking him up on a comment made in his last 'Rye View' (*Observer*, 9 May).

The impression was given that the Town Council does not want a by-election to be held. At no point has the Council adopted this position. However, it is true that during meetings a number of Councillors have expressed concern about the total cost of recent by-elections.

The two by-elections held in 2006 cost the Council £5,671, the full (4-yearly) elections in May 2007 cost £3,139 and the estimated cost of next week's by-election is £3,500. The total spent on elections over the last two years is therefore in the region of £12,000.

Yours faithfully

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