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**Schedule of Council Meetings for Municipal Year 2012/2013**

*Held at Sprowston Diamond Centre*

6 June 2012	9 January 2013
27 June 2012	30 January 2013
18 July 2012	20 February 2013
8 August 2012	13 March 2013
29 August 2012	3 April 2013
19 September 2012	24 April 2013
10 October 2012	(Annual Town Meeting - 7pm) (Council Meeting to be held on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting)
31 October 2012	
21 November 2012	
5 December 2012 (Precept/Planning)	15 May 2013
12 December 2012	(Annual Council Meeting)

All 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 Town 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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**Concessionary travel**

In the last edition of Sprowston Matters we informed you, on the advice of Norfolk County Council, that concessionary bus travel passes would be renewed automatically. This is not the case. Requests for bus pass renewals must be made either on-line or by post up to 30 days prior to the expiry date to Norfolk County Council. We are sorry for any inconvenience caused. For further details contact: tel: 0344 800 8020 e-mail: ConcessionaryTravel@norfolk.gov.uk www.norfolk.gov.uk/concessionarytravel

Concessionary Rail Cards are no longer available from Sprowston Town Council. New applications and renewals should be made to Broadland District Council, 1 Yarmouth Road, Norwich, NR7 0DU. For further information: tel: (01603) 431133 e-mail: reception@broadland.gov.uk www.broadland.gov.uk

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In Celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

**SPROWSTON SUMMER FETE**



**Saturday 2 June 2012**  
1pm - 5pm  
**Sprowston Recreation Ground**



**'Fun for all the family'**

Archery, Birds of Prey, Face Painting, Mega Slide, Bouncy Castle, Children's Activities, Star Wars Characters, Danny Marino Balloon Modelling, Quad Bikes and Stevie Spud's Circus Workshop.

**In the Arena**  
Traditional family races and themed Fancy Dress Competition - dress up as anything to do with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

Tea, Coffee, Ice Cream, Donuts, Burgers, Beer Tent  
Lots of Stalls and much more...  
Gates open 12:30pm - Free Entry

Event supported by Norfolk County Council

**WE HAVE MOVED**

The Town Council offices have relocated to Sprowston Diamond Centre on School Lane, previously known as the Youth and Community Centre. Opening hours remain the same as do our contact telephone numbers - but look out for our new website [www.sprowston-tc.gov.uk](http://www.sprowston-tc.gov.uk)  
We are taking bookings for community activities so if you have a club or society that would benefit from hiring a room, please contact us for rates and facilities available.

# The Chairman's Report



at the Annual Town Council Meeting - April 2012

K Lashley, Chairman

**This is my first year as Chairman and what an eventful year it has been but also one of sadness. Dalmain Dewgarde passed away in January after battling against illness. He joined this Council in 1990 and also served on both the district and county councils, working extremely hard on behalf of the residents of Sprowston.**

On a happier note we welcome Mrs Antonia Harper who was elected in January to serve Sprowston South East Ward following the resignation of Mrs Nicola Dalzell due to increasing work commitments.

Moving on to the activities of the Council, Sprowston is now a Town. With over 15,000 residents and likely to increase with further development, it was felt that town status better reflected the urban and diverse community Sprowston has become. It also gives Sprowston a very separate and distinct identity from Norwich. A new logo has been designed by Cog Media to reflect this change and our updated web site will be launched later in the year.

The Town Council has continued to make improvements in the cemetery and develop the extension. Drainage has been laid, additional car parking provided, the road way extended and a new opening made to access the extension. The container has been moved and the area where it was located will be reinstated and made available for burials. The Council has agreed a new burial design in section nine where only memorials consisting of headstone and base can be erected. The advantage of this system being that a memorial stone can be placed on a grave immediately after burial.

Whilst speaking of the cemetery I would like to remind residents of the opportunity to donate, through payment, for a tree, shrub or wooden seat with the addition of placing your own memorial plaque.

The allotment site has also benefitted from roadway improvements and a new dedicated access point off Church Lane. The previous entrance via the car park has been re fenced, leylandi removed and the area will be hedged with native species.

At the other end of Sprowston the Council is continuing with its purchase of the former youth centre building on School Lane which has been named Sprowston Diamond Centre in commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Council office has moved into these premises and the existing building rented out to the CFTB Foundation. All meetings of the Council are now held at Sprowston Diamond Centre to which residents are welcome to attend.

“ It's our intention to develop Sprowston Diamond Centre into a community facility and proposals are being prepared by architects for consideration

Last year's Summer Fete attracted a record number of stallholders with a wide range of activities and products on offer ranging from archery to fudge. This year's fete will be held on Saturday 2 June 2012 as part of the jubilee celebrations and preparations are well under way. We do hope you will join us for this event.

