

COUNCIL MEETING – 13 SEPTEMBER 2017

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 13 September 2017, 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 B Osborne
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

17/230. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

17/231. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Ms G Landamore, and verbal apologies from Mr T Landamore.

17/232. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 August 2017, having previously been circulated to all Members were, subject to the following amendment

Minute 17/219 (b), delete (b) the 2017 Summer Reading Award Ceremony would be held 16 October 2017 at the library and insert

- (b) the 2017 Summer Reading Award Ceremony would be held 12 September 2017 at the Library.
- (c) a meeting of the Youth Advisory Board Networking Group would be held on 16 October 2017.

confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

17/233. KIERON TUCK - NORFOLK CRICKET BOARD LIMITED

Mr Kieron Tuck gave a detailed presentation on the ECN Local Authority Non-Turf Pitch Scheme 2017 and answered Members questions therefrom advising that:

- maintenance costs were low
- the pitch would create opportunities for causal play and revenue generation
- batting ends do wear out but there was funding for maintenance
- run up areas are protected by artificial grass
- the pitch was suitable for seam and spin bowling and hardball and softball cricket
- the criteria for eligibility was listed in 7E of the documentation previously circulated

17/233. KIERON TUCK- NORFOLK CRICKET BOARD LIMITED (CONTINUED)

It was agreed that Mr I Moncur would establish if planning permission was required for the installation such a facility.

Mr I Moncur proposed, seconded by Mr K Lashley to progress this scheme and apply for a capital grant towards the cost of construction of ECB Approved Non-Turf match at Sprowston Recreation Ground and on being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

17/234. INGLETON WOOD

Members considered the Tender Return Report from Ingleton Wood for work at Sprowston Recreation Ground and Sparhawk Park and it was

RESOLVED to authorise the Town Clerk to accept the quotation from Eyre Group at a cost of £19,846.00 plus VAT.

17/235. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Sprowston Heritage Group

Further to Minute 17/203, a letter was received from Sprowston Heritage Group confirming its dissolution and the transfer of the heritage archives, tapestries and future administration to the custodianship of Sprowston Town Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to form a Working Group to progress this transfer and future administration of the archives. Membership to consist of:

Mr W F Couzens
Mrs J Leggett

Mr B Osborne
Mr N Shaw

(b) CPRE pledge against additional allocations

Members noted the copy letter from Broadland District Councillor Shaun Vincent Chair, Greater Norwich Development Partnership to CPRE regarding their pledge against additional housing allocations.

(c) Manor Reach Travel Plan

Members noted the copy email and information sheet from Tenjy D'Arcy advising that Norfolk County Council had been commissioned to deliver the travel plan for Manor Reach, Sprowston and would be conducting a residential baseline survey in October.

It was suggested that an article could be placed in Sprowston Matters Article and a drop in day offered at Sprowston Pavilion.

17/236. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

No Police report or newsletter was available.

17/237. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward.

Mr Ward also verbally reported:

17/237. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (CONTINUED)

- (a) a Suicide Prevention Learning event was held on 12 September 2017. On average there are 77 suicides in Norfolk each year with 76% being male and a significant proportion aged 45 - 59. The full suicide prevention strategy and action plan can be viewed at www.norfolk.gov.uk/iamokay
- (b) experts:- tackling scams from across the country will be gathering for a conference titled "Uniting Norfolk Against Financial Abuse and Scams" to be held on 14 September 2017 at "The Space" over the past 3 years Norfolk County Council have received 2500 scam complaints.
- (c) Norfolk County Farms estate has acquired a productive arable farm in west Norfolk totalling 440 acres. This takes the total county farms estate to 16,735 acres which is above the Council's commitment to hold a minimum of 16,000 acres giving some flexibility to develop or sell off land if necessary.
- (d) the County has set up a New Digital Innovation and Efficiency Committee to exploit the opportunities of new technology. It meets for the first time on 18 September 2017 and is chaired by Councillor Tom Garrod.
- (e) following a request from residents of Parkland Road he has arranged with the highways engineer for the dead tree in the island to be removed and the other tree pruned. There were originally 3 trees here and residents would like to see 3 replanted. Highways department do not have the available funds to do this in the current year so he had agreed to use some of his Member's Budget for this purpose.

Mrs J Leggett verbally reported that:

- (a) a youth advisory networking event was to be held 16 October 2017.
- (b) the next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Team would be held 17 October 2017 in Old Catton.

Mrs B J Lashley verbally reported:

- (a) that the National Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting would be held on Monday 30 October 2017.

17/238. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

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

17/239. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Due to the early hour the meeting was not adjourned.

17/240. 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 oppose the granting of planning application 2017/1105 - (revised proposal) remodel dwelling by raising eaves and ridge; erecting two storey and east

17/240. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

- (b) side/rear extension, single storey east side rear extension and two storey west side extension; and adding external wall insulation at 12, Alford Grove on the grounds that it is an over development of the site, not subservient to the original dwelling, out of keeping with the street scene particularly being a three storey dwelling and unneighbourly.
- (c) to oppose the granting of planning application 2017/1487 - proposed new dwelling (outline) (revised proposal) at Land adjacent 60, Russell Avenue on the grounds that it is an over development of the site, out of keeping with street scene and lack of amenity space
- (c) to oppose the granting of planning application 2017/1502 - change of use of land and office to driver training business (retrospective) at Land at Roundtree Way on the grounds of the suitability of the site for HGV activity given the close proximity to the lagoon and insufficient information regarding drainage and contamination of the water supply
- (d) to oppose the granting of planning application 2017/1507 - demolition of existing garage and lean-to, sub-division of plot and erection of detached bungalow and ancillary works at 4, Hammond Way on the grounds that it is an over development of the site and unneighbourly.
- (e) to oppose the granting of planning application 2017/1535 - sub-division of plot & erection of detached chalet bungalow & detached garage at 49, Cozens Hardy Road on the grounds that it is an over development of the site, out of keeping with the street scene, a cramped form of development with a lack of amenity space.
- (f) to note planning application appeal against application refusal of APP/K2610/D/17/3180933 - erection of close board timber fence on side corner plot to enclose garden at 5, Hornbeam Close.

17/242. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

17/243. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

17/244. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 13 September 2017 totalling £67,610.19 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr I Moncur, seconded by Mr K Lashley it was

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts to 13 September 2017 totalling £67,610.19 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mr R A Fowkes and Mrs B J Lashley.

17/245. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £390.34 was approved and noted.

17/246. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

The schedule of direct debit payments totalling £1,627.42 was approved and noted.

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

19 October 2017

CHAIRMAN