

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 6 JUNE 2012**

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 6 June 2012, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

Mr J W Bracey	-	Ms M Ho
Mr W F Couzens	-	Mr R J Knowles
Mr C E Cutting	-	Mrs B J Lashley
Mr R B Dyball	-	Mr J H Mallen
Mrs S A A Dyball	-	Mr C L Noble
Mrs A Harper	-	Ms C T Rumsby
Mrs H Tovell		

Mrs J Hunt	-	Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Mrs E Elliot	-	Committee Officer
Mrs J Leggett	-	County Councillor Old Catton and Sprowston West
Mr J Ward	-	County Councillor Sprowston Central and South East

6 Members of the public

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### **12/125. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

### **12/126. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Written apologies for absence were received from Mrs M R Roberts.

### **12/127. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 16 May 2012, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

### **12/128. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT**

Members noted the written report, circulated at the meeting, from Norfolk Constabulary detailing minor crime statistics in Sprowston since the last meeting.

### **12/129. SPROWSTON SUMMER FETE**

Referring to Sprowston Summer Fete and the consultation with residents regarding development proposals for Sprowston Diamond Centre the Town Clerk advised that the general opinion was favourable as were comments on the neighbourhood plan.

Mr K Lashley thanked members of staff for their hard work to make the Summer Fete possible and to Councillors who came along to help.

### **12/130. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS**

On the motion of Mr C E Cutting, seconded by Mr W F Couzens it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned to receive residents' questions on matters

## **12/130. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)**

concerning the town. Residents were reminded that their questions should be addressed to the Chairman who would, assisted by the Town Clerk, reply.

Mr Clark expressed concern about the anti-social behaviour of young people attending school lessons at the Council Building in the Recreation Ground, particularly smashing of property, water bombs made from dog bags and swearing, all taking place in front of children attending the playgroup.

The Town Clerk commented that there had been no recent reports of damage to property at the Council Building.

The Chairman advised that the Council would make the School aware that they must co-exist with other users of the amenities at the Recreation Ground and that the behaviour of attendees should be of an appropriate manner.

A number of concerns were raised by the Pavillion Playgroup including

- why more had not been done to prevent the Playgroup having to move from the Pavilion, leaving a heavy hiring revenue loss to the Council?
- why were Councillors selling refreshments in the Pavilion at the Summer Fete when the Playgroup had previously placed a request to do so?
- the general attitude towards young people given that they were the future.

In response the Chairman explained that the level of rent was relevant to the cost of running a building. He also stated that the Council had worked closely with Norfolk County Council to find a solution on behalf of the Playgroup, but notwithstanding this the Playgroup had outgrown the Pavilion and with new legislation the building would eventually not be able to accommodate them.

A booking form was given to the Playgroup for the Summer Fete but not returned completed for the hire of the Pavilion. The Council decided they would sell refreshments at the Summer Fete and raise funds for the benefit of the Community.

The Town Clerk explained the three levels of Local Government advising that the Town Council had no responsibility to provide education. Norfolk County Council was the authority responsible for children's services and many discussions had taken place between the two Councils.

Mrs J Leggett reported that Norfolk County Council Cabinet were considering the Norfolk Economic Growth Strategy: Norfolk Infrastructure Fund Site Acquisition to purchase the former RAF Coltishall Base

Referring to the concern raised by the Council with regard to the consultation for the Federation of the Governing Bodies of Old Catton Church of England School and White Woman Lane Junior School to create one governing body, she advised that recommendations had been followed on the appointment of Governors.

The meeting was reconvened.

## **12/131. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

### **ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

#### **1.1 Sprowston Pavillion Playgroup**

## **12/131. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)**

Members noted the report of the Town Clerk and the decision of Norfolk County Council Children's Services to establish a pre-school setting at Sprowston Infant School for the relocation of Sprowston Pavillion Playgroup.

### **CEMETERY**

#### **2.1 No matters were reported**

### **STREET LIGHTING**

#### **3.1 Norfolk County Council Street Lighting**

Although unhappy with Norfolk County Council's agreed policy for part night lighting Members were unable to identify any exceptions that met the criteria to enable lights to remain unaffected.

### **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

#### **4.1 Member's Code of Conduct**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the principle of the Draft Code of Conduct, previously circulated, subject to the reference to Appendix 4 being amended to reflect declarations of interest at a meeting. The Town Clerk to produce a Code of Conduct for acceptance by Sprowston Town Council Members.

### **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

#### **5.1 No matters were reported**

## **12/132. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

Given the early hour it was

**RESOLVED** not to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

## **12/133. PLANNING**

The Town Clerk reported that observations had been requested by the District Council's Head of Development Management & Conservation on planning applications received since the last meeting.

Having considered each application and the accompanying plans the Council

### **RESOLVED**

- (a) to raise no observations or objection to the granting of planning application 2012/0732 - single storey rear extension at 38, Neville Road
- (b) not to comment on planning application 2012/0741 - alterations, extensions to form new nursery and community facility at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane.

## **12/134. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 6 June 2012 totalling £35,206.33 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

**12/134. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Mrs H Tovell it was

**RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 6 June 2012 totalling £35,206.33 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mr R J Knowles.

**12/135. SCHEDULE OF FETE PAYMENTS**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of fete payments totalling £510.00.

On the motion of Mrs S A A Dyball, seconded by Mrs H Tovell it was

**RESOLVED** that payment of the schedule of fete payments totalling £510.00 be approved and the schedule authorising payments signed by Ms M Ho and Mr R J Knowles.

**12/136. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS**

No written reports were received.

**12/137. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Written reports were received from Mr W F Couzens, District Councillor and Mr J Ward, County Councillor.

**12/138. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

No written reports were received.

**12/139. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8**

No questions under Standing Order 8 were received.

There being no other necessary business the Chairman of the Council thanked Members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

**27 June 2012**

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**CHAIRMAN**