

YOUR COUNCIL

Following local elections held on 5 May 2011 fifteen members representing four wards have been elected to serve on SproWston Parish Council, these are:

SPROWSTON CENTRAL WARD

Mr W F Couzens (Lab)

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Mrs B J Lashley (Lab)

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SPROWSTON WEST WARD

Mr C E Cutting (Lab)

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Mrs H Tovell (Lab)

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(Con) = Conservative
(Lab) = Labour
(UKIP) = UK Independence Party
(*) = Also Broadland District Councillor

Schedule of Council Meetings for Municipal Year 2011/2012

8 June 2011
29 June 2011
20 July 2011
10 August 2011
31 August 2011
21 September 2011
12 October 2011
2 November 2011
23 November 2011
7 December 2011 (Precept/Planning)
14 December 2011
11 January 2012
1 February 2012
22 February 2012
14 March 2012
4 April 2012
25 April 2012 (Annual Parish Meeting - 7pm)
(Council Meeting to be held on the rising of the Annual Parish Meeting)
16 May 2012 (Annual Council Meeting)

Meetings of the Council are open to the public who are welcome to attend, and there is an opportunity for residents to ask questions on any matters concerning the Parish of SproWston. Copies of the agenda and minutes for each meeting are available free of charge either on request from the Council Office when they are published or at the meeting. Other background papers and reports can also be viewed or copies supplied on payment of a small charge.



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SproWston Parish Fete

Saturday 18 June 2011

1pm to 5pm
at SproWston Recreation Ground

Climbing wall, Archery, 40ft Mega slide,
Bouncy castle, Story teller, Alpacas, Kemp's Men,
Flint knappers, Punch & Judy, Fire engine,
Children's activities, Star Wars, Face painting,
Tug of war, Music, Sack racing, Tombola...

In the Arena - Traditional family races

Tea, Coffee, Ice cream, Donuts, Burgers,
Beer tent, Lots of stalls and much more...



Don't miss
this great
family day out



Entrance Raffle
Adults £1, Children 50p under 5s free
(gates open 12.30pm)

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The Chairman's Report at the Annual Parish Meeting - May 2011

The years seem to get shorter and shorter; it doesn't feel 12 months ago that I was standing here at the last annual parish meeting.

“ It has been a challenging year given the economic climate, yet the Council has, with careful management, been able to sustain the necessary ongoing maintenance and repairs around the parish whilst investing in new facilities for the future enjoyment of residents.

The Council actively seeks funding, in the form of grants, to help pay for capital expenditure schemes but due to recent changes by the Big Lottery, preference is now given to community groups rather than parish councils and this together with the diversion of monies to the 2012 Olympics, little financial assistance has been received during 2010.

However, as part of its capital expenditure programme the Council has had the toilets at Sparhawk Park successfully refurbished, which has improved access, incorporated a disabled facility and monthly hygiene service.

As to other major projects, for many years the Council has been pursuing the purchase of additional land to extend the cemetery, which is running short of space, and has finally, by way of a loan, purchased 2.4 hectares from Norfolk County Council. The land is located to the North East of Church Lane to the rear of the existing cemetery and allotment site. It has since been fenced in preparation for works to continue to comply with planning permission. The design incorporates easy wheelchair access, seating areas, soft landscaping, drainage lagoons and new maintenance building. The existing building will be, at a future date, re-developed into a visitor's centre. Entry will be via the cemetery driveway, which will be extended and link the two areas.

Continuing with the cemetery a Memorial Tree and Shrub Donation policy has been put in place this year, which offers residents the opportunity to purchase one of these items to be placed at the cemetery in remembrance of their loved ones.

The Recreation Ground is also undergoing significant improvements with the replacement of the BMX track, which is more challenging but still suitable for younger children, and provision of cantilever pod swing and Zip Wire. Additionally the enclosed playground area has benefitted from a £96,931.52 scheme and includes brightly coloured exciting play apparatus and new wet pour safety surfacing with graphics. The Council is extremely pleased with the response to this new equipment which is proving very popular and has encouraged better use of the parks facilities by younger residents.

Still with the Recreation Ground the Council ran a “Bag it Bin it” campaign following complaints from residents and staff about the level of dog fouling left on the park. This included leaflets, advertising in Sprowston Matters and permanent stencils on the paths and entrance road, which has led to a reduction in these incidents.

Moving on to other areas the Council's sports and leisure facilities continue to do well with 3 bowls clubs and 4 tennis clubs playing at the Recreation Ground, although there is nearly always casual hire availability, and most football pitches are booked at the weekends. Two of the grass tennis courts have been completely renovated and 6 verti drained to improve surface drainage and improve play.

