

COUNCIL MEETING – 28 AUGUST 2013

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 28 August 2013, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

Mr R B Dyball - Mr R J Knowles
Mrs S A A Dyball - Mrs B J Lashley
Ms M Ho - Mr C L Noble
Mr J H Mallen

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
Mr Rock Fielding - Socially Conscious Capital
Mr Duncan Mason - Associate Director, Turley Associates

2 Members of the public

13/211. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Member	Minute No & Heading	Nature of Interest
Mrs B J Lashley	Minute 13/223 - Planning Application 13/1097	Neighbouring property to applicants
Mr K Lashley	Minute 13/223 - Planning Application 13/1097	Neighbouring property to applicants

13/212. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received from Mr W F Couzens, Mr R A Fowkes, Mrs A Harper, Mrs H Tovell and Mrs M R Roberts and verbal apologies from Mr J W Bracey and Ms C T Rumsby.

13/213. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 7 August 2013, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

13/214. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Members noted the written report from Norfolk Constabulary circulated at the meeting, detailing crime statistics for Sprowston since the last meeting.

13/215. SPROWSTON DIAMOND CENTRE CAR PARK

Referring to Minute 13/195, Mr C L Noble enquired if there had been any response to the offer submitted to Norfolk County Council for the purchase of an area of land to the rear of Sprowston Diamond Centre and was advised there was no update as yet.

13/216. CASE FOR COMPENSATION

Further to Minute 11/31.1, the Town Clerk reported that the case for compensation made by a member of staff was now concluded with no financial settlement made against the Council.

13/217. INVITATION TO PATHWAYS AFTERNOON

RESOLVED that Mr K Lashley attend the Pathways afternoon to be held Wednesday 18 September 2013 at West Dereham Village Hall, and that his proper expenses be met in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Allowances.

13/218. BROADLAND HOUSING AND GROWTH FORUM

RESOLVED that Mr J H Mallen attend the Broadland Housing Growth Forum to be held Tuesday 24 September 2013 at Sprowston Manor Hotel, and that his proper expenses be met in accordance with the Council's Scheme of Allowances.

13/219. NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON THE 2014/15 BUDGET AND SAVINGS PROPOSALS FOR 2014/17

Members noted the advance notice of consultation by Norfolk County Council on the 2014/15 Budget and savings proposals for 2014/17.

13/220. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, 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.

Mrs B J Lashley spoke against the granting of planning application 2013/1097 on the following grounds:

- access to the proposed dwelling is in a corner over a pavement which already serves two properties
- if there is insufficient on-site parking vehicles will be parked on the road outside other residential properties
- there will be pressure to reduce/cut back the preserved oak tree
- the length of the proposed dwelling extends halfway down the garden and would be detrimental to anyone living at number 1, Rimington Road
- the proposed eco design features should be conditioned to ensure they are incorporated in the final design should the Planning Authority be minded to grant permission

Mr Ward reported

- that a special parade for the Battle of Britain Hero's is to be held on Cromer Promenade from 3:00pm on 9 September 2013 with a Spitfire fly pass at 3:30pm.

Mrs J Leggett reported

- the Safer Neighbourhood Panel meeting is to be held 10 September 2013
- Norfolk County Council Cabinet is to consider saving £1.5m by making the short section of the NDR from Fir Covert Road to the A1067 single carriageway, rather than dual
- Norfolk County Council Cabinet is to consider payment of a portion of the cost of the early replacement of Norwich International Airport's radar with

13/220. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

a new system that can filter out traffic movements on the NDR, which skirts the northern fringe of the airport. The cost to the Council, £1.3m paid over eight years, would contribute two fifths of the overall cost of the new radar system

- road users are being urged to raise awareness of the safety of cyclists as part of a joint drive by Norfolk County Council and Norfolk Constabulary to reduce the number of cyclist casualties on the road.
- Swaffham has a new flexi bus - Ring and Ride
- Norfolk County Council Cabinet is to discuss waste management and quarrying sites plans
- Catton Park is looking for Trustees and Volunteers

The meeting was reconvened.

13/221. SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS CAPITAL AND TURLEY ASSOCIATES

Rock Fielding, Socially Conscious Capital and Duncan Mason, Associate Director of Turley Associates gave a presentation on the potential development of the Racecourse Plantations and answered Members questions arising therefrom.

13/222. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Ms M Ho it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

13/223. 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 application:

2013/1097 - sub-division of curtilage and erection of single storey detached dwelling at 1, Rimington Road

Mrs B J Lashley and Mr K Lashley left the meeting room for consideration of planning application 2013/1097.

(b) to authorise the Town Clerk to speak on the Councils behalf at Broadland District Council's Planning Committee on 25 September 2013 with regard to planning application 2012/1516 - the Development of Land North of Sprowston and Old Catton to Provide Up To 3,520 Dwellings; Up To 16,800 Square Metres of Employment Space; Up To 8,800 Square Metres of Space For Shops, Services, Cafes, Restaurants and Drinking Establishments; Up To 1,000 Square Metres of Hotel Accommodation; Two Primary Schools; Up To 2,000 Square Metres of Community Space Including A Health Centre, Library and Community Halls; An Energy Centre; Cycle and Vehicle Parking For Residents, Visitors and Staff;

13/223. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

Landscaping and Public Open Space for Amenity, Recreation and Food-Growing; Ecological Mitigation and Enhancement; Utilities and Sustainable Urban Drainage Infrastructure; and Pedestrian, Cycle and Vehicular Accesses (Outline) at Land to the North of Sprowston and Old Catton, Wroxham Road & St Faiths Road

13/224. CIL/BEYOND GREEN DEVELOPMENTS DISCUSSION

Further to Minute 13/196, Mr K Lashley and the Town Clerk reported on a meeting they attended with other representatives of the Council and officers of Broadland District Council, where a discussion took place on the Community Infrastructure Levy and the proposed Beyond Green Development.

Members were informed that planning application 12/1516 would be decided at Broadland District Council's Planning Committee meeting to be held 25 September 2013. This development would attract a community infrastructure levy of 15% whereas other developments in Sprowston would, on conclusion of the Neighbourhood Plan process, attract 25%.

Members considered the reports of the Chairman, the Town Clerk and Planning Projects Manager, Ben Burgess and it was

RESOLVED

that in principle the Council should progress to creating a forum where priorities could be discussed without any financial obligation.

13/225. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 28 August 2013 totalling £19,842.88 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 28 August 2013 totalling £19,842.88 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mr R J Knowles.

13/226. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

13/227. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr W F Couzens, District Councillor and Mr J Ward, County Councillor.

13/228. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

13/229. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8

No questions under Standing Order 8 were received.

13/229. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. 8 (CONTINUED)

There being no other necessary business the Chairman of the Council thanked Members for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

18 September 2013

CHAIRMAN