

COUNCIL MEETING – 19 OCTOBER 2017

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Thursday 19 October 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	-	Mr B Osborne
Mr R J Knowles	-	Mr N Shaw

In attendance

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

No members of the public were present

17/247. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

17/248. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Ms G Landamore, Mr T Landamore, Mrs J Leggett and Mr J M Ward and verbal apologies from Mr J H Mallen.

17/249. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 13 September 2017, having previously been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

17/250. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Members noted the:

- (a) Police Newsletter for August and September 2017
- (b) Norfolk 2020 Brief

It was agreed that a message be sent to Sprowston PCSO's, to be signed by the Chairman, expressing the Council's appreciation of their hard work across the community, particularly with young people.

The future of Sprowston Police Station, Wroxham Road was discussed and possible use by community groups.

Mr K Lashley proposed seconded by Mrs B J Lashley to request Broadland District Council to place Sprowston Police Station on the Community Asset Register.

On being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

17/251. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward.

17/251. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (CONTINUED)

Mr W F Couzens verbally reported on his attendance at the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting held 17 October 2017, advising that letters had been sent to parents of 8 youths for anti-social behaviour at Barkers Lane. There had been no re-occurrences since.

There was also discussion regarding signage and marking of roads in the Proctor Road area.

The priorities agreed for the next 3 months are parking on the pavement and double yellow lines at the parade of shops on Wroxham Road and monitoring speeding.

Referring to an article in the Eastern Daily Press regarding Norfolk County Council's proposal to save £100,000 by asking parish councils to pay to fill grit bins Mr R A Fowkes requested an item to be placed on the next agenda to discuss the potential cost to the parish, and if the Council would consider taking on this responsibility should Norfolk County Council decide to withdraw this service.

Referring to Mr Ward's report Mr W F Couzens asked how many of the apprentices taken on by Broadland Businesses were from Sprowston.

RESOLVED to send a thank you to Mr Richard Block, Housing & Environmental Services, Broadland District Council.

17/252. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported that work had started on Sprowston Diamond Centre, the office had moved to a portakabin and was currently working with one telephone line. The footings had been laid, the steel was due on site in two weeks and the type of bricks agreed. At the architects advice there will be no pattern on the outside of the building but a line of buff bricks will be added to mirror the original line on the existing building. Lighting on the temporary car park is still to be resolved.

The building work is being documented subject to accessibility; with a time delay video and photographs. The Delves room will require roof repairs and on removing the ceiling Victorian beams had been uncovered and rounded windows exposed. As many of the original features will be retained as possible.

Some customers who have been particularly affected by noise and inconvenience have been compensated with a reduction in room hire.

There will be a topping out ceremony in February.

17/253. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mr I Moncur, seconded by Mr N Shaw 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.

Mr N Shaw reported that the Strategic Aviation Special Interest Group had put forward their views to the Aviation Minister regarding the proposed extension at Norwich airport. The group were in agreement with the extension but subject to limits. He would update the Council following a response from the Department of Transport.

The meeting was reconvened.

17/254. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Due to the early hour the Chairman moved to the next item of business.

17/255. 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 planning applications:

2017/1559 - single storey front extension at 45, St. Marys Grove.

2017/1576 - first floor side extension & single storey rear extension at 54A, School Lane.

2017/1590 - single storey side and rear extension with pitched roof & detached single garage at 10, Breck Road.

2017/1608 - single storey front & single storey rear extension at Blenheim House, 68, Blenheim Road.

2017/1612 - single storey front extension, loft conversion & porch at 2, Linton Crescent.

2017/1678 - NW side extension of existing rear dormer at 45, Inman Road

2017/1681 - 3 no. antenna and 2 no. dishes, associated ground based equipment cabinets and ancillary development at Lane at Chartwell Road.

2017/1766 - change of use from B1 to Gymnasium Class D2 (retrospective) at 8, Roundtree Close.

(b) to strongly oppose the granting of planning application 2017/1610 - erection of a car repair/car spray centre and 2017/1616 - display of 1 no. internally illuminated fascia sign, 4 vinyl signs & 1 no. non-illuminated sign at Tesco Stores Ltd, Blue Boar Lane, on the grounds that it is an inappropriate location for this type of activity which would be more suited to a dedicated industrial area. It is also an unneighbourly and anti-social form of development given the close proximity to the imminent residential housing estate on the opposite side of the road. However if the Planning Authority are minded to grant this application the Council would request the operational hours be restricted to 8.00am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

(d) to oppose the granting of planning application 2017/1731 - single storey side & rear extension at 25, Edwards Road on the grounds that the use of materials is not in keeping with the surrounding area.

(e) to strongly oppose the granting of planning application 2017/1487 - proposed new dwelling (outline) (revised proposal) at Land adj. 60, Russell Avenue on the grounds that it is over development of the site, out of keeping with street scene and lack of amenity space.

17/255. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

- (f) not to consider this planning application 2017/1375 - first floor south-west facing extension (amended plans) at 156, Wroxham Road as further amended plans had been submitted to the Planning Authority.

17/256. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

17/257. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Mr I Moncur reported that he had attended a meeting with the Town Clerk and developers regarding a potential site for a skatepark and answered Members therefrom.

Mr K Lashley reported that he and Mrs B J Lashley had attended Norfolk County Councils Chairman's Themed Reception on behalf of the Chairman advising that awards were presented to organisations who had gone one step beyond their remit. He commented that he had not previously been aware of these awards and if it was something that Norfolk County Council was to continue the Council might like to consider if there were any local organisations that might qualify.

Mrs B J Lashley reported that Norfolk Association of Local Councils was to hold their Annual General Meeting on 20 November 2017 advising that if Parish and Town Councils had any motions for debate or executive nominations they must be submitted by 20 October 2017.

17/258. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule and supplementary schedule of accounts to 19 October 2017 totalling £24,350.53 and £161,600.13 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 19 October 2017 totalling £24,350.35 and supplementary payment of accounts totalling £161,600.13 be approved and the schedules authorising payment signed by Mr R A Fowkes and Mr R J Knowles.

17/259. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £862.95 was approved and noted.

17/260. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

The schedule and supplementary of direct debit payments totalling £4,452.98 and £3,426.13 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.

7 November 2017

CHAIRMAN