

COUNCIL MEETING – 07 JANUARY 2015

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 07 January 2015, 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 J H Mallen
Mrs S A A Dyball	-	Mr C L Noble
Mr R A Fowkes	-	Mrs M R Roberts

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

3 Members of the public

15/001. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Member	Minute No & Heading	Nature of Interest
Mr J W Bracey	Minute 15/006 - Sprowston Heritage Archive	Member of Sprowston Heritage

15/002. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were accepted by the Council from Mrs A Harper and Ms M Ho and verbal apologies from Mrs H Tovell and Ms C T Rumsby.

15/003. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 10 December 2014, having previously been circulated to all Members were confirmed subject to the following amendments:

Minute 14/305 4.2

- **delete** line 5 On being put to the vote the amendment was **CARRIED**
- **delete** line 6 On being put to the vote the original motion was **LOST**
- **insert** On being put to the vote the amended motion was **CARRIED**.

Minute 14/307 (d) **delete** no and insert accommodation and separate dwelling in its own right.

14/307 (a) 2014/1860 **insert** Mrs B J Lashley and Mr K Lashley left the meeting room for consideration of this item

and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

15/004. 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.

Mr W F Couzens expressed concern with regard to the number of incidences occurring at Sprowston High School and it was agreed to discuss this issue with PC Lambert.

15/005. CORRESPONDENCE

The following publications were circulated to Members:

- (a) Parish Pages Issue 65
- (b) Norfolk Link Issue 196

15/006. SPROWSTON HERITAGE ARCHIVE

Further to Minute 14/305 4.3, the Town Clerk reported that a meeting had taken Place with Sprowston Heritage where the concerns previously raised by Members were agreed between both parties including:

- (i) a £25.00 per annum contribution towards energy costs
- (ii) displays to be restricted to specific areas in the building
- (iii) storage and security of archives
- (iv) a formal personalised hire agreement specific to the group
- (v) access arrangements
- (vi) impact on staff
- (vii) public access to be appropriate to a working office
- (viii) the name of former accommodation not to be transferred to Sprowston Diamond Centre.

RESOLVED to welcome the relocation of Sprowston Heritage Archive to Sprowston Diamond Centre subject to a formal written agreement.

15/007. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

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

- (i) Norfolk County Council's emergency teams had a busy Christmas offering care and support to vulnerable people. The Social Services emergency teams handled 229 calls over the 4 days of Christmas.
- (ii) with the support of Arts Council England and the new Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership, Norfolk, and Suffolk have joined forces to promote the world class cultural tourism offer across both counties. £250,000 will be injected to promote tourism which is currently worth £4.6 billion annually to the two counties.
- (iii) that he had attended a Broadland Neighbourhood Planning Workshop at the football ground. Sprowston received praise for their Neighbourhood Plan. Most of the bigger Councils had agreed to have a plan. Old Catton had already started Rackheath was to start shortly and Thorpe St. Andrew probably in May.

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- (iv) Norfolk County Council had concluded its report into the flooding in summer 2014 within the Norwich urban area which included Sprowston. The 72 page report can be accessed on the Norfolk County Council website.

Mrs Leggett reported:

- (i) that to deal with the current growth pressures, an additional form of entry had been created at Sparhawk Infant School
- (ii) development would start on site at White House Farm, Sprowston early in 2015 (with infrastructure initially for the link road) with the first phase of housing likely to start in March 2015. A site of up to 1.5ha had been secured free of charge under a s106 agreement for a new Primary phase school and construction costs would be for the main part covered by a developer contribution of £4.3m
- (iii) Beyond Green had outline planning permission for 3,520 dwellings for which Norfolk County Council were negotiating sites to build 2 form entry Primary phase schools. Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding would be requested
- (iv) NPS had completed site investigation options for a new Secondary School in North Norwich in response to the planned 10,000 houses in the area and is considering site options
- (v) planning permission had been granted for several other sites to the north of Norwich and these sites are being monitored for house build start dates and their impact on local school provision
- (vi) the LA had talked to local Primary heads about the impact of a new primary in the area. For the White House Farm school site the LA had to commission a provider Academy chain or Diocese. This 12 month process would start in spring 2015 but could overlap with the design of the school as Norfolk Country Council had to provide the building. The first intake would be September 2017.

In response to Members questions Mrs Leggett confirmed that the schools intake would be at all levels, which could create multi-aged classes, and that she would endeavour to find out more information with regard to Nursery and Playgroup provision.

Mr Sneddon, Chairman of Sprowston Heritage gave a brief history of the group advising that they were entirely funded by individual donations and grants.

The meeting was reconvened.

15/008. BRECK, BOAR AND HARRISONS PLANTATIONS

Members discussed ideas for inclusion in the Norfolk County Council Management plan for Boar, Breck and Harrisons plantations but found it difficult to envisage the layout of the area without a site visit and no clear conclusion on particular aspects were reached. However, the general sensuous of opinion centred on the need for:

- (a) a car park including accessibility, visibility and safety from the road
- (b) some form of perimeter barrier particularly adjacent to roadways, possibly fencing, hedging, ditch and mound or a mixture but sympathetic to a woodland setting
- (c) an area (pad) for parking of equipment/maintenance vehicles
- (d) a sculpture trail
- (e) liaison with partners of this project to facilitate an article in Sprowston Matters to engage the community, particularly, the Scouts in ascertaining their views on possible usages for the woodland.

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- (f) provision of community equipment to be sympathetic to the woodland but of an appropriate material
- (g) a network of suitable pathways to encourage health and fitness and understanding of the local and ecological environment

15/009. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

15/010. 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 granting of planning applications:

2014/1957 - two storey side & rear extension at 53, Tills Road

2014/1989 - change of use from A1 (Shops) to A2 (Financial & Professional Services) at 310, Constitution Hill

2014/1996 - variation of condition 1 of Planning Permission 920316 - to allow the sale of A1 Non-Food Goods by a catalogue at Homebase Ltd, Roundtree Way

15/011. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 7 January 2015 totalling £38,934.94 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Mr W F Couzens it was

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts to 7 January 2015 totalling £38,934.94 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mr R J Knowles and Mr J H Mallen.

15/012. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £181.33 was approved and noted.

15/013. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

15/014. 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.

15/015. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received

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

28 January 2015

CHAIRMAN