

COUNCIL MEETING – 21 NOVEMBER 2012

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 21 November 2012, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

Mr W F Couzens	-	Mrs M Ho
Mr R B Dyball	-	Mrs B J Lashley
Mrs S A A Dyball	-	Mr J H Mallen
Mrs A Harper	-	Ms C T Rumsby
Mrs H Tovell		

In attendance

Mrs J Hunt	-	Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Mrs J Leggett	-	County Councillor Old Catton and Sprowston West
Mr J Ward	-	County Councillor Sprowston Central South East
Mr A Dickie	-	Sprowston Climate, Environment and Nature Team (S.C.E.N.T)

6 Members of the public

12/281. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

12/282. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received from Mr R J Knowles, Mr C L Noble and Mrs M R Roberts and verbal apologies from Mr J W Bracey and Mr C E Cutting.

12/283. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 31 October 2012, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

12/284. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Members noted the incidents recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston, circulated at the meeting.

12/285. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mrs H Tovell, 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.

Debbie Hutchings, St Marys Grove raised a number of concerns with regard to the development of land to the north of Sprowston including the:

- economic development growth of the area and who would fill these jobs

12/285. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

- number of existing vacant properties
- price of current properties up for sale and remaining vacant
- number of brownfield sites not being utilised for development
- impact on the environment

Mr J Ward advised that there were still vacancies for School Governors at schools in Sprowston. He also commented on a letter in a local paper extolling the virtues of the new 11A (Pink Line) bus service.

Mrs J Leggett reported that following the survey on the museum service a report had now been produced and was going to Norfolk County Council Cabinet on 3 December 2012. She also advised that the Norfolk County Council Community Grant of £3.5m had been oversubscribed in the first round to £4.6m with 42 applications, leading to the March round now being closed.

The meeting was reconvened.

12/286. SPROWSTON CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE TEAM

Having considered the request from Sprowston Climate, Environment and Nature Team it was

RESOLVED

- to suggest that Sprowston Climate, Environment Team submit their request for funding via Sprowston Town Council's grant scheme
- to elevate their profile through the Council's website and newsletter.

12/287. CONSULTATION BY POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC) FOR NORFOLK ON HIS 2013/14 PRECEPT (COUNCIL TAX) PROPOSAL

Members noted that Norfolk Police Authority had provisionally allocated Tuesday 18 December 2012 for the public consultation regarding the 2013/14 Precept (Council Tax) proposal by the newly-elected PCC for Norfolk, commencing 11:00am.

12/288. NORWICH NORTHERN DISTRIBUTOR ROUTE - MEETING WITH NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS

Having considered the offer from Norfolk County Council to meet with officers to discuss the way forward with the NDR it was

RESOLVED to invite Norfolk County Council officers to a meeting with the Council on 12 December 2012, commencing 6:30pm at Sprowston Diamond Centre.

12/289. PLANNING APPLICATION 2012/1516 THE DEVELOPMENT OF LAND NORTH OF SPROWSTON AND OLD CATTON

Referring to Minute 12/272 (b), the Town Clerk reported that public open sessions were being held at Sprowston Diamond Centre on Wednesday 16 January 2012 10:00am - 4:00pm and Thursday 17 January 6:00pm - 9:00pm, to discuss the Beyond Green planning application and gain the opinions of residents before submitting a response to the planning authority.

12/290. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED, in view of the early hour, not to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

12/291. 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 the following applications:

2012/1520 - change of use from B1 (Office Use) to C3 residential use at 23, Mousehold Lane

2012/1245 - installation of timber structures in garden, to include decking 300mm high, open sided outdoor cabin, climbing frame, installation also includes Jacuzzi, square planters, raised timber vegetable beds and play house at 16, War Memorial Bungalows

2012/1512 - erection of two storey canopy at units C3, D11, D12 & D14, Pinetrees Road

2012/1547 - removal of tree T1 Horse Chestnut as per Tree Surgeons report and replace in area marked R1, species to be agreed, at 37, Mousehold Lane

2012/1586 - garage/utility room to side at 4, Tills Close

- (b) to object to the granting of planning application 2012/1558 - demolition of existing bungalow & erection of replacement dwelling at 66, School Lane on the grounds that there is insufficient information on the proposed replacement dwelling.

12/292. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 21 November 2012 totalling £10,879.37 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr J H Mallen, seconded by Mr R B Dyball it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 21 November 2012 totalling £10,879.37 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mrs B J Lashley.

12/293. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments was approved and noted.

12/294. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

12/295. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

12/296. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

12/297. 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.

12 December 2012

CHAIRMAN