

COUNCIL MEETING – 1 FEBRUARY 2017

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 1 February 2017, the following Members were present:-

Mr I Moncur – Chairman

Mr W F Couzens	-	Mr R J Knowles
Mrs S L England	-	Mrs J Leggett
Mr R A Fowkes	-	Mr J H Mallen

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

17/021. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

17/022. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Ms G A Landamore, Mrs B J Lashley, Mr K Lashley and Mrs J Poynter and verbal apologies from Mr T Landamore, Mr C L Noble and Mr N Shaw.

17/023. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 11 January 2017, having previously been circulated to all Members were subject to the following amendment

Minute 17/006, **delete** Monday 31 January 2017 and **insert** Tuesday 31 January 2017

confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

17/024. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Members noted the incidences recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston since the last meeting.

Mrs J Leggett reported work was ongoing to establish who was responsible for a recent spate of bicycle thefts at Mountbatton Drive and Wilks Farm Drive and a leaflet drop had been carried out in the area.

17/025. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward.

Mr Ward also verbally reported that:

- (1) Norfolk County Council Social Care Committee passed the budget proposals by casting vote from the Chairman. The proposals will put an extra £25m into adult

17/025. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (CONTINUED)

social care but there will still be £11m of cuts. This will go to full Council on 20 February 2017 for full approval.

- (2) Cannerby Lane from junction with Allerton Road for 60 metres north will be closed except for access 13 - 17 February 2017 for drainage works.
- (3) School crossing patrols have been saved after the Conservatives proposed that plans to scrap them be abandoned.
- (4) Norfolk County Council is looking for Master Composters to join the current team of 80 volunteers committed to spending just 30 hours per year passing on their knowledge. Details at mastercomposter@norfolk.gov.uk

Mrs J Leggett verbally reported that:

- (1) the Environment Development and Transport Committee were considering giving County Councillors a modest budget which could be spent on areas within the division.
- (2) a well-attended Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting was held on 31 January 2017. The main priorities agreed at the meeting included anti-social behaviour at the Paddocks and Morrisons car park and speeding along St. Faiths Road.

A number of issues were raised by residents including parking at Tesco Express, speeding on Linacre Avenue and Gage Road, difficulties in crossing Church Lane and rubbish and anti-social behaviour at Barkers Lane.

The Parking Partnership will be invited to attend a future meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel and PC Roberts had offered to stand with a speed gun on Linacre Avenue and Gage Road with any resident that was interested.

The Engagement Officer had advised that reporting to Town and Parish Councils was due to change detail yet unknown

17/026. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

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

17/027. RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM ANDY BUNTON

RESOLVED to defer this item to a future meeting of the Council in liaison with Mr Bunton.

17/028. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Sprowston Diamond Centre - Front Car Park Markings

Having considered four quotations for road marking at Sprowston Diamond Centre Front Car Park and following advice from the Council's development consultant Bidwells, it was

17/028. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

RESOLVED to accept the quotation from RoadArt Road Markings at a cost of £594.00 inclusive of VAT.

1.2 Edwards Road Car Park Surface and Lining

Having considered the report of the Town Clerk it was

RESOLVED to remove the small trees in the centre of Edwards Road car park and accept the quotation from MW Surfacing to carry out resurfacing and associated works at a cost of 29,520.00 plus VAT; subject to investigation into drainage at the site.

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters were reported

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 Lighting Authority

Members noted that Norfolk County Council would no longer require or adopt footway lighting on new developments and Broadland District Council's request for confirmation that Sprowston Town Council would take responsibility for footway lighting on new developments in Sprowston.

RESOLVED that Sprowston Town Council take responsibility for footway lighting on all new developments in Sprowston.

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

4.1 No Matters were reported

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 No matters were reported

17/029. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr I Moncur, seconded by Mr J M Ward it was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

17/030. 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 application:

17/030. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

2016/5025 - new standalone 4 classbase building, new hard standing, extended car parking area, resurfacing and change of use of former caretakers bungalow to school use and associated works at Falcon Junior School, Falcon Road West.

- (b) to oppose the granting of planning application 2016/2165 - first floor south-west side extension at 156, Wroxham Road on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site, unneighbourly, detrimental to the street scene, not subservient to the original dwelling and in contravention to the Sprowston Neighbourhood plan.
- (c) to oppose the granting of planning application 2017/0038 - alterations and extensions to side and rear incorporating rooms in roof at 12, Greenborough Road on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site, unneighbourly, not subservient to the original dwelling and there would be insufficient off road parking for the size of the property.

17/031. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

17/032. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

17/033. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 1 February 2017 totalling £39,393.27 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion Mr I Moncur, seconded by Mr J M Ward it was

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts to 1 February 2017 totalling £39,393.27 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mrs R A Fowkes and Mr R J Knowles.

17/034. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBITS

The schedule of Direct Debit payments totalling £2,525.23 was approved and noted.

17/035. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £182.33 was approved and noted.

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

22 February 2017

CHAIRMAN