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## New design at Cemetery

Earlier this year the Town Council accepted a design for section 9 at the cemetery, prior to any interments, to have headstones placed back to back with a shingle rill in between. These burial plots are lawn only and do not accommodate flat stones or flush markers. Although a different format from the rest of the cemetery it allows for memorials to be erected immediately, which some families prefer.

Plans are also being considered by Councillors for the refurbishment of the existing brick building to provide a facility for visitors to use, particularly during inclement weather conditions, offering seating with views over the cemetery and modernised toilet to DDA standards.

## Council to adopt more open space

Sprowston Town Council will be adopting the play equipment and open space together with shrubbery and front area of the Norfolk Homes, Blue Boar Lane site and will be responsible for any future maintenance of this area including: grass cutting, pruning and equipment repairs. The water course remains the responsibility of Broadland District Council, at present.

## Schedule of Council Meetings for Municipal Year 2013

9 January, 30 January, 20 February, 13 March, 3 April, 24 April (Annual Town Meeting - 7pm) (Council Meeting to be held on the rising of the Annual Town Meeting), 15 May (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 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 be viewed or copies supplied for a small charge.

### Opening times and tel. enquiries

Mon - Fri 9.30am - 1pm & 2pm - 4.30pm

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# Sprowston Matters



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## Development proposals for land north of Sprowston and Old Catton

This Council has been asked to comment on an outline planning application, No. 20121516, submitted to Broadland District Council for significant development of land north of Sprowston and Old Catton to provide up to 3,520 dwellings; employment space; shops; services; cafes; restaurants; drinking establishments; hotel accommodation; two primary schools; community space; including a health centre, library and community halls.

The proposed development will incorporate an east-west high street connecting Buxton, Spixworth and Wroxham Roads forming a link in a future potential orbital route between Broadland Business Park and Norwich Airport Industrial Estate, realignment of the North Walsham Road, large Country Park and working farm, and is expected to house over 7,400 people.

Buildings in the Town Centre and industrial areas have been identified to be up to five storeys high reducing to a maximum of three on Church Lane South. An average of 1.5 parking spaces is allocated to each property, in line with Broadland District Council policy, although some areas will be courtyard or on road parking.

The formal public consultation period for this application ended on Monday 26th November. However, due to the size and complexity of issues associated with this proposed development Broadland District Council accepts that there will be those that require more time to make comment.

Such large scale development will impact on Sprowston and it is important that parishioners have an opportunity to comment on these proposals. In view of this Sprowston Town Council will be holding two dedicated public open sessions to gain the opinions of residents before submitting a response to the Planning Authority. The Plans are available to view at the Town Council Office during office opening hours. Please see layout, structure and land uses plan on page 2.

### Public open sessions will be held on Wednesday 16 January 10am - 4pm and Thursday 17 January 6pm - 9pm at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane.

This Council will be returning its comments to Broadland District Council late February, and we understand that the applicants have themselves requested that the application not be put before planning committee for decision until the submission draft Joint Core Strategy policies have been re-examined and found sound, which is unlikely to be before summer 2013. However, this is the situation at the moment and could be liable to change subject to matters that may arise in the interim.

If you would prefer to make your comments in writing please address them to the Town Clerk, Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston, Norwich, NR7 8TR.

## Let the games begin

Prove your village is the Best in Broadland, be part of the Olympic and Paralympic Legacy and enter Norfolk's own version of the Olympic Games. Following on from the success of the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games, Active Norfolk are working with villages across the county to assemble squads of players to compete in different sports varying from Archery, Athletics, 5-a-side Football, Short Mat Bowls, Tennis, Rounders, Badminton and Darts. People of all ages are invited to take part. Villages will be offered taster sessions in a variety of sports at their very own Sports Roadshow.

These Roadshows will take place across the county throughout the year in the build up to the District level games and then the prestigious Norfolk Village Games County final, which will take place on Sunday 14 July 2013 at the UEA SportsPark in Norwich.

