

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 FEBRUARY 2014

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 19 February 2014, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

Mr W F Couzens - Mr R J Knowles
Mr R B Dyball - Mrs B J Lashley
Mrs S A A Dyball - Mr J H Mallen
Mr R A Fowkes - Mr C L Noble
Ms M Ho - Mrs H Tovell

Ms C T Rumsby

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
Billie Bell - East of England Co-ordinator for youth

12 Members of the public

14/037. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Member	Minute No & Heading	Nature of Interest
Mr C L Noble	14/046 - Planning Application 2014/0103	Non-pecuniary interest - employed by Sainsbury's
	14/046 - Planning Application 2014/0165	Non-pecuniary interest - family friend

14/038. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received from Mrs A Harper and Mrs M R Roberts and verbal apologies from Mr J W Bracey.

14/039. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 29 January 2014, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

14/040. 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.

14/041. SPROWSTON NEIGHBOURHHOD PLAN

Referring to Minute 14/027, the Town Clerk reminded Members that the Council were now in purdah with regards to the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum and circulated a Guide to Campaigners and Local Ward Councillors.

14/042. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mrs S A A Dyball, 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 Anderson expressed her concerns with regard to planning application 2014/0165 commenting that it was an overdevelopment of the site, out of keeping with the surrounding area and unneighbourly as its close proximity to their property would cause a loss of natural light.

Mr Ward reported that Norfolk County Council had agreed to set a net revenue budget of £308.397m for 2014 - 15. A number of additional spending items, which were supported by the Council leadership and agreed by the Council included:

- an extra £250,000 to establish an emergency Coastal Defence Fund to be administered by a cross party group of councillors drawn from coastal communities;
- £127,000 (a 20% increase) for the Carers Agency Partnership fund to allow more carers to take a well-earned break;
- £123,000 to reduce the impact of spending reductions in Trading Standards.

Mr Ward did not support the reductions to Library Services which were included within the budget.

Mrs Leggett, in her address:

- congratulated White Woman Lane School on their recent Ofsted report;
- reported that Norfolk County Council is one of the first Local Authorities to take up the mental health challenge;
- advised that there was a record number of 16-year-olds in education and training in Norfolk with 95% of Year 12 students now participating

The meeting was reconvened.

14/043. SKATE PARK

Billie Bell, former Member of the Youth Parliament now the East of England Co-ordinator for Youth together with Alfie, Conley and Jimmy, students of Sprowston High School gave a presentation on a proposal to construct a skate park in Sprowston.

Members were advised that a facebook page had been created generating interest in the scheme and this progressed into an on-line petition with approximately 400 signatures, which will be presented to the Council at a later date.

Billie explained that Sprowston Recreation Ground was the lowest cost proposal as the cycle track could be adapted; the park is central with easy access and locked after hours. However, the purpose of the presentation was to ascertain if the Council would in principle identify and work on a scheme within Sprowston.

Members commented that this Council did have an aspiration to provide a skate park in Sprowston but situated in the most appropriate place and that the Neighbourhood Plan was trying to accommodate youth play off Blue Boar Lane.

14/043. SKATE PARK (CONTINUED)

RESOLVED to form a working group, consisting of Mr W F Couzens, Mr R B Dyball, Mrs S A A Dyball, Mr K Lashley, Mr J H Mallen and Mr C L Noble, to work with Billie Bell and his colleagues.

14/044. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Naming of Sprowston Diamond Centre Rooms

Mrs B J Lashley proposed that the recently refurbished room in the West Wing be named the School Room, and the remaining rooms in the building be named after teachers/head teachers, seconded by Mr R B Dyball.

Mr C L Noble proposed that all rooms should be named after gem stones such as Ruby, Sapphire, Emerald, Amethyst and Topaz, seconded Mrs S A A Dyball.

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

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

Members considered various teachers/head teachers names and it was

RESOLVED that the remaining four rooms at Sprowston Diamond Centre be named: St Quintin, Delves, Burrows and Beryl Reid (spelling to be confirmed).

