

COUNCIL MEETING – 2 JULY 2015

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 2 July 2015, the following Members were present:-

Mr I Moncur – Chairman

Mr J W Bracey	-	Mrs B J Lashley
Mr W F Couzens	-	Mr K Lashley
Mr R A Fowkes	-	Mrs J Leggett
Mr R J Knowles	-	Mr J H Mallen
Ms G Landamore	-	Mr C L Noble
Mr T Landamore	-	Mr N Shaw
Mr J M Ward		

In attendance

Mrs J Hunt	-	Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Mrs E Elliot	-	Committee Officer

6 Members of the public
George Ryan - EDP reporter

15/157. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Mr N Shaw declared an interest in Minute 15/164 4.1, as he was involved in this area of business.

15/158. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No written apologies for absence were received.

15/159. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 10 June 2015, having previously been circulated to all Members were subject to the following amendments:

In attendance delete Mr M Ward and insert Mr J M Ward
Minute 15/146 and 15/148 1.1, delete Mr M Ward and insert Mr J M Ward
Minute 15/148 4.2, delete Mr F A Fowkes and insert Mr R A Fowkes

confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

15/160. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting, PC Lambert who elaborated on some of the instances recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston since the last meeting.

Mr W F Couzens commented on the increase in incidences of violent crime.

PC Lambert explained how the recent change in reporting procedures affected the figures presented to the Council.

Mr I Moncur asked if there had been an increase in calls to Norfolk Constabulary with regard to the Council's Parks and Opens spaces since the introduction of Caretaker/Cleaners.

15/160. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

PC Lambert advised that he was not aware of any calls to Norfolk Constabulary since the reorganisation of the Council's staff.

15/161. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward, District and County Councillor.

Mr Ward clarified paragraph 1 in his report stating that Carrowbreck House would continue to operate as a training facility but the land would see the development of 14 houses to be sold.

Mr Ward also verbally reported that:

- (i) Norfolk County Council had scooped a national award for reducing unnecessary road sign clutter on the County's highways beating London into second place.
- (ii) Norfolk County Council's strategy "A Good School for Every Learner" had been a big success with 77% of schools in the County now good or better compared with 59% when the strategy launched in 2013.
- (iii) 200 Solar photovoltaic panels had been installed on the roof of County Hall. These would generate 50KW of electricity and save the Council approximately £10k per year. Further savings would be generated by switching to LED lighting, insulating the roof area and installation of new efficient boilers.

Mrs J Leggett reported:

- (i) That over 70 children from White Woman Lane School had attended the Children's University Graduation at the University of East Anglia to receive their certificates.
- (ii) Norfolk County Council's 50/50 Parish Partnership scheme for small highway projects was being repeated again this Summer.
- (iii) that exhibitions were taking place showing the latest Norwich City proposals which could be viewed on line at www.norfolk.gov.uk/citychanges .

Mr N Shaw reported:

that Norfolk County Council had been asked to find a 25% saving across all departments within the Fire Service.

15/162 RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Mr J M Ward 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.

Mrs Howes asked if the Town Council would suffer as a result of meeting dates being changed when they clashed with Broadland District Council meetings.

The Chairman replied that he did not feel that Sprowston residents had suffered as a result of the recent rescheduling of a meeting but would endeavour to avoid it happening again.

Mr Bidle of Post Mill Close asked if the Council would consider reinstating the wall or erect a physical barrier around the open space in Post Mill Close to prevent it being

15/162 RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

used as a car park. He advised there was a safety issue with children playing on this amenity space and large vans reversing onto the area to turn round.

Mr Bacon of Post Mill Close suggested that the erection of a low wall could be a project for students at Norwich City College.

Referring to a change in the scheduled meeting in July Mr Tovell asked why the Chairman and two other Members of the Council did not declare a conflict of interest. He commented, that in his opinion, Members who were also District and County Councillors did not have the best interests of Sprowston residents at heart and the Council was founded on a political basis.

The Chairman replied that there was no conflict of interest and assured Mr Tovell that the interests of Sprowston residents were very important to him.

The meeting was reconvened.

15/163. LANPRO SERVICES PRESENTATION BY PHILIP ATKINSON

Mr Philip Atkinson, Director Lanpro Services Limited gave a detailed presentation on the proposed development of land off Salhouse Road and answered Members questions therefrom.

15/164. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Sprowston Pavilion

The Town Clerk was pleased to report that the Council had been successful in securing a grant of £35,000 from Veolia towards the refurbishment and extension of the changing rooms at the pavilion.

1.2 Public Meeting Request

Members considered the request from Canon Reverend Simon Stokes for the Council to facilitate a public meeting to establish the views of the community of Sprowston with regard to the future of the war memorial at St. Cuthberts Church, Wroxham Road which was followed by a lengthy debate with mixed opinions.