Active Norfolk and Broadland District Council are looking to work with villages to build teams as well as help you to get more sport taking place in your village. We are looking to sports clubs, parish councils, local businesses and community groups to work together in order to provide representation from their area, and battle it out against other villages from across Broadland and are appealing to volunteers to register their interest as village team captains.

Don't let your village miss out on being part of the 2013 Games. For more information and to register your interest visit [www.activenorfolk.org/villagegames](http://www.activenorfolk.org/villagegames) or call (01603) 731566.



## SCHOOL LANE PRE-SCHOOL

"A morning spent at Pre-School can be most rewarding"

Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston

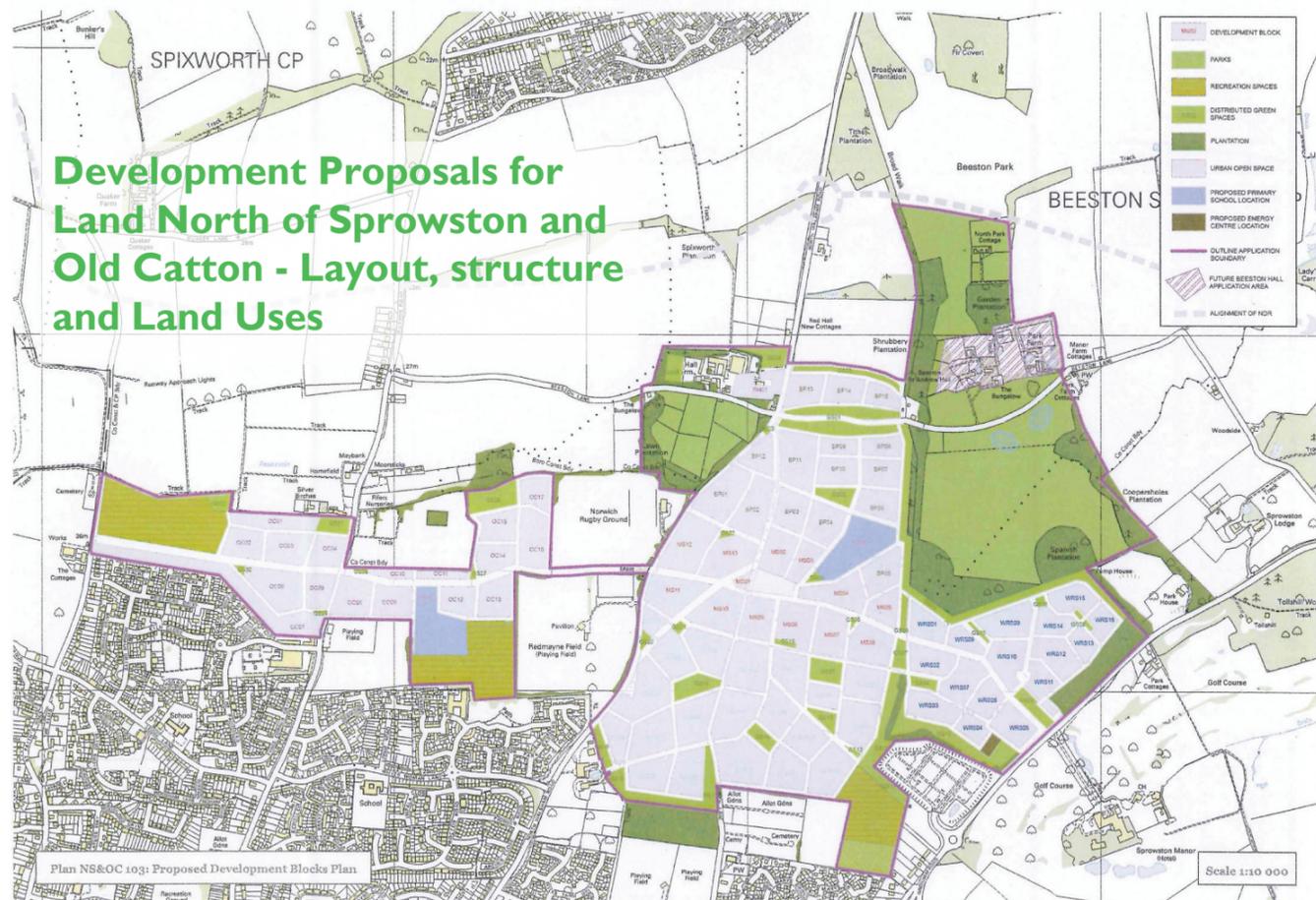
Monday - Friday 9am - 12 noon or 12 noon - 3pm. We also provide 9am - 3pm sessions