Post Mill Close open space has also been in need of attention following deterioration of the brick wall, which has since been removed and will be replaced with flower planters and seating provided for the enjoyment of residents.

As to development in the parish the Council continues to comment to Broadland District Council, being the Local Planning Authority, on every planning application in Sprowston and is currently working with them on future significant development proposals in the area.

The 2010 community fete was held last June proving to be a very successful event with increasing numbers of stall holders and wider variety of activities and entertainment. Work is well under way for the 2011 event to be held on Saturday 18 June 2011 and I do hope you will support us by attending.

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The Council has continued its involvement in the restorative justice process and has offered offenders the opportunity to make practical amends for the harm they have caused by way of directly repairing the harm or through constructive work to help the community, for example the removal of graffiti on play equipment at Sparhawk Park.

The Council has also been in discussion with Norfolk County Council as part of Norfolk's “Big Conversation” looking at what services could possibly be transferred to the parish. This is still ongoing.

As to concerns from parishioners about traffic the Council successfully campaigned to have waiting restrictions reinstated on Wroxham Road outside Tesco Express and has also arranged for Speed Safety Monitoring to be carried out around the parish.

As part of Norfolk County Council's programme of service changes the Old Elementary School building on School Lane is due to be decommissioned on 31 August 2011. This Council has subsequently submitted an expression of interest to retain and utilise the building for the benefit of residents.

Moving on to financial matters, to cover the Council's revenue and capital expenditure for 2011/12 and in view of the withholding of a rise in fees in 2010, cemetery, memorial, sports hire, pavilion and room hire fees have been increased by 4% rounded and allotment rents have increased by £1. The precept levied on Broadland District Council was £487,911.

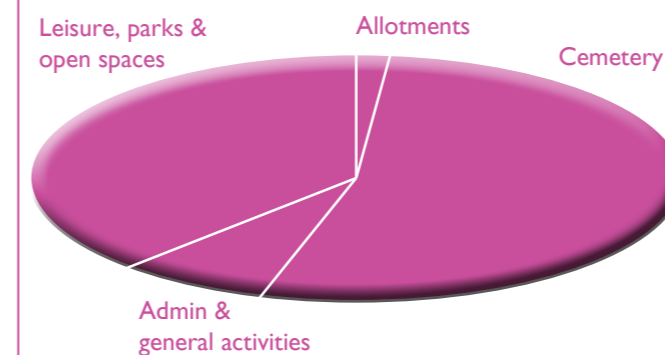
The Council has given £1,050 in grants to various organisations including Sprowston Day Centre, the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel, Norfolk Accident Rescue Service, Girl Guiding Sprowston District, East Anglia's Children's Hospices, Royal British Legion and Macmillan Cancer Care.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors for their hard work and support throughout the year and express my appreciation of the work of the Clerk to the Council and her staff.

M.R.J. Martins, Chairman

Income & Expenditure year ended 31.03.2011

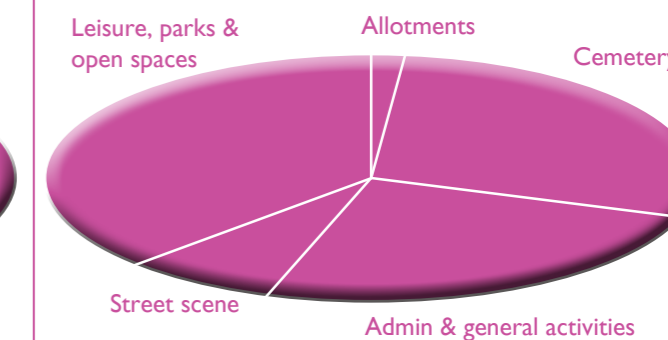
Income



Income (excluding precept)

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| Allotments | £3,079 |
| Cemetery | £218,973 |
| Admin & general activities | £12,066 |
| Street scene | £0 |
| Leisure, parks & open spaces | £152,927 |
| Total | £387,045 |

Expenditure



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| Allotments | £16,272 |
| Cemetery | £187,665 |
| Admin & general activities | £132,093 |
| Street scene | £36,142 |
| Leisure, parks & open spaces | £267,636 |
| Total | £639,808 |

Net Budget for 2011/2012

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| Allotments | £27,680 |
| Cemetery | £24,977 |
| Admin & general activities | £165,248 |
| Street scene | £51,087 |
| Leisure, parks & opens spaces | £258,918 |