1.2 Home Farm/Blue Boar Development Phase 3, 4 and 5 Commuted Sums under S.106 Agreements

Members carefully considered the report of the Town Clerk who advised that the land forms part of the Norfolk Homes development, which benefits from outline planning permission. This consent states that a site of 1000sqm should be provided for a community centre. The planning history shows that this was a condition of the planning approval but it does not appear to form part of a section 106 Agreement. This has been confirmed in discussion with the Broadland District Council Planning Officer.

In view of the restrictive options available to the Council it was

RESOLVED

that the preferred option for Phase 4 of Blue Boar Lane would be a commuted sum of £375,000 to be used for associated recreational purposes.

CEMETERY

2.1 Widening of Church Lane

In view of the large scale development due to take place to the north of the parish, which could put pressure on the Lane becoming a through road it was felt that land; adjacent to the allotments, owned by the Parochial Church Council could provide additional off-road parking to accommodate services at St Mary and St Margarets Church when the existing car park is at capacity. The Parochial Church Council could also cone-off areas of Church Lane prior to a service commencing.

14/044. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

RESOLVED to oppose a suggestion to introduce a passing bay at Church Lane.

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 No matters were reported

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012

RESOLVED to request the District Council to list the following assets as of community value:

Cottage Plantation, Harrisons Plantation, The Breck/Boar Plantation, Sprowston Sports and Social Club, Blue Boar Public House, Sprowston Cricket Club, Bengal Restaurant, area of Sparhawk Park owned by Norfolk County Council and all public rights of way.

4.2 Broadland District Council - Glass Bank Provision

Members noted Broadland District Council's new collection service which will increase the variety of items residents can place in their recycle bins, including glass, to commence 14 October 2014 and the impact on recycling credits.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 North Sprowston and Old Catton Programme Board

RESOLVED that Mr R A Fowkes, Mr K Lashley and the Town Clerk attend the first meeting of the North Sprowston and Old Catton Programme Board to be held at Broadland District Council offices, commencing 11.00am on Thursday 27 February 2014 with Mr J H Mallen as substitute.

14/045. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

14/046. 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 following applications:

2014/0103 - conversion of existing cage marshalling area to dotcom administration and marshalling, erection of 8 No. van canopies and covered link and extension to dotcom service yard at Tesco Stores Ltd, Blue Boar Lane

14/046. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

2014/0176 - single storey extension at 28, Breydon Road

2014/0183 - proposed first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at 43, Cozens-Hardy Road

2014/0188 - erection of a rear first floor extension 17, Blenheim Crescent

2014/0208 - single storey front and rear extensions at 87, Harrisons Drive

2014/0217 - raising the existing roof and construction of rear extension at 24, Thornham Road

2014/0222 - single storey front and side extensions and two storey side extension at 13, Edwards Road

- (b) to strongly oppose the granting of planning application 2014/0165 - sub - division of curtilages for erection of bungalow (outline) at land to rear of Nos. 40 & 42, Russell Avenue on the grounds that it is an over development of the site, unneighbourly, intrusive, there is insufficient amenity space and it is out of keeping with the surrounding area. Furthermore, the property would extend beyond the building line, access is close to a busy junction which could impact on highway safety and the application does not comply with Broadland District Council's Planning policy.
- (c) in view of the complexity of application 2014/0162 EIA screening opinion - outline planning application to erect 1,400 dwellings with access roads and associated infrastructure; new primary school and local centre; construct section of orbital link road between Salhouse Road and Plumstead Road; retain woodland and existing businesses, create green corridors and cycle links, etc. at land at Salhouse Road Members strongly request that an EIA screening be carried out.
- (d) in view of the complexity of application 2014/0179 EIA screening opinion - outline planning application to erect 300 dwellings with access roads and associated infrastructure; create green infrastructure, cycle links, link road etc - Screening Opinion at Land East of Buxton Road Members strongly request that an EIA screening be carried out.

14/047. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 1Y

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Mrs B J Lashley it was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 1Y to complete the business of the evening.

14/048. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 19 February 2014 totalling £116,558.20 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Mr R B Dyball it was

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts to 19 February 2014 totalling £116,558.20 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mr J H Mallen.

14/049. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

14/050. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

14/051. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

14/052. 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.

7 March 2014

CHAIRMAN