

COUNCIL MEETING – 28 JANUARY 2015

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 28 January 2015, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

Mr J W Bracey	-	Mr R J Knowles
Mr W F Couzens	-	Ms M Ho
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

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

4 Members of the public

15/016. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

15/017. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

15/018. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 7 January 2015, having previously been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

15/019. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting PCSO Mike Seaman who elaborated on some of the incidences recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston since the last meeting.

The Town Clerk reported PC Lambert had advised her that increased incidences of crime occurring at the Community High School resulted from the Police being involved in altercations previously dealt with during time out or detention. In the main incidences happened outside the school gates, but were being dealt with in counselling situations with the Police.

15/020. 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.

15/020. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

Mrs Leggett reported:

- on flashing mobile-phone signage around Norfolk to detect motorists using hand held mobile phones whilst driving
- the timing of the pedestrian crossing at White Woman Lane and Lodge Lane had been increased by 2 seconds
- that the Queen and Prince Philip were to open the new fire station in King's Lynn
- Norfolk County Council's Policy and Resource Committee had approved the draft budget to be presented to full Council for consideration.
- the Police and Fire Commissioners had presented a 2% increase to NCC for consideration
- Sprowston would need new junior schools in 2016 not 2015.

In response to queries from a previous Council meeting Mrs Leggett advised that 100 houses produced approximately 25 primary age children and playgroups did not qualify for zig zag lines outside their premises.

Mrs Clements complained about buses stopping outside her house instead of the designated bus stop and her subsequent invasion of privacy. She had contacted the bus company on several occasions requesting payment for blinds purchased to decrease overlooking but had received no response and asked if the Council could assist with these issues.

Mrs Leggett agreed to contact the Passenger Transport Service to ascertain if they could help resolve Mrs Clements complaint.

The meeting was reconvened.

15/021. REPORT OF THE TOWN

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Recycling Credits

Having considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding the impact the expanding kerbside collection facility was having on the tonnage of bottles collected at the Council's recycling banks, and cost of cleaning the surrounding areas of fly tipping, it was

RESOLVED to discontinue the Council's provision of recycling facilities across the parish.

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters were reported

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 No matters were reported

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 Rural Housing Alliance - Affordable Rural Housing / New Guide for Parish Councils and Current Concerns

15/021. REPORT OF THE TOWN (CONTINUED)

Members noted the letter from the Rural Housing Alliance regarding a new guide for parish councils and current concerns.

4.2 Norfolk Constabulary - PCSO

Members carefully considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding 50/50 match funding PCSO support, and following a lengthy debate it was

RESOLVED to invite a representative from Norfolk Constabulary to a future meeting of the Council to discuss the proposal to match-fund Police Community Support Officers in more detail.

4.3 Local Council Award Scheme

The Town Clerk reported that she had enrolled the Council in the new Local Council Award Scheme which had replaced the Quality Scheme. She had attained Foundation level and was currently working towards Quality Gold.

RESOLVED to support the Scheme

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Norfolk County Council - Wroxham Road drainage works involving road closures

Members noted the drainage works to take place on Wroxham Road.

5.2 50/50 Parish Partnership Scheme / Norfolk County Council - temporary speed awareness messaging

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk ascertain if the Council's Street Lighting contractor could provide advice on health and safety aspects of fitting equipment on highway street furniture and if they would be interested in the maintenance of temporary speed awareness messaging signs.

15/022. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

15/023. 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:

15/023. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

2014/2051 - submission of details pursuant to the requirements of condition 3 (siting, design, external appearance of 75 dwellings & road layout) of planning permission 920758; as amended by condition 2 of planning permission 000898; as amended by condition 2 of planning permissions 20111213 & 20111884 at phase 4, Blue Boar Lane

2014/2078 - single storey rear extension at 28, Rosemary Road

2015/0015 - single storey rear extension at 30, Harrison's Drive

2015/0035 - single storey side extension & porch to front at 1, Sursham Avenue

2015/0056 - erection of 2 no. affordable dwellings with associated works at garage site, adjacent to 13, Stone house Road

2015/0065 - erection of attached garage at 15, Woodside Road

- (b) to oppose the granting of planning application 2015/0019 - on the grounds that the application is contradictory and it was felt that the signage approved on the original application should be implemented. However, if the Planning Authority were minded to approve this application it was felt that signage should only be illuminated during opening hours.

15/024. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 28 January 2015 totalling £28,600.09 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 28 January 2015 totalling £28,600.09 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mr R J Knowles.

15/025. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £28.05 was approved and noted.

15/026. SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES 2015/16

Members noted the rescheduling of the Annual Parish and Annual Council Meeting to 20 May 2015 as a result of the 2015 Parliamentary, Local and Parish Elections and

RESOLVED to accept the proposed schedule of meeting dates for the Municipal year 2015/16.

15/027. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

15/028. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

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

15/029. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Mr K Lashley reported on his attendance at a meeting with Broadland District Council and developers Beyond Green, also in attendance Mr R A Fowkes, Mr R J Knowles, Mr W F Couzens and the Town Clerk.

He advised that the Beyond Green development was being marketed as Beeston Park and the developer wanted community land within the development area to be administered by a management company.

The Town Clerk commented on other areas that had changed from the original development brief.

18 February 2015

CHAIRMAN