Call us on 07751 835528



Ofsted said... "Children are confident and happy in the setting. Staff have a good understanding of the Early Years Foundation Stage, therefore, children's progress towards the early learning goals is well-supported. An effective key person system is in place and staff work closely with parents to establish children's starting points, identify likes and dislikes and build relationships with both the parents and children for whom they are responsible."

# SprowstonMatterskeepingyouinformed



## Highway matters...

### Parking enforcement

We have received a number of enquiries regarding who is responsible for parking enforcement and hope the following information will help clarify.

Enforcement of on-street parking restrictions, including yellow lines, time-limited spaces and other parking restrictions in Norfolk is now carried out by Civil Enforcement Officers employed by councils. They have the power to issue Penalty Charge Notices (parking tickets) for parking infringements. However, Norfolk Constabulary still has the power to act on obstruction offences, and where vehicles are parked on zig-zag approaches to pedestrian crossings. The police are also responsible for enforcement on Trunk Road clearways (A11, A12, A47).

To report illegal parking on roads in Sprowston and Broadland where there are parking restrictions (yellow lines, time limited waiting, etc.) you should contact (01553) 616222 or email: [parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:parking.operations@west-norfolk.gov.uk) (please use the email address if you wish for a response to your request/report). Cases of actual obstruction on roads (preventing the passage of vehicles) or footways (preventing the passage of wheel chairs or child push chairs) should be referred to the police on 101 irrespective of whether or not there are parking restrictions in the road.

Civil Enforcement Officers will be looking after the interests of disabled people by taking action against anyone who misuses disabled bays or the Blue Badge system. It is therefore important that Blue Badge drivers always display their badge properly

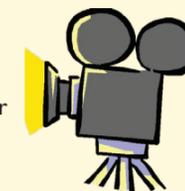
### Overhanging hedges

We often get calls about trees, hedges and shrubs overhanging the pavements as it reduces accessibility, which can be potentially dangerous to wheelchair users and anyone pushing a pram or buggy as sometimes there is no alternative but to use the road.

It is the responsibility of the land/property owner to ensure that any flora or fauna planted in their curtilage does not overhang their boundary and cause a nuisance on the highway, which includes pavements.

Norfolk County Council is the highways authority and an obstruction to a pavement caused by overhanging branches etc. should be reported to them on tel: 0344 800 8020.

## MOVIES AT SPROWSTON CINEMA



At the time of printing, we have shown three films at Sprowston Diamond Centre, on the first Monday of the last three months. Cinema goers have enjoyed The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel, Mao's Last Dancer and Salmon Fishing in the Yemen, for these three we have had a 91% seat occupancy rate as well as a nice cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a natter before the performance. Pretty good going for limited advertising. All the proceeds from the film showings are going towards funding the Sprowston Diamond Centre project providing a Community Centre for the people of Sprowston. Unfortunately, like anything, there are costs attached to putting on the film shows and out of the potential income of £250 per month, we have costs of, on average, excluding refreshments and staff time of about £120. Now, here comes the pitch, if anyone feels able to sponsor just one of these showings, in return for suitable on the day recognition, or works for anyone, to whom they may be able to bring this article to their attention, we would be so grateful as it would enable us to put the whole of the ticket money to Sprowston Diamond Centre. Unfortunately we are unable to offer any other incentives like free tickets - it would defeat the object. If you are able to help us, then please contact Marion tel: (01603) 408063, e-mail: [marion.cook@sprowston-tc.gov.uk](mailto:marion.cook@sprowston-tc.gov.uk)

