

## COUNCIL MEETING – 28 JUNE 2017

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 28 June 2017, the following Members were present:-

Mr I Moncur – Chairman

Mr W F Couzens	-	Mrs B J Lashley
Mrs S L England	-	Mr K Lashley
Mr R A Fowkes	-	Mrs J Leggett
Mr R J Knowles	-	Mr J H Mallen
Ms G Landamore	-	Mr B Osborne
Mr T Landamore	-	Mrs J Poynter
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

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### **17/159. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

### **17/160. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Verbal apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Mr N Shaw.

### **17/161. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 7 June 2017, having previously been circulated to all Members were, subject to the following amendments

Minute 17/144, last line **delete** 31 March 2017 and **insert** 31 March 2018  
Minute 17/146, last paragraph **delete** diversity and **insert** inclusiveness  
Minute 17/148, third paragraph **delete** would be and **insert** maybe

confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

### **17/162. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT**

Members noted the incidences recorded in the crime statistics for Sprowston from 6 June to 27 June 2017 and requested the Town Clerk thank PC Roberts on behalf of the Council for preparing them.

Mrs J Leggett reported that she had spoken to Lorne Green, Police and Crime Commissioner in person expressing her dissatisfaction at the change in reporting procedures to Town and Parish Councils.

### **17/163 BEESTON PARK PROGRAMME BOARD**

Further to Minute 17/148, the Town Clerk reported that she had been advised by Broadland District Council that the Beeston Park Programme Board had not

**17/163 BEESTON PARK PROGRAMME BOARD (CONTINUED)**

recently met as there had been nothing new to discuss or progress. However, should there be a fundamental change to the development a meeting would be called.

Mr R A Fowkes commented that it was even more important for the board to meet following the change in phasing and parcels of land being sold separately. He could see a situation, during completion of the last phases, where a developer would be saddled with building the infrastructure and village centre. He felt there should be more discussion with Broadland District Council to ensure these facilities were provided.

Mr K Lashley remarked that it was a Programme Board not a Planning Committee and expressed an interest in their terms of reference to which Mr I Moncur agreed to ascertain.

Mr W F Couzens expressed concern regarding affordable housing, questioning if the last developer will be responsible for the provision of all affordable housing on this development.

It was noted that the Norwich Northern Distributor Road would be complete before this development yet the through road, infrastructure for other developments in Sprowston i.e. Blue Boar Lane, had not been constructed but housing continued to be built.

Mrs J Leggett advised that when she had raised this issue with Broadland District Council she had been assured that the link road would be built.

Mrs B J Lashley suggested that Town gave the Council a presentation on their intentions regarding development.

The Town Clerk agreed to contact Town and offer an open invitation.

Mr I Moncur agreed to speak to Phil Courtier, Broadland District Councils Head of Planning for an update.

**17/164. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward.

Referring to Minute 17/146, and in response to Mrs B J Lashley's enquiry regarding grants available to encourage inclusiveness, Mr Ward advised that no grants were available as this was already provided via other sources.

Mr Ward also verbally reported that:

- (i) Parana Road would be closed from the junction with Lindsay Road for 30 metres north-west from 11 to 13 July 2017 for Anglia Water pipe relaying.
- (ii) due to reducing Government grants and rising demand for services, the Policy and Resources committee will ask services to find the following additional savings, totalling £100m, over four years:-

Adult Social Care £31m  
Children's Services (non-schools) £23.5m  
Community and Environmental Services £31.2m,  
Managing Directors Department £1.3m  
Finance and Commercial Services £3.6m

## **17/164. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (CONTINUED)**

Finance general which includes pension and grants £9.4m

The Councils gross budget for 2017/18 is £1.46 billion but a third of this is passed directly to schools.

- (iii) Norfolk County Council and Barnardo's have this month joined forces to create the "New Directives" service which will provide intensive support to families and help return children home from care wherever this is safe and in their best interests.
- (iv) the Parish Partnership Scheme will be repeated in the financial year 2018/19. The County Council has allocated £300,000 on a 50/50 basis to fund schemes put forward by Town and Parish Council's.
- (v) a new fund had been created to provide each local Member with an annual budget of £6,000 to be used on highway work within each financial year. This offers flexibility to progress small high way projects at Members discretion based upon local need. Mr Ward listed highway aspects that the fund could be spent on and welcomed ideas from Councillors for projects in Sprowston.

Mr K Lashley suggested grass verges.

