

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 26 JUNE 2013**

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 26 June 2013, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

Mr J W Bracey	-	Mr R J Knowles
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
Mr J Ward	-	County Councillor Sprowston Central and South East

3 Members of the public

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### **13/151. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

### **13/152. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Verbal apologies for absence were received from Mr J H Mallen.

### **13/153. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 5 June 2013, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

### **13/154. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting PC Keith Lambert who elaborated on some of the incidences recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston since the last meeting.

The Town Clerk referred to an incident at Barkers Lane Field, which resulted in the police not having access to the information and keys held at the local police station, and sought advice on how this could be avoided in the future.

She also advised Members that the Council would be liable for payment of the clean-up operation organised by Broadland District Council. Despite questioning this with the District Council she had not received a reduction.

Councillors expressed concern at the likely cost of such an operation and how it could be justified. It was agreed that the District Councillors, representing Sprowston, would take up this issue with Broadland District Council's Environmental Health.

## **13/155. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS**

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Mrs M R Roberts 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.

Mr Ward reported that:

- Lisa Christensen, Director of Children's Services, had taken early retirement from the Authority with effect from 18 July 2013 following criticism from MP's despite having the support of Councillors and staff.
- at a full Council meeting held 17 June 2013 it was decided to defer a decision on the procurement of a residual waste contract for the Willow incinerator until after the planning process is complete, which is likely to be January, and to look at alternatives in the meantime.

The meeting was reconvened.

## **13/156. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

### **ALLOTMENTS PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

#### **1.1 Pavilion Recreation Ground**

Having discussed two quotations for the completion of a feasibility study for the current and future use of the pavilion the preferred bid was from Vincent and Gorbing, although it was felt that the block model was an unnecessary expense at this point, and it was

**RESOLVED** to accept the bid from Vincent and Gorbing subject to the block model being withdrawn and the Town Clerk and Chairman negotiating a price as close to £4,000 as possible, the balance to be covered from other sources.

### **CEMETERY**

#### **2.1 No matters were reported.**

### **STREET LIGHTING**

#### **3.1 No matters were reported**

### **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

#### **4.1 Meetings with the Police and Crime Commissioner**

Members noted the meetings arranged by the Norfolk Association of Local Councils to meet with Stephen Bett, Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

#### **5.1 Norfolk and Suffolk Local Transport Body**

Members considered the Norfolk and Suffolk Transport Body' list of major transport schemes in the current plans for Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils and it was

**13/156. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)**

**RESOLVED** that the Council's response is "that the only scheme that would benefit or affect Sprowston residents was the Northern Distributor Route including the Postwick Hub".

**ENCLOSURES**

**6.1 Norfolk Association of Local Councils - Norfolk Link Issue 191**

**13/157. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

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

**RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

**13/158. 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:

2013/0704 - single storey front and rear extensions and two storey side extension (revised scheme) at 78, Cromwell Road

2013/0757 - detached car port to front at 37, Blenheim Road

(b) to defer consideration of planning application 2013/0696 - reserved matters application for erection of 140 residential units pursuant to the outline planning permission 20080367 and 2013/0699 reserved matters application for erection of 139 residential units pursuant to outline planning permission 20080367 until full plans were available. It was also noted that there was no drainage report.

**13/159. ALLEGED CONTRAVENTIONS OF PLANNING REGULATIONS**

Members noted the alleged contraventions of planning regulations - Sprowston from 1 August 2012 to 30 May 2013.

**13/160. ALLEGED CONTRAVENTIONS OF PLANNING REGULATIONS - CLOSURES**

Members noted the alleged contraventions of planning regulations closures - Sprowston from 1 August 2012 to 30 May 2013.

**13/161. PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONTRARY TO SPROWSTON TOWN COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

Planning applications contrary to Sprowston Town Council's recommendations from 28 June 2012 to 24 April 2013 were noted.

**13/162. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 26 June 2013 totalling £46,409.79 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Mrs S A A Dyball it was

**RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 26 June 2013 totalling £46,409.79 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mr R J Knowles .

**13/163. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £321.66 was approved and noted.

**13/164. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS**

No written reports were received.

**13/165. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

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

**13/166. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

No written reports were received.

**13/167. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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

**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 13/168.

**13/168. SPROWSTON DIAMOND CENTRE CAR PARK**

The purchase of an area of land to the rear of Sprowston Diamond Centre, owned by Norfolk County Council, was discussed and it was

**RESOLVED** to seek negotiations with the responsible Cabinet Member and NPS acting for the County Council. Due to the confidentiality of this item a disclosed sum was agreed.

**13/169. 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.