

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 18 FEBRUARY 2015**

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 18 February 2015, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Chairman

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

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
Mr J Ward	-	County Councillor Sprowston Central and South East

11 Members of the public

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### **15/030. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

### **15/031. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Written apologies for absence were accepted by the Council from Mrs A Harper and verbal apologies from Mr J W Bracey and Mr R B Dyball.

### **15/032. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 28 January 2015, having previously been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

### **15/033. 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.

### **15/034. NORFOLK CONSTABULARY - PCSO**

Further to Minute 15/021 4.2, the Town Clerk reported that she had invited a representative of Norfolk Constabulary to attend a meeting of Sprowston Town Council but had not received a response to date.

### **15/035. 50/50 PARISH PARTNERSHIP SCHEME / NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL - TEMPORARY SPEED AWARENESS MESSAGING**

Further to Minute 15/021 5.2, the Town Clerk reported that she had enquired about the maintenance of temporary speed awareness messaging signs with the Town Councils street lighting contractor but had not received a response to date.

## **15/036. PLANNING APPLICATION 2015/0019**

Further to Minute 15/023 (b), the Town Clerk advised Members that amended plans had been submitted in respect of planning application 2015/0019 proposing non-illuminated totems, and switching off of illuminated signage during closing hours.

## **15/037. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS**

On the motion of Mrs M R Roberts, 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 Norfolk County Council's budget for £318,428,000 had been approved following the acceptance of an amendment. The amendment will see a proposed £500,000 efficiency saving for 2015/16 returned to the adult social services budget. Proposals to meet a budget shortfall for 2016/17 and 2017/18 will be developed and brought back to members before June 2015.

Mrs Leggett reported on a £1m project to help children excluded from school and reduce the number of children in care by as many as 180. The project known as the compass approach will combine educational support and therapy.

The meeting was reconvened.

## **15/038. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

### **COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

#### **1.1 Sprowston Wanderers Football Club**

Having considered the written request from Sprowston Wanderers Football Club it was

**RESOLVED** to agree Sprowston Wanderers application to have

- (a) a pitch perimeter and technical area marked out prior to their football matches
- (b) temporary dug outs stored at Sprowston Recreation Ground to be erected by their members during the football seasons.

### **CEMETERY**

#### **2.1 No matters were reported**

### **STREET LIGHTING**

#### **3.1 No matters were reported**

### **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

#### **4.1 Norfolk ALC Training**

**RESOLVED** to reserve two places on the workshop, understanding your council's finances, to be held Thursday 10 September 2015.

## **15/038. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)**

### **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

#### **5.1 Old Catton Parish Council - application for designation of neighbourhood area**

**RESOLVED** to support Old Catton Parish Council's application for designation of neighbourhood area.

#### **5.2 Harrison's Plantation, The Breck and Boar Plantation Woodland Park - Woodland Management Plan**

Members noted the plan detailing areas of potential "facilities" for the woodlands and date of site visit being 26 February 2015 at 2.00pm.

#### **5.3 White House Farmshop Cafe**

**RESOLVED** not to object to the request from the Whitehouse Farmshop Café for an alcohol licence.

## **15/039. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mrs M R Roberts, seconded by Mr W F Couzens it was

**RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

## **15/040. 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 strongly oppose the granting of planning application 2015/0091 - erection of detached dwelling at rear of 17, Dixon Road on the grounds that it is an over development of the site, unneighbourly and both the existing and proposed dwelling would have insufficient amenity space. Furthermore access would be via a single track un-adopted close which due to its narrowness would restrict vehicular turning and visibility. The proposed development is detrimental to the street scene, would set a precedent for the sub-division of other properties in the area and is contrary to the Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan.
- (b) to oppose the granting of planning application 2015/0092 - two storey side extension, single storey front extension and 2.1m boundary wall at 238, Blithewood Gardens on the grounds that it is an over development of the site creating a lack of amenity space and of poor design. It is not conducive with the street scene and contrary to the Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan.

## **15/041. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 18 February 2015 totalling £20,384.01 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

**15/041. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**

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

**RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 18 February 2015 totalling £20,384.01 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Ms M Ho and Mr R J Knowles.

**15/042. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £74.85 and £94.10 was approved and noted.

**15/043. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS**

No written reports were received.

**15/044. 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.

**15/045. 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.

11 March 2015

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CHAIRMAN