Mr W F Couzens expressed concern that the Hewett School would no longer offer the study of A level subjects.

Mr Ward explained there was insufficient numbers of students to support a sixth form.

Mr W F Couzens asked what Norfolk County Council was doing about the closure of Open's special unit.

Mrs J Leggett responded that it was run by the Diocese.

Mrs J Leggett verbally reported that:

- (i) the next Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting would be held on 17 July 2017 at Gage Road Chapel.
- (ii) the Corporate Equalities Group was searching for residents who knew of people involved in the Suffragette movement.

## **17/165. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS**

On the motion of Mr K Lashley, 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.

Claire Lincoln of Sprowston Youth Engagement Project (SYEP) asked if a site had become available for the erection of a skatepark or if a skatepark in Sprowston was no longer an option.

The Town Clerk advised that a site had not been identified but two sites were being discussed, neither of which were in the Town Council's ownership.

## **17/166. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

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

#### **1.1 Play Equipment Wilks Farm Drive**

The Chairman moved this item of business to later in the meeting.

#### **1.2 Sprowston Recreation Ground**

Members considered an offer from the Development Director of Norfolk Cricket Board Limited for a £12,000 enhancement to the cricket square at Sprowston Recreation Ground, at no cost to the Council, to install a non-turf pitch including a small amount of funding for promotion and initial maintenance.

Following debate Councillors agreed that Sprowston Recreation Ground was not the most suitable location and suggested Barkers Lane open space as an alternative.

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk contact the Development Director of Norfolk Cricket Board Limited to discuss the feasibility of Barkers Lane as an alternative location and invite him to a future meeting of the Council.

### **CEMETERY**

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

### **STREET LIGHTING**

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

### **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

#### **4.1 Councillor Dispensation**

The Town Clerk granted a dispensation to Mr Barrie Osborne to participate in matters pertaining to finance concerning Sprowston Town Council.

#### **4.2 Photocopier**

Having considered the report of the Town Clerk it was

**RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Copy IT for the lease of a Sharp MX3050 photocopier on a five year contract.

#### **4.3 Resignation of Caretaker / Cleaner**

Members noted the resignation of Mark Durrant from the post of Caretaker/Cleaner.

### **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

#### **5.1 Appeal against Broadland District Council decision**

Members noted the appeal made against the decision of Broadland District Council to refuse permission for a first floor south-west side extension at 156, Wroxham Road.

#### **17/167. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was reconvened.

#### **17/168. 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:

2017/0896 - two storey side and first floor rear extensions at 52, Rosemary Road

2017/0915 - proposed single storey side and rear extensions at 25, Rushmore Road

2017/0921 - single storey side and rear extension at 7, Foxburrow Road

2017/0932 - single storey rear extension at 30, Blenheim Crescent

2017/0968 - first floor front extension & single storey rear extension at 57 St. Marys Grove

2017/0978 - single storey rear extension at 68, St. Marys Grove

2017/0995 - rear conservatory at 195, North Walsham Road

2017/1000 - single storey side/rear extension at 67, Foxburrow Road

(b) to strongly oppose the granting of planning application 2017/0956 - erection of an extension to existing residential accommodation block to provide 2 No. flats with parking at 2, Clover Road on the grounds that it is a gross over development of the site, detrimental to neighbours amenities, insufficient parking provision, out of keeping with surrounding area and contrary to the Sprowston Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **17/169. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

No written reports were received.

#### **17/170. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

A written report was received from Mr W F Couzens on the Sprowston Dementia Friendly Community Steering Group meeting held Tuesday 27 June 2017 and circulated at the meeting.

#### **17/171. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 28 June 2017 totalling £15,855.47 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr K Lashley, seconded by Mr R A Fowkes it was

**RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 28 June 2017 totalling £15,855.47 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mr R A Fowkes and Mr J H Mallen.

**17/172. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £239.06 was approved and noted.

**17/173. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS**

The schedule of direct debit payments totalling £4,643.02 was approved and noted.

Mr R J Knowles left the meeting following this item of business.

**17/174. PLAY EQUIPMENT WILKS FARM DRIVE**

Having considered play schemes and quotations from five playground equipment suppliers it was

**RESOLVED** to accept, in principal, the scheme from Wicksteed subject to modifications to include a higher slide, tables and seating, increasing the surface area of the site and clarifying the lack of a kite mark on the rocking horse.

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

19 July 2017

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**CHAIRMAN**