

COUNCIL MEETING – 03 APRIL 2013

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 03 April 2013, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

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

In attendance

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

3 Members of the public

13/076. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

13/077. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Verbal apologies for absence were received from Mr J W Bracey and Mr R J Knowles.

13/078. RESIGNATION OF TOWN COUNCILLOR

The Town Clerk reported the resignation of Mr C E Cutting from the Council and that the casual vacancy would be advertised Friday, 5 April 2013.

13/079. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meetings held on 13 and 20 March 2013, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

13/080. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

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

13/081. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mrs M R Roberts, seconded by Mrs S A A 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.

Reference was made to:

13/081. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

- the closure of Allens Lane for reconstruction work commencing 15 July 2013 for 4 weeks
- the retirement of Dr John Alban, Norfolk County Archivist, on 31 March 2013
- Ofsted inspections across Norfolk
- rolling out "Better Broadband" announced in the summer is due to be completed at the end of the year
- on 1 April 2013, Norfolk County Council took over a new duty to improve the health and wellbeing of local people. This means it will plan and pay for some services that were previously run by the local Primary Care Trust (PCT), NHS Norfolk and Waveney.

There being no questions the meeting was reconvened.

13/082. CPRE ALLIANCE

In response to a question the Town Clerk confirmed she had written to various organisations requesting a review of the housing figures in light of the economic situation, as requested by the Council, Minute 13/066.

13/083. GRANT AID - SPROWSTON DAY CENTRE

Referring to Minute 13/067 4.3 (i), the Town Clerk reported that she had received a letter from Sprowston Day Centre advising that their existing cooker had been repaired and requesting grant aid towards the cost of this repair.

RESOLVED, that the donation of £300 previously agreed be used towards repair costs.

13/084. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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 Monthly Filming Package & 3D Fly Thru

(a) Monthly Filming Package

Having considered the report of the Town Clerk, on the motion of Mrs B J Lashley, seconded by Mrs S A A Dyball it was

RESOLVED, not to progress the video film of the extension works at Sprowston Diamond Centre.

Mr C L Noble proposed, seconded by Mr J H Mallen that discussions continue with Cog Media.

13/084. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

On being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

Mr W F Couzens proposed, seconded by Mr J H Mallen that the Council look to gain alternative funding such as sponsorship to help with costs should a filming package be agreed in the future.

On being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

(b) 3D Fly Thru

Members felt a 3D Fly Thru was a good idea, particularly to promote fund raising, and on the motion of Mr W F Couzens, seconded by Mr J H Mallen it was

RESOLVED, that at a future date the Council explore a fly thru film of the layout of Sprowston Diamond Centre, when comparative quotations will be obtained, including a sample of work.

4.2 Parish Partnership Seminar

Members noted the Town Clerk's report on her attendance at the Parish Partnership Seminar.

5.1 No matters were reported.

13/085. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs S A A Dyball, seconded by Mr W F Couzens it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

13/086. 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

2013/0237 - change of use from petrol station to Motorcycle retail at Petrol Filling Station, Salhouse Road

2013/0289 - rear extension incorporating rooms in the roof 83, Moore Avenue

2013/0302 - single storey rear extension at 57, Blackwell Avenue

2013/0320 - conservatory to rear at 26, Lambert Road

2013/0337 - part change of use of residential dwelling to undertake holistic massage and Reiki Therapy Business

2013/0347 - first floor rear extension and demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey rear extension at 22, Blenheim Crescent

2013/0390 - extension to rear at 216, Blithewood Gardens

2013/0393 - garage extension at 35, Mousehold Lane

13/086. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

(b) to oppose the granting of planning applications 2013/0209 phase 1a, part 1 land at Blue Boar Lane - reserved matters application for the erection of 115 no. residential units pursuant to outline planning permission and 2013/0224 phase 1a, part 2 land at Blue Boar Lane - reserved matters application for the erection of 54 no. residential units pursuant to outline planning permission on the grounds that:

- the four storey rented social housing is not good family accommodation or suitably positioned within the development.
- three storey discounted market tenure properties are not necessarily suitable for people trying to get on the property ladder.
- the Town square should not be gravel unless contained.
- the bus service should be conditioned to ensure it is operational prior to occupancy of the housing.
- four storey buildings are out of keeping with the parish and residential accommodation should be limited to a maximum of three storeys.
- there is a lack of parking availability as carport, garage and visitor parking has been included in the average spaces per household.
- the roads are too narrow and with on road parking likely will lead to congestion and pavements blocked.
- there is a lack of provision for young children's play and play areas should be incorporated within this phase/area of the development.
- the open space to the east, which forms part of the landscaping Section 106 agreement currently existing on the total site, should be available for use at the earliest opportunity and not reliant on the occupation of 25 houses.

13/087. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 3 April 2013 totalling £33,807.77 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 3 April 2013 totalling £33,807.77 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mrs B J Lashley.

13/088. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

13/089. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

13/090. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

13/091. 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.

24 April 2013

CHAIRMAN