

COUNCIL MEETING - 16 JULY 2014

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 25 July 2014, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

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| Mr W F Couzens | - | Mr R J Knowles |
| Mr R B Dyball | - | Mrs B J Lashley |
| Mrs S A A Dyball | - | Mr C L Noble |
| Mr R A Fowkes | - | Mrs M R Roberts |
| Ms M Ho | - | Ms C T Rumsby |

Mrs H Tovell

In attendance

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| Mrs J Hunt | - | Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer |
| Mrs E Elliot | - | Committee Officer |
| Mr J Ward | - | County Councillor Sprowston Central and South East |

5 Members of the public

14/171. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

14/172. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

14/173. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 25 June 2014, having previously been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

14/174. 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, previously circulated.

14/175. ST. CUTHBERT'S WAR MEMORIAL

The Chairman reported that a public meeting had taken place on Friday 11 July 2014 to discuss the future of the war memorial.

14/176. GREATER NORWICH DESIGN REVIEW PANEL

Further to Minute 14/159, the Chairman, who attended this meeting on behalf of the Council, advised Members that details of this presentation were included in Mr Couzen's report previously circulated.

14/177. MEETING WITH REVEREND CANON STOKES

Further to Minute 14/170, Mr Lashley advised Members that he would bring a written report to a future meeting of the Council.

14/178. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mrs H Tovell, 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.

Mr Ward reported:

- that work to resurface the footway along Leveson Road would commence 21 July 2014 and take approximately 7 weeks to complete at a cost of £60,000.
- the sixteenth annual Summer Reading Challenge entitled "Mythical Maze" will be taking place during the summer holidays at all the County Council's 47 libraries. Last year 14,000 4 - 11 year olds took part.
- Fire Brigade strikes would continue throughout the forthcoming week with 999 calls answered but prioritised to match operational demand. Half of all fire stations will be closed.
- Norfolk is celebrating a record improvement in the proportion of children achieving expected levels at the age of 5. 58% of children have reached the expected level of development at the end of reception this year compared to 45% in 2013.

Mrs Howes asked the Council to consider providing Blue Badge parking at Sprowston Diamond Centre now that the building was more regularly used.

Mrs Harper, Chairman of School Lane Pre-School advised the Council that vandalism had recently taken place at their premises. The police had been informed and given their recommendations on how to discourage future incidences. Members were asked to consider the use of prickly strip or anti-climb paint along the top of the fence.

The meeting was reconvened.

14/179. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

ALLOTMENTS PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Cycle Track at the Recreation Ground

Having considered the report of the Town Clerk Mr C L Noble suggested that other materials such as furnace slag from the sugar beet factory should be considered and questioned the cost of Bitmac. Following a debate it was

RESOLVED

- (a) to consider alternative resurfacing materials and gain quotations before making a decision on a long term solution.
- (b) to authorise the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, to liaise with contractors and arrange such remedial repairs as required to facilitate the reopening of the cycle track for the summer holidays, to a maximum cost of £1,000.

14/179. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

1.2 Recreation Ground Fencing

Members considered a request from a resident to remove the park fencing along Recreation Ground Road and it was

RESOLVED

(a) to leave the fence in situ but maintain a watching brief to check for deterioration, and to ensure that appropriate signage is in place with regard to the barbed wire.

(b) to consider whether to include a replacement fence in the 2015/16 budget at the precept and budget meeting to be held 3 December 2014.

1.3 Sprowston Diamond Centre

Members accepted the revised plan of phase III of the redevelopment of Sprowston Diamond Centre and noted the meeting arranged with the planning department at Broadland District Council.

1.4 Legionella Management

RESOLVED to authorise the Town Clerk to instruct Taurus Monitoring Limited in the management of legionella risks for 2014 at a cost of an interim budget figure of £12,009.00 plus VAT and 2015 at a cost of £9,335.00 plus VAT.

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters were reported

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 No matters were reported

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 No matters were reported

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Eastern Power Networks PLC - Cannerby Lane

RESOLVED to instruct the Clerk to give Eastern Power Networks PLC permission to gain access to Council owned land at Cannerby Lane, as per the supplied plan, to facilitate the provision of a new underground electricity service to the East of England shop, subject to the area being fully restored to the highest standard..

5.2 Broadland District Council - Growth Triangle Briefing for Town and Parish Councils

RESOLVED that Mr R A Fowkes and Mr C L Noble attend the Growth Triangle Briefing for Town and Parish Councils on Tuesday 12 August 2014 to be held in the Council Chamber, at Thorpe Lodge, and that their proper expenses be met in accordance with the Members scheme of allowances.

14/180. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

14/181. 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 planning application:

2014/1085 - insertion of a mezzanine floor at Oak Furniture Land, Unit 11A, Sprowston Retail Park.

(b) to oppose the granting of planning application 2014/0897 - single storey rear extension (part retrospective), erection of orangery to rear and erection of detached garage at 66, School Lane on the grounds that it is an unneighbourly form of development by virtue of the location of the garage at the bottom of the garden.

(c) to oppose the granting of planning application 2014/1088 - two storey side, single storey rear extensions and raised decking area at 8, Terence Avenue on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site, out of keeping with the street scene and unneighbourly almost abutting the boundary of the adjacent bungalow.

14/182. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 16 July 2014 totalling £30,833.10 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 16 July 2014 totalling £30,833.10 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mr R J Knowles.

14/183. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £296.96 was approved and noted.

14/184. TO RECEIVE THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM 1 APRIL - 30 JUNE 2014

Members noted the income and expenditure to 30 June 2014.

14/185. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

14/186. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

14/187. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

Mr K Lashley gave a verbal report on his attendance at the Boundary Change meeting organised by Broadland District Council, commenting that the boundary between Sprowston and Beeston St Andrew would remain unchanged.

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

6 August 2014

CHAIRMAN