

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 NOVEMBER 2014

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

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

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| Mr R B Dyball | - | Mrs B J Lashley |
| Mrs S A A Dyball | - | Mr C L Noble |
| Ms M Ho | - | Mrs M R Roberts |
| Mr R J Knowles | - | 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 |
| Mrs J Leggett | - | County Councillor Old Catton and Sprowston West |
| Mr J Ward | - | County Councillor Sprowston Central and South East |

2 Members of the public

14/277. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

14/278. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received from Mr J W Bracey, Mr W F Couzens, Mr R A Fowkes, Mrs A Harper and Mr J H Mallen.

14/279. MINUTES

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

14/280. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Members noted the incidences recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston since the last meeting, which were circulated at the meeting.

14/281. 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.

Mr Ward reported

- a new exhibition, Waterways, Art and Nature on the Broads, showcasing some of most renowned Broadland Printers from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries had opened at the Time and Tide Museum, Great Yarmouth and would run until 12 April 2015.

14/281. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

- that he had attended the Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service's annual awards ceremony held at Norwich Castle on 12 November, when recipients of medals, awards and commendations were presented by VIP guests and the Chief Fire Officer.
- that former RAF Coltishall owned by the County Council now had 66% tenant occupation of the buildings and 100% of the open airfield would be put to use subject to planning permission. A further £6.6m of investment was required to complete essential infrastructure works but £4m of this could be raised through land sales.
- that Community information events to discuss flooding and provide advice were being held in Broadland and Norwich.

Mrs Leggett reported:

- Friday 21 November 2014 was Children's Commissioner's Takeover Day, giving young people the opportunity to work with adults for the day and be involved in decision making.
- it was Anti-Bullying week and an event was being held at Norwich Football Ground.
- that Norfolk County Council's Children's Services Committee was to consider the future landscape of Norfolk schools
- that a new role was being created in Norfolk to help further build on improvements in Children's Services in the County. The Department for Education and the County Council were to jointly appoint an expert adviser with a strong track record in delivering the best outcomes in Children's Social Care.
- Norfolk's superfast broadband revolution is surging ahead with 100,000 homes and businesses able to access high-speed internet services as a result of the Better Broadband for Norfolk Programme.
- Members of the Youth Parliament aged 11-18 took part in a debate in the House of Commons chamber, chaired by the speaker of the House of Commons Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP.

The meeting was reconvened.

14/282. PRESENTATION GS DESIGNS

Mr Graham Sibley of GS Designs gave a detailed presentation on a proposal to develop the Pavilion at Sprowston Recreation Ground to create additional changing facilities, to FA standard, and answered Members questions therefrom.

RESOLVED to authorise Mr Sibley of G S Designs to submit a planning application to Broadland District Council subject to the materials on the front and side of the proposed design matching the cladding on the existing building.

14/283. ADAM BANHAM BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Adam Banham, Senior Planning Officer (Policy) Broadland District Council and Sue Robinson, Norfolk County Council Children's Services.

14/283. ADAM BANHAM BROADLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL (CONTINUED)

Mr Banham explained the background of the community element of the Home Farm development at Blue Boar Lane and answered Members question therefrom.

14/284. BEEHIVE

The Town Clerk reported that despite the Town Council's objections to the granting of planning application 14/1565, the Planning Authority had determined this application and permission had been granted for the development proposed.

14/285. CIRCULATION

The following documents were circulated at the meeting

- (a) Letter dated 29 October 2014 from Debbie Bartlett, Head of Business Intelligence & Corporate Planning - Norfolk budget and services 2015-18.
- (b) Letter from Branden Lewis MP forwarded by Chloe Smith MP after representation from the Town Council on permitted development rights for the prior Virgin building on Pinetrees Business Park.

The Town Clerk reported that she had approached the Forward Planning department at Broadland District Council to request an Article 4 direction withdrawing permitted development rights on industrial estate areas in Sprowston .

- (c) Flyer from Norfolk County Council promoting Flood Information Events to be held in Sprowston and Hellesdon.

14/286. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mrs M R Roberts, seconded by Mrs H Tovell it was

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

14/287. 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 applications:
 - 2014/1752 - roof alterations to create gable ends and new rear dormer window at 6, Blenheim Road
- (b) were not opposed to the granting of planning application 2014/1817 - detached car port to front (revised proposal) at 305, Wroxham Road but would recommend that monitoring of the site was carried out meticulously during the development.

14/287. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

- (c) were not opposed to the granting of 2014/1725 - development of a minimum of 225 new homes with associated car parking, open spaces and landscaping (outline) at land East of Buxton Road but would make the following comments
- the scheme should incorporate a mix of single storey accommodation suitable for elderly people who would like to remain in the area
 - 40 properties per hectare is excessive, there is a lack of parking and the parks are miniscule.
 - the lagoon covers a large part of the amenity allocation, could become stagnant, and is not considered to be not conducive to children's activities or a play area and suggest it should be enclosed.
 - it should be a mixed development suitable for all ages.
- (d) were opposed to the granting 2014/1828 - rear extension including room in the roof and detached double garage and store at 37, Lone Barn Road on the grounds that the size and position of the garage and store was detrimental to the properties to the rear of the dwelling.

14/288. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 19 November 2014 totalling £31,137.30 and 4,871.42 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 November 2014 totalling £31,137.30 and £4,871.42 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mr R J Knowles.

14/289. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £178.50 and £120.06 was approved and noted.

14/290. REVIEW OF CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

(a) Cemetery and Memorial Charges

RESOLVED that effective 1 April 2015 Cemetery and Memorial fees be increased by the current inflationary rate of 1.3% rounded to the nearest pound.

(b) Sports Hire Fees

RESOLVED that effective 1 April 2015

- (i) block booking hire fees be increased by the current inflationary rate of 1.3% rounded to the nearest pound.
- (ii) casual cricket all day match and evening match be increased by the current inflationary rate of 1.3% rounded to the nearest pound.
- (ii) football mid-week and weekend match be increased by the current inflationary rate of 1.3% rounded to the nearest pound.

14/290. REVIEW OF CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES (CONTINUED)

(iv) casual bowls and tennis fees remain unchanged.

(c) Facility Hire Fees

RESOLVED that effective 1 April 2015

(i) Delves meeting room

Weekday increase to £10.00 per hour

Weekend/Bank Holidays (9.00am - 6.00pm) increase to £10.00 per hour

Weekend/Bank Holidays (6.00pm - 11.00pm) increase to £50.00 per session

(ii) the Diamond Field hire fee be set at £15.00 per hour

(iii) all other hire fees for the use of rooms and facilities at Sprowston Diamond Centre remain unchanged.

(d) Allotment Rents and Water Charges

RESOLVED effective 1 October 2015 allotment rents for 2015/16 to be increased by £1.00 and water by 50p.

14/291. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

14/292. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

14/293. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Mr K Lashley reported that Paddy Seligman had been appointed President of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils in October 2014 and was intending on taking a more proactive approach than her predecessor. In view of this she would like to visit during a future meeting of the Council to which Members agreed.

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

10 December 2014

CHAIRMAN