

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 9 OCTOBER 2013**

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 9 October 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
Mr R A Fowkes	-	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

2 Members of the public

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### **13/248. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

### **13/249. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Written apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Harper and Mr J H Mallen.

### **13/250. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 18 September 2013, having previously been circulated to all Members were, subject to the following amendment

Minute 13/240, **delete** 28 August totalling £19,842.88 and **insert** 18 September 2013 totalling £39,714.58

confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

### **13/251. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT**

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

### **13/252. SPROWSTON DIAMOND CENTRE UNPAID HIRING FEES**

Further to Minute 13/246, the Town Clerk reported that the complainant had stopped the presented cheque for £180 and now owes the Council £350.00, this payment and the August and September amounts. The complainant had also submitted, to this Council, an invoice for £604.

### **13/253. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS**

On the motion of Mrs M R Roberts, seconded by Mrs H Tovell 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 Howes raised concerns with regard to planning application 2012/1516:

- as she stated that Anglian Water had previously commented that they could only supply 2000 properties, how are they now able to supply 3,600 houses, shops, schools and other properties?

The Chairman advised that Broadland District Council had reported no objection had been received from Anglian Water regarding this planning application, other than relevantly worded conditions and informatives which will be adhered to as part of the planning application.

- as she felt there was a flood risk to existing householders, asked if there was any hope of getting a proper flood assessment done.

The Chairman confirmed that the planning application did not have full flood risk analysis however, at a recent Broadland District Council Planning Committee meeting the planning officer had stated, that prior to approval of each development phase at the reserved matters stage a surface water drainage scheme shall be submitted to the planning authority.

- as the proposed plans would create a dog leg on the Wroxham Road, and given that further development is taking place in Hoveton there will be increased traffic using this stretch of road, would it not be better if the proposed east/west high street joined at the park and ride?

The Chairman replied that the Town Council had supported this view in its remarks to Broadland District Council's Planning Committee when determining this application.

Mrs Leggett reported:

- congratulations to pupils of White Woman Lane School who had been successful in the EDP and Briar Chemicals Young Poets of the Year Competition and had their entry published in the press.
- Catton Park are still looking for Trustees and Volunteers
- Norfolk County Council's Trading Standards Officers were giving residents the opportunity to have their electric blanket tested, free of charge, in preparation for winter.
- that seven Norfolk Schools had been selected to work with The London Leadership Strategy to help raise levels of achievement
- Black History month in Norfolk Libraries.
- Norfolk libraries had won a grant from Arts Council England to deliver a project called Enterprise@yourlibrary focussing on building infrastructure and resources in public libraries, which will be available to existing and new entrepreneurs, small and medium enterprises, and local communities.
- the Duke of Edinburgh visited Norfolk

The meeting was reconvened.

**13/254. PRESENTATION BY MARK CHANDLER OF VINCENT & GORBING ASSOCIATES LIMITED**

Mark Chandler, Director of Vincent & Gorbing Associates Limited gave a detailed presentation on proposed re-development plans for the Pavilion at Sprowston Recreation Ground and answered Members questions arising therefrom.

**13/255. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

**COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

**1.1 Pavilion Recreation Ground Road**

Having considered the presentation from Mark Chandler of Vincent & Gorbing with proposed plans for re-development of the Pavilion on Sprowston Recreation Ground it was

**RESOLVED**

- (i) to reflect on the proposals presented by Mark Chandler, given the scale and likely cost, and to discuss in detail and decide on a course of action at a future meeting of the Council, dependent on (ii).
- (ii) that the Town Clerk obtain a costing on developing option 1 proposal, taking into consideration the suggested amendments, to planning stage.

**1.2 Sprowston Diamond Centre Refurbishment**

Having considered the report of the Town Clerk and reports from Bidwells with regard to roof repair options at Sprowston Diamond Centre it was

**RESOLVED** to progress with option B, replacement under felted roof at a cost of £16,033.14 with a contingency of £1,500, to be funded from recycling credits.

**CEMETERY**

**2.1 No matters to report.**

**STREET LIGHTING**

**3.1 No matters were reported**

**CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

**4.1 External Audit**

Members noted the signed External Audit Report for year ended 31 March 2013.

**4.2 The Good Councillor's Guide 4<sup>th</sup> Edition**

The availability of the 4<sup>th</sup> Edition of The Good Councillor's Guide was noted.

**4.3 Visit by Nick Boles MP**

The Town Clerk reported that the planned visit by Nick Boles MP had been cancelled.

## **13/255. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)**

### **4.4 Norfolk Association of Local Councils**

- 4.4.1 Members noted the Autumn Conference to be held Wednesday 6 November 2013 at Sheringham Visitor Centre, 10:00am to 3:00pm.
- 4.4.2 Members noted Norfolk County Council's Budget Consultation to be held Tuesday 27 October at County Hall.
- 4.4.3 Members noted that a copy of the annual report for 2012/2013 was available on request.

### **4.5 Push the Pedalways launch consultation event**

Members noted the invitation to attend the Push the Pedalways consultation event to be held at Blackfriars Hall, Tuesday 26 November 2013, 12:30pm to 6.30pm on a drop in anytime basis.

## **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

### **5.1 No matters were reported.**

## **13/256. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr K Lashley, seconded by Mr R B Dyball it was

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

The meeting was reconvened.

## **13/257. 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:

2013/1363 - two storey side extension incorporating front and rear dormer at 7, South Gage Close.

- (b) To oppose the granting of planning application 2013/1252 - two storey rear extension at 73, Moore Avenue, on the grounds that it is as an unneighbourly form of development and not subservient to the original dwelling.

## **13/258. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 9 October 2013 totalling £57,189.86 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

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

**13/258. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

**RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 9 October 2013 totalling £57,189.86 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mr R J Knowles.

**13/259. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £61.31 was approved and noted.

**13/260. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS**

No written reports were received.

**13/261. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

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

**13/262. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

No written reports were received.

**13/263. 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.

**30 October 2013**

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**CHAIRMAN**