

COUNCIL MEETING – 24 FEBRUARY 2016

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 24 February 2016, the following Members were present:-

Mr I Moncur – Chairman

Mr J W Bracey	-	Mr K Lashley
Mr R A Fowkes	-	Mrs J Leggett
Mr T Landamore	-	Mr J H Mallen
Mrs B J Lashley	-	Mr C L Noble
Mr J M Ward		

In attendance

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

No members of the public were present

16/038. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

Member	Minute No & Heading	Nature of Interest
Mrs J Leggett	Minute 16/044 1.1 - Sparhawk Park	Norfolk County Councillor
Mr J M Ward	Minute 16/044 1.1 - Sparhawk Park	Norfolk County Councillor

16/039. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Mr W F Couzens, Mr R J Knowles, Ms G Landamore, Mrs J Poynter and verbal apologies were received from Mr N Shaw.

16/040. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 3 February 2016, having previously been circulated to all Members were, subject to the following amendments:

Members present **Delete** Mrs J Poynter and **insert** Mr J H Mallen
Minute 16/026, **delete** (N.D.Willan), after CARRIED **insert** the Council was advised that the contractor was N.D.Willan
Minute 16/027, **delete** Edinburgh and **insert** Edinburgh
delete Malga and **insert** Malaga
Minute 16/029 6.1.2 **delete** Sprowston and **insert** Sparhawk
Minute 16/037 **delete** CALK and **insert** CALC

confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

16/041. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

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

16/042. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward.

Mr Ward also verbally reported:

- On 17 February 2016 outline planning permission was granted for the development of land to the north of Sprowston and Old Catton to provide up to 3,520 dwellings, up to 16,800 square metres of employment space, up to 8,800 square metres for shops, services, cafes, up to 1,000 square metres for hotel accommodation, 2 primary schools, a health centre, library and community halls.
- 5 weeks of work will begin on 29 February 2016 to reconstruct the footway along Salhouse Road costing £31,250.
- Norfolk County Council is recruiting a Blue Badge Investigating Officer to tackle fraud in the County. The new role will be funded by Norfolk Parking Partnership.
- with regard to devolution Cambridge and Peterborough, Norfolk and Suffolk with an elected Mayor appears to be the Governments preferred and only choice. Talks with the Leaders of their councils are continuing.
- at full Council on 22 February 2015 the budget for 2016 - 2017 of £338,960 million was approved almost unanimously by all parties except the Greens. There will be a total rise in council tax of 3.99% with 2% of this going to adult social care. No children's centres, libraries or nurseries will close in Norfolk.

Mr J W Bracey asked what provision was being made for medical care of the elderly within the planning application for development to the north of Sprowston.

Mr Ward advised that there was likely to be a Health Centre catering for all ages but that would be decided at a later date.

Mr K Lashley enquired about the archive service and was advised by Mr Ward that previous budget cut proposals would not be progressed.

Mrs B J Lashley asked if Tots to Teens, funded by Broadland District Council, were free and was advised that they were not free but highly subsidised

Mr I Moncor thanked Councillors for attending the official opening of Sprowston Pavilion changing facilities.

16/043. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

As no members of the public were present the Chairman moved onto the next item of business.

16/044. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Skate Park Blue Boar Lane Play Area

The Town Clerk reported that Norfolk Homes had been informed that planning permission would be required for the skate park. The requirement to provide a skate park was in the developer's Unilateral Undertaking and the

trigger provision was that no more than 50 dwellings on phases 4 & 5 could be occupied before the skate park was provided.

1.2 Sparhawk Park

Members considered the letter and draft Deed of Easement from Nplaw regarding the entrance to Sparhawk Park and it was

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk obtain a price from Birketts LLP Norwich Solicitors to carry out all work associated with the Deed of Easement.

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters were reported.

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 No matters were reported.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 Grant Aid - Cruse Bereavement Care

RESOLVED that a donation of £150 be made to Cruse Bereavement Care.

4.2 Norfolk ALC Spring Conference

Members noted that the Norfolk ALC Spring Conference was to be held on Thursday 28 April 2016, at the King Centre, 30, Queen Anne's Road, Great Yarmouth.

4.3 Local Government Resource Centre (LGRC)

RESOLVED to note the offer from LGRC to perform a Governance Health Check at a fixed cost of £2,950 plus VAT.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Norfolk County Council Road Closures at Salhouse Road, Sprowston

Members noted that work was scheduled to begin 18 February to carry out carriageway resurfacing works on Salhouse Road as part of the Push the Pedalways project.

6.1 ENCLOSURES

6.1.1 Broadland District (Emerging) Local Plan: Growth Triangle Area Action Plan (AAP) Consultation on Proposed Modifications (Post Hearing). Circulated letter.

6.1.2 Sprowston, Spixworth and Old Catton SNAP meeting minutes 20 January 2016.

6.1.3 5517 Budget request printout

RESOLVED to instruct the Town Clerk to investigate the legislation surrounding Legionella testing and prospective testing suppliers.



16/045. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Due to the early hour it was **RESOLVED** not to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

16/046. PLANNING

The Town Clerk reported that observations had been requested by the District Council's Head of Planning on 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:

2016/0153 - alterations to existing vehicular access at 20, North Walsham Road

2016/0195 - first floor side extension & remove existing conservatory & replace with a single storey extension at 9, Rosemary Road

2016/0171 - variation of condition 10 of planning permission 20080367 at land adjoining White House Farm, Salhouse Road

16/047. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 24 February 2016 totalling £11,395.95 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr K Lashley, seconded by Mr J M Ward it was

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts to 24 February 2016 totalling £11,395.95 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mrs B J Lashley and Mr J H Mallen.

16/048. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £243.97 was approved and noted.

16/049. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBITS

The schedule of direct debit payments totalling £12,043.54 was approved and noted.

16/050. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

16/051. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.



16/052. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the Press and Public from the meeting for the remaining business because otherwise, information which is exempt information by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, would be disclosed to them.

16/053. STAFF DISCIPLINE, GRIEVANCES AND CLERK'S REVIEW COMMITTEE

RESOLVED to accept the recommendation of the Staff Discipline, Grievances and Clerk's Review Committee.

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

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16 March 2016

CHAIRMAN

