

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 20 NOVEMBER 2013**

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 20 November 2013, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

Mr W F Couzens	-	Mrs B J Lashley
Mr R B Dyball	-	Mr J H Mallen
Mrs S A A Dyball	-	Ms C T Rumsby
Mr R A Fowkes	-	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

1 Member of the public

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### **13/284. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

### **13/285. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Written apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Harper, Ms M Ho, Mr R J Knowles and Mr C L Noble and verbal apologies from Mr J W Bracey and Mrs M R Roberts.

### **13/286. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 30 October 2013, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

### **13/287. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT**

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting, PC Lambert and Student PC Luke Phillips who elaborated on some of the incidences recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston since the last meeting.

### **13/288. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS**

On the motion of Ms C T Rumsby, 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 Leggett reported:

- Olympian Gail Emms was to talk to primary school teachers about developing and supporting high quality physical education and school sport
- a campaign to recruit school governors across Norfolk

### **13/288. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)**

- Norfolk County Council's Children's Services will be looking at long term plans for the building of schools in Norfolk, in Sprowston at Blue Boar Lane and the Beyond Green development. It was also acknowledged that a new secondary school would be needed in the area at some stage, depending on the rate of growth.
- Alcohol awareness week commencing 18 November 2013
- Norfolk County Council's consultation on budget cuts was due to end 12 December 2013
- Norfolk and Suffolk County Council's had signed a partnership agreement to work more closely together.

The meeting was reconvened.

### **13/289. FRIENDS OF THORPE WOODLANDS**

Mr J Beckett gave a presentation on the potential development of the Racecourse Plantations and answered Members questions arising therefrom.

### **13/290. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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

##### **1.1 Recreation Ground Bowls Green**

Having considered proposed works at Sprowston Bowls Green, in view of Broadland District Council's allocation of s.106 funds to bowling greens in and around the Thorpe St Andrew area it was

#### **RESOLVED**

to progress with the proposed works to the bowls green, following consultation with the three resident clubs, and apply to Broadland District Council for funding.

#### **CEMETERY**

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

#### **STREET LIGHTING**

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

#### **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

##### **4.1 Christmas Holidays**

Having considered the report of the Town Clerk it was

**RESOLVED** that the Council office and grounds maintenance close at 12 noon on 24 December 2013, reopening on Monday 30 December 2013, closed on 1 January 2014.

##### **4.2 Greater Norwich Playing Pitch and Built Sports Facilities Strategies Consultation Events**

Members noted the invitation to attend one of two consultation events to discuss sports and leisure facilities in Norwich, South Norfolk and Broadland.

**13/290. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)**

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

**5.1 Norfolk County Council Adams Road Drainage Works**

Members noted work to install a new surface water drainage system on Adams Road would commence after 11 November 2013 for duration of 5 weeks.

**13/291. 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.

**13/292. 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**

To raise no observations or objection to the following applications:

2013/1500 - front porch at 36, Colindeep Lane

2013/1525 - erection of detached dwelling at Land adj. 1, Lambert Road

2013/1542 - pitched roof extension to the rear & loft conversion at 83, Moore Avenue

2013/1545 - disabled access ramp at 19, War Memorial Bungalows, Mousehold Lane

**13/293. ALLEGED CONTRAVENTIONS OF PLANNING REGULATIONS**

Members noted the alleged contraventions of planning regulations - Sprowston from 31 May 2013 to 31 October 2013.

**13/294. ALLEGED CONTRAVENTIONS OF PLANNING REGULATIONS - CLOSURES**

Members noted the alleged contraventions of planning regulations closures - Sprowston from 31 May 2013 to 30 September 2013.

**13/295. PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONTRARY TO SPROWSTON TOWN COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members noted planning applications contrary to Sprowston Town Council's recommendations from 25 April 2013 to 30 September 2013.

**13/296. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 20 November 2013 totalling £62,568.10 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr R B Dyball, seconded by Mrs H Tovell it was

**13/296. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

**RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 20 November 2013 totalling £62,568.10 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mrs B J Lashley and Mr J H Mallen.

**13/297. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £160.90 was approved and noted.

**13/298. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS**

No written reports were received.

**13/299. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

A written report was received from Mr J Ward, County Councillor. Mr W F Couzens, District Councillor advised that he had not submitted a report having not attended any meetings due to injuries following an accident.

**13/300. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

No written reports were received.

**13/301. 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.

11 December 2013

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**CHAIRMAN**