

COUNCIL MEETING – 7 DECEMBER 2016

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 7 December 2016, the following Members were present:-

Mr I Moncur – Chairman

Mr W F Couzens	-	Mr K Lashley
Mr R A Fowkes	-	Mrs J Leggett
Mr R J Knowles	-	Mr J H Mallen
Mrs B J Lashley	-	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

16/297. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

16/298. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Verbal apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Mr T Landamore, Mr C L Noble, Mrs J Poynter and Mr N Shaw.

16/299. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

As there were no residents present the Chairman moved to the next item of business.

16/300. 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:

2016/1985 - erection of security fence at Unit B60B9, Pinetrees Road

2016/1986 - build new enclosed brick front porch to replace existing open porch. New porch to include a water closet room at 172, Blithewood Gardens

(b) to oppose the granting of planning application 2016/1933 outline approval 20151386 - sub-division of plot & erection of dwelling & garage at Grange Cottage, Salhouse Road on the grounds that the size of the proposed development will put pressure on the trees and is too close to the treeline.

16/301 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES 2017/18

(a) Cemetery and Memorial Charges

Mr J M Ward proposed, seconded by Mr K Lashley that effective 1 April 2017 a 3% increase be applied to all cemetery and memorial fees rounded, on being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

(b) Sports Hire Fees

Mr L Lashley proposed, seconded by Mr J H Mallen that effective 1 April 2017 Casual Bowls adults and children fee to remain unchanged and a 3% increase be applied to all other sports hire fees rounded, on being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

(c) Facility Hire Fees

Mr I Moncur proposed, seconded by Mr J M Ward that effective 1 April 2017 Sprowston Pavilion hire fee be increased to £18.00 per hour and all other facility hire fees remain unchanged, on being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

(d) Allotment Rents and Water Charges

Mr I Moncur proposed, seconded by Mr K Lashley that effective 1 October 2017 allotment rents for 2017/18 remain unchanged, on being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

16/302. DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2017/18

Having considered the 2017/18 draft budget against the Council's reserves, and following a lengthy debate it was

RESOLVED to remove Harrison's Wood BMX £50,000 and Trim Trail £20,000 from the draft revenue and capital expenditure budget and agree a 1.69% increase on the previous year based on an estimated Tax base for 2017/18 of 5,064. The reserves of £5,979 for Cemetery Land Fund and £100,000 from the Nursery Fund were to be included in the General Fund by way of a transfer.

16/303. PRECEPT

RESOLVED to authorise the Town Clerk to submit, under Section 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, a precept requirement to Broadland District Council of £563,722 to meet the Council's funding requirement for 2017/18.

16/304. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred Members to the Police Budget 2017/18 Consultation circulated at the meeting for Members to complete.

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

11 January 2017

CHAIRMAN