

COUNCIL MEETING – 8 AUGUST 2012

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 8 August 2012, the following Members were present:-

Mr R J Knowles – Chairman

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| Mr J W Bracey | - | Ms M Ho |
| Mr W F Couzens | - | Mr J H Mallen |
| Mr C E Cutting | - | Mrs M R Roberts |
| Mr R B Dyball | - | Ms C E Rumsby |
| Mrs S A A Dyball | - | 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 |
| Mr Paul Clarke | - | Bidwells Senior Partner |

5 Members of the public

12/191. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

| Member | Minute No & Heading | Nature of Interest |
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| Mr J W Bracey | 12/200 5.2, Joint Core Strategy | Broadland District Councillor |
| Mr R J Knowles | 12/200 5.2, Joint Core Strategy | Broadland District Councillor |

12/192. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received from Mrs B J Lashley, Mr K Lashley and Mr C L Noble.

12/193. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 July 2012, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

12/194. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting PC Keith Lambert, who elaborated on some of the incidents recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston, previously circulated.

12/195. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Ms C T Rumsby, seconded by Mr R B Dyball it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned to receive residents' questions on matters concerning the town. Residents were reminded that their questions should be addressed to the Chairman who would, assisted by the Town Clerk, reply.

Mrs J Leggett reported that:

12/195. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

- the Tour of Britain cycle race would be travelling through Norfolk on Sunday September 9 finishing at Norfolk Showground where a free family fun day and the Norfolk Food and Drink Festival is being held.
- Norfolk County Council and Active Norfolk are holding a celebration in honour of the Paralympic Torch Relay at the Sports park, Norwich on Saturday 25 August 2012. The event is open to adults and children with physical or sensory disabilities and learning difficulties.
- the Fire Service was consulting on their attendance at buildings fitted with AFA systems. Their proposal is that in the future they might not automatically attend fire alarms in commercial premises, any office, any shop, any licensed premises, any place of worship or any public building. There were 2,124 unnecessary calls last year.

The meeting was reconvened.

12/196. BIDWELLS

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Mr Paul Clarke, Senior Partner Bidwells who gave a detailed presentation on how Bidwells could facilitate all aspects of Sprowston Town Council progression with the re-development of Sprowston Diamond Centre and answered a number of questions from Members .

12/197. ENCLOSURES

- (i) Department for Communities and Local Government - Openness and transparency on personal interests - A guide for Councillors
- (ii) Sprowston Town Council presents "Movie Afternoon" - poster
- (iii) Greater Norwich Development Partnership - Joint core Strategy for Broadland, Norwich and South Norfolk proposed submission content

12/198. NORFOLK HOMES SITE BLUE BOAR LANE PHASE 2

Further to Minute 12/179, the Town Clerk advised that Broadland District Council had offered £11,403.84 for adoption of the play equipment and open space, together with shrubbery and front area of the Norfolk Homes Blue Boar Lane Phase 2 development excluding the watercourse fenced section.

RESOLVED to authorise the Town Clerk to negotiate adoption, by this Council, of the play equipment and open space, together with shrubbery and front area of the Norfolk Homes Blue Boar Lane Phase 2 and accept the s 106 payment of £11,403.84 from Broadland District Council.

12/199. BOUNDARY SIGN AT NORTH WALSHAM ROAD/SCHOOL LANE

Mr J W Bracey explained that historically there had been a stone indicating the Sprowston and Old Catton boundary on the building on the corner of North Walsham Road and School Lane. The original marker stone had since been lost and at the suggestion of Sprowston Heritage he had gained three quotations for the purchase and engraving of a replacement, which he presented to Members for their consideration.

RESOLVED that Mr Bracey seek a funding contribution from Sprowston Heritage for the purchase and engraving of a replacement boundary stone and once this had been established Members would consider if they would like to make a donation at a future meeting of the Council.

12/200. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

Bidwells

Referring to the Bidwells presentation, Minute 12/196, it was

RESOLVED that dialogue take place between the Town Clerk, Chairman of the Council and Bidwells to establish a programme to progress the re-development of Sprowston Diamond Centre for consideration at a future meeting of the Council.

ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 No matters were reported

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters were reported

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 No matters were reported

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 Sprowston Diamond Centre

Members noted that damage had occurred to 16 window panes at Sprowston Diamond Centre by the throwing of stones in an act of vandalism, which had since been replaced.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Proposed Road Name: Erection of Four New Dwellings, Plots 1-4, 46 North Walsham Road

Mrs M R Roberts proposed Amos Bacon Close, seconded by Mrs S A A Dyball.

Mr J W Bracey proposed Blaxter Close, seconded by Mr J H Mallen.

On being put to the vote Amos Bacon Close was **CARRIED**

5.2 Joint Core Strategy

RESOLVED to accept the publication of content proposed for submission.

12/201. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs S A A Dyball seconded by Mr R B Dyball it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

12/202. 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.

12/202. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

Having considered each application and the accompanying plans the Council

RESOLVED

(a) to raise no observations or objection to the granting of the following applications:

2012/1015 - single storey rear extension at 21, Tills Road

2012/1032 - 2 No. new dwellings at 2, Wroxham Road

12/203. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 8 August 2012 totalling £52,231.97 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mrs M R Roberts, seconded by Mrs H Tovell it was

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts to 8 August 2012 totalling £52,231.97 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms Ho and Mr J H Mallen.

12/204. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

RESOLVED to endorse the recommendations of the Community Festival Working Group.

12/205. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

12/206. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

12/207. 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.

29 August 2012

CHAIRMAN