Turning to the Council's parks and open spaces the Recreation Ground has benefitted from new cycle racks and despite some initial difficulties the BMX track has been completed and is proving very popular as is the pod swing and zip wire. Four more tennis courts have been rejuvenated and seating, which was deteriorating, has also been replaced together with additional ones being placed around the park. To improve security new gates have been erected at the main entrance matching those at the Edwards Road access. The old gates will be refurbished and used at the cemetery extension. In support of our young people the Council gave permission for the Matthew Project caravan, acting as a drop in advice centre, to park at the Recreation Ground throughout the summer and we have been advised this was well attended.

Our schedule of planting and maintenance is ongoing at the Millennium woodland and Willows used for protecting young saplings are now being cut out.

The Council continues to act as consultee on planning applications in Sprowston and successfully campaigned against the erection of a telecoms monopole at Sparhawk Park and Sparhawk Avenue.

A majority of the street lights in Sprowston belong to the Council and in order to reduce costs we have changed supplier of this unmetered power supply. We encourage residents to report any faults to the office as soon as possible so that our maintenance contractor can be deployed.

Following a change in planning law, under the Governments localism bill, the Town Council is preparing a neighbourhood plan with policies which will influence all future development in Sprowston. Having sought comments from residents last summer a planning event, facilitated by The Prince's Foundation and attended by residents, councillors and stakeholders was held in January where further ideas and suggestions were explored. Work continues to finalise the plan before being presented to residents for their decision as to its implementation. As to future developments in Sprowston, the Council continues to consult with developers. This includes Beyond Green who has held a number of public events regarding proposals to build in excess of 3,000 residential properties on the northern boundary of the Town, together with a new high street, business premises and amenity areas. This work will be on going as planning applications are received for developments including those at Blue Boar Lane.

Moving on to financial matters, to cover the Council's revenue and capital expenditure for 2012/13 the cemetery and memorial fees have increased by 5% for non-residents and 2.5% for residents, cricket, football fees and block bookings of tennis and bowls by 4% rounded, whilst allotment rents will increase to £30.00. Water charges for the allotments are based on the previous year's actual usage. There is no increase in existing fees for casual tennis and bowls. The precept levied on Broadland District Council was £500,108.

This Council has given £1,350 in grants to various organisations including 30th Norwich Scouts, Royal British Legion, Norfolk Accident Rescue, Macmillan Cancer Care, Citizens Advice Bureau, Sprowston Heritage, Prostate Cancer and Victim Support.

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

## A Broadly Active way of life

*Broadland residents are being encouraged to get fit!*

Broadly Active is a GP physical activity referral scheme run by Broadland District Council. The scheme offers a 12 week programme that specifically addresses your health wants and needs. Highly trained instructors give advice on physical activity, diet and general well-being. They also teach classes locally and provide information on activities not offered directly by the scheme. Each individual is asked their health targets at the start of the course and these goals are then structured by the scheme's staff into bite-size mini targets that are specific, measurable and, most importantly, help you stay motivated to achieve your long-term aims. Prices are reasonable (around £2 per session) and the atmosphere is always warm and friendly.

To be eligible to attend Broadly Active, you must have either an existing, controlled medical condition or be an inactive person.

Broadly Active is supported by NHS Norfolk and is part of the Broadland Life Initiative, with the council supporting and developing culture, leisure, children's play and youth engagement throughout the district.

If you are serious about getting healthier and require some further information on Broadly Active please contact Dan Goodwin, Physical Activity Referral Officer email: broadlyactive@broadland.gov.uk tel: (01603) 430487.

## Neighbourhood Planning in Sprowston



The Neighbourhood Planning Event mentioned in the last issue of Sprowston Matters was very successful and well attended. This event, facilitated by The Prince's Foundation, gave residents an opportunity to find out more about neighbourhood planning, the aims of the project and for them to share their ideas about shaping the future of Sprowston.

Other attendees included representatives from community groups, relevant land owners, developers, technical advisers and elected members of the Town and District Councils. Having identified the top priorities for a Neighbourhood Plan four main areas were considered as follows:

- Transport/traffic.
- Housing/character/heritage.
- Green space/schools/youth.
- Employment/retail/other town centre uses.

The ideas and information gained from this exercise is now being developed by the Council into a Neighbourhood Plan for residents to vote on.

It is important to capture the opinion of the community for inclusion in this plan and your views and suggestions are welcome, so please write or email (address on back page) your view on development in the Sprowston area. You can also visit our marquee at the Town's Summer Fete on 2 June.

### Treeminder

Our Sprowston Tree Warden has asked us to remind residents that should the summer months be dry to spare a thought for the trees, including those planted in the verges. You can use waste water from vegetable preparation, washing up, baths or showers but not water that contains bleach or powerful household cleaning products which could damage plants.

### More places to recycle your glass

To encourage recycling in Sprowston, and for the convenience of residents, bottle banks have been placed at Sprowston Recreation Ground car park and Church Lane car park. The Town Council receives recycling credits for the glass collected from these sites and the money is given in grant aid to support community groups and individuals and fund the annual summer fete.