Mr T Landamore proposed, seconded by Mr K Lashley that the Town Council facilitate the public meeting as requested by Reverend Stokes with an independent Chairman.

On being put to the vote the Motion was **LOST**.

1.3 Sparhawk Park

The Town Clerk reported that no response had been received with regard to the suggestions made by Sprowston Town Council about Sparhawk Park at their meeting with NPS and Norfolk County Council's Estates Officer. Mrs Leggett offered, as a County Councillor, to pursue this on behalf of the Council.

15/164. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

1.4 Sprowston Diamond Centre

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk regarding the future development of Sprowston Diamond Centre.

Mr T Landamore Proposed, seconded by Mr N Shaw that the Town Clerk report back to the Council with a proposal for the funding of the entire development through loans, grants and income, and to consult with the architect on how long the development would take to complete.

1.5 National Citizen Service

Members agreed to the request from the National Citizens Service for use of a room at Sprowston Diamond Centre, free of charge, to facilitate young people whilst working around the immediate area on voluntary projects.

1.6 Outreach in Sprowston at Sprowston Recreation Ground

RESOLVED to permit Sprowston Youth Engagement Project to locate their caravan on Sprowston Recreation Ground one evening per week during the school summer holidays to work with young people by use of outdoor sports equipment and refreshments.

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters were reported

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 No matters were reported

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 Corporate Clothing for Grounds / Caretaker/Cleaner Staff

RESOLVED to authorise the Town Clerk to

- (a) purchase corporate clothing for the Council's grounds and caretaker/cleaner staff
- (b) increase the number of polo shirts to three per member of staff.
- (c) accept the quotation from NVC Apparel.

4.2 Council's Reserves

Mr Landamore suggested a long term strategy for provision of services in the future considering the level of development taking place and to form a working group. He requested this be placed on the agenda at the next Council meeting.

Mrs B J Lashley proposed, seconded by Mr T Landamore to reduce the General Fund by virement of £10,000 to Sprowston Diamond Centre fund; £10,000 to the play equipment renewal fund and £15,000 to the street lighting renewals fund.

On being put to the vote the Motion was **CARRIED**.

15/165. SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 1Y

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Mr K Lashley it was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Order 1Y to complete the business of the evening.

4.3 Broadland District Council

Members noted the recycling payments made by Broadland District Council to the Council for October 2014 to March 2015 and the £1,434.64 payment made by the Council for cleansing of the recycling banks at Tesco.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Broadland District Council

Members noted that Broadland District Council had announced the publication of the Inspector's report relating to the Development Management Plan (DPD) -Regulation 25 of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 which could be located on www.broadland.gov.uk/dpds.

Mr C L Noble and Mr N Shaw left the meeting on conclusion of this item.

15/166. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

15/167. 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 objection to the following applications:

15/0568 - sub-division of site and erection of 2 storey dwelling and associated parking (amended plans) at 3, Alford Grove

15/0649 - single storey side extension at Gryphon Place, 36, Wroxham Road

15/0701 - proposed single storey flat roof extension to rear and internal alterations at 13, Tusting Close

15/0893 - extension to rear at 171, Moore Avenue

15/0900 - erection of three bay cart lodge within front garden at White Hall Lodge, Salhouse Road

15/0907 - single storey extension at 95, Foxburrow Road

15/168. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 02 July 2015 totalling £2,407.05 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr R J Knowles, seconded by Mr J H Mallen it was

15/168. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts to 02 July 2015 totalling £2,407.05 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mr R K Knowles and Mrs B J Lashley.

Mr K Lashley asked if the Conservative group were paying for the room used at Sprowston Diamond Centre prior to Council meetings.

Mr J Ward proposed, seconded by Mr I Moncur that any political group represented on the Council could have the use of a room at Sprowston Diamond Centre prior to any meeting free of charge. Mr K Lashley requested a recorded vote.

On being put to the vote the Motion was **CARRIED** with Councillors voting as follows:

For	Against	Abstain
Mr J W Bracey	Mr W F Couzens	Mrs J Leggett
Mr R J Knowles	Mr R A Fowkes	Mr J H Mallen
Ms G Landamore	Mrs B J Lashley	
Mr T Landamore	Mr K Lashley	
Mr I Moncur		
Mr J M Ward		

15/169. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £256.48 was approved and noted.

15/170. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBITS

The schedule of direct debit payments totalling £1,258.51 was approved and noted

15/171. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

15/172. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Mr K Lashley - left a copy the Senior Citizens News Letter for Members information.

Mrs J Leggett reported on her attendance at a meeting with the Chairman and Danny Whitehouse, Mancroft Advice Project. The outcome being that young people feel their views are not considered and they do not have a voice.

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

22 July 2015

CHAIRMAN