

COUNCIL MEETING – 30 JANUARY 2013

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 30 January 2013, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

Mr J W Bracey	-	Mrs B J Lashley
Mr W F Couzens	-	Mr J H Mallen
Mr R B Dyball	-	Mr C L Noble
Mrs S A A Dyball	-	Mrs M R Roberts
Ms M Ho	-	Mrs H Tovell

In attendance

Mrs J Hunt	-	Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Mrs M Cook	-	Assistant Clerk and Senior Financial Officer
Mrs E Elliot	-	Committee Officer
Mrs J Leggett	-	County Councillor Old Catton and Sprowston West

3 Members of the public

13/021. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

13/022. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Harper, Mr R J Knowles and Ms C Rumsby and verbal apologies from Mr C E Cutting.

13/023. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 9 January 2013, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

13/024. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting PCSO Kane Casburn who elaborated on some of the incidences recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston, previously circulated.

13/025. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mrs H Tovell, seconded by Mr W F Couzens 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 Norfolk County Council was delivering highway improvements in partnership with Town and Parish Council's and funding for 2013/14 had been increased by £1m.

13/025. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

- An Enterprise in Waste summit is to be hosted by Norfolk County Council at Norwich City Football Club on 7 February 2013 inviting the county's businesses, large and small, to come forward and contribute their ideas about how they could get involved in managing waste more efficiently, increase recycling in Norfolk, increase the number and type of recycling facilities in the community and reduce their overheads.
- Norfolk County Council is in discussion regarding secondary education.
- That Norfolk County Council's Cabinet had approved £5m of extra spending over the next five years to target more support for the county's growing number of older and vulnerable residents.
- A meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel is to be held Tuesday 5 February 2013 at Lodge Lane Infant School commencing 7.30pm.

The meeting was reconvened.

13/026. CORRESPONDENCE

An invitation to the NorfolkALC Café Cluster Event to be held on Friday 15 March 2013 between 2:00pm and 4:00pm at Costessey Community Centre, Longwater Lane, Costessey, Norwich NR8 5AH was circulated at the meeting.

13/027. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

Referring to Minutes 13/010 and 13/014, the Town Clerk reported that Broadland District Council had rescinded the method in which they had intended to administer the Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

13/028. BIRKETTS LLP SOLICITORS

The Town Clerk answered a number of questions from Members regarding the letter from Birketts LLP Solicitors.

RESOLVED to accept the terms and conditions associated with the purchase of Sprowston Diamond Centre.

13/029. DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2013/14

Mrs Cook explained the difference between two sets of proposed budget figures and answered a number of Members questions.

Following discussion on a proposal from Mrs B J Lashley, seconded by Mr J W Bracey it was

RESOLVED to remove the £8,000 income from recycling credits leaving a budget of £508,108.

13/030. PRECEPT

RESOLVED that a precept of £508,108, be levied on Broadland District Council, to meet the Council's funding requirement for 2013/14 which equates to a 1.6% increase in the Town Council Tax element on a Band D property The precept request includes a Government grant in respect of Council Tax benefit claimants.

13/031. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr R B Dyball, seconded by Mr J W Bracey it was

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13/031. MEETING ADJOURNMENT (CONTINUED)

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

13/032. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 30 January 2013 totalling £12,530.57 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr R B Dyball, seconded by Mrs M R Roberts it was

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts to 30 January 2013 totalling £12,530.57 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mrs B J Lashley.

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of payments and transfers to 30 January 2013 totalling £323,420.00 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mrs M R Roberts, seconded by Mr J W Bracey it was

RESOLVED that payment of the schedule of payments and transfers to 30 January 2013 totalling and £323,420.00 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mrs B J Lashley.

13/033. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £122.87 was approved and noted.

13/034. SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES

RESOLVED to accept the proposed schedule of Council meeting dates for the municipal year 2013/2014.

13/035. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

The Town Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group had met on 23 January 2013 and decided not to pursue any form of development on Barkers Lane Playing field in the short to medium term but look to redesigning the field in an imaginative way.

13/036. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

13/037. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

13/038. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

On the motion of Mr J H Mallen, seconded by Mr R B Dyball it was

13/038. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (CONTINUED)

RESOLVED to exclude the Press and Public in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under Minute 13/039.

13/039. CONSIDERATION OF STAFF REQUEST

Having carefully considered a request from four employees it was

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk respond on behalf of the Council.

13/040. 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.

20 February 2013



CHAIRMAN