### The listings from January to April 2013 are:

#### Monday 07 January 2013 - Anna Karenina (12A)

Released for the cinemas last September but not out on DVD until February, Joe Wright (Pride and Prejudice, Atonement) directs the classic Tolstoy story of marital infidelity in this adaptation by Tom Stoppard. Keira Knightley is Anna, Jude Law, her husband Count Karenin and Aaron Johnson is Vronsky. A powerful supporting cast includes stalwarts Olivia Williams, Emma Watson, Kelly MacDonald and Matthew MacFadyen. Visually spectacular and with the exciting idea from Stoppard of setting the whole story in a theatre, this is classic film-making at its lushest.

#### Monday 04 February 2013 - Hope Springs (12A)

Kay and Arnold are in a happy but increasingly staid marriage until Kay decides to sign them up for a week of relationship therapy in the postcard town of Great Hope Springs, Maine. Arnold goes, under protest: he doesn't want to change his marriage he just wants to keep the peace. A well written, hugely enjoyable comedy enlivened by the usual star turn from Meryl Streep (sweet, non-demanding, wistful, wondering what happened to the man she married) and a marvellous 'against type' performance from tough guy Tommy Lee Jones.

#### Monday 04 March 2013 - Quartet (12A tbc)

Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Pauline Collins, Michael Gambon, Billy Connolly, Andrew Sachs and Trevor Peacock star in this version of Roland Harwood's much loved play, set in a retirement home for ageing musicians where preparations for the annual gala are thrown into chaos by the arrival of opera diva Jean, played by Maggie Smith. Pauline Collins steals the film from everyone with her lovely fragile performance.

#### Monday 01 April 2013 - Easter Monday - Skyfall (12A)

What can be said? Quite marvellous and utterly British, with the odd exception, Daniel Craig, Judi Dench, Ralph Fiennes, Ben Wishaw, Albert Finney, all star alongside a new car, and a new Moneypenny! This is listed as the Bond film that will, unusually, appeal to all ages.

All listings are subject to availability and may vary. Please contact the Council Office one week prior to showing for confirmation of the film.

## News in brief...

### Travelling by bus

Bus timetables dated 23 September 2012 for services 11, 11A, 11B (pink line) and 13, 13A, 13B and 13C (turquoise line) and a Norwich Network Guide are available, for your convenience, from the Council Office during office opening hours.



### Wilks Farm Drive open space

Wilks Farm Drive open space forms part of a pleasant walk through one of the remaining semi-rural parts of Sprowston leading through to the Millennium Woodland and beyond to Church Lane. Sadly this area is being spoilt by litter and dog fouling. With this in mind we would request all visitors to the woodland and open space to be considerate of other users by disposing of their litter in an appropriate manner and scooping the poop if exercising pets. Both litter and dog bins are provided around the site for this purpose.

### Sprowston Diamond Centre

Phase I of the redevelopment of Sprowston Diamond Centre will commence early next year and is expected to be completed within eight weeks. This will allow the School Lane pre-school to move into a purpose built facility and enable rearrangement of the internal spaces in the western end of the building to create larger rooms.

We currently have meeting rooms available for hire, suitable for training purposes, conferences or other functions, at very competitive rates. Facilities include projector, screen, WiFi, hearing loop, large car park and kitchen for making hot drinks. Please contact the Council Office for details or visit our website [www.sprowton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.sprowton-tc.gov.uk)

### Here to help

**If your heating breaks down this winter we can help.** The Town Council has acquired two halogen heaters, specifically for this purpose, which are available on short term loan until you can get your heating repaired. Simply contact the Council Office.