

COUNCIL MEETING – 10 JANUARY 2018

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 10 January 2018, 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
Mr T Landamore	-	Mr B Osborne
Mrs B J Lashley	-	Mr N Shaw

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

18/001. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

18/002. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Verbal apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Mrs S L England and Ms G Landamore.

18/003. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council meeting held on 20 December 2017, having previously been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

18/004. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

No Police Newsletter was available.

18/005. NORFOLK 2020 - A NEW POLICING MODEL

A letter was circulated from Simon Bailey Chief Constable updating on the progress of their Norfolk 2020 proposals.

18/006. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward.

Mr Ward also verbally reported that:

- (a) a new partnership has been launched to support Norfolk based voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises. It comprises Norfolk County Council, Community Action Norfolk, Voluntary Norfolk and Momentum to bring together a wealth of skills and experience in the voluntary sector.

18/006. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (CONTINUED)

- (b) Nick Tupper, Assistant Director highways wishes to remind Councils that the parish partnership arrangement continues, where Norfolk County Council fund up to 50% of parish partnership bids (upper limit £25,000) to deliver small highway improvements
- (c) the Government has said that Councils can raise council tax by an additional 1% to a maximum of 5.9% (3% of this will go to adult social care). A 1% rise would increase the Councils budget by £4m easing pressure on out services. Full Council will make a decision on Council Tax on February 12 2018. A 5.99% rise would increase the County Council's share of Band D bills by £74.74 per year to £1,322.68.
- (d) rising athletic stars in Broadland can now apply for a Sports Community Grant to help with the cost of training or competing. Grants of up to £125 are available per athlete with a closing date of 29 January 2018. Details at www.broadland.gov.uk/sportsgrant
- (e) Jack Sadler, Broadland District Standards Committee has died.

Councillors expressed their sadness and reminisced on aspects of Mr Sadler's public life.

Referring to Mr Ward's written report Mr W F Couzens:

- (a) expressed his congratulations to Jill Penn on her achievements
- (b) asked if the Garden Waste Service's continued annual growth was due to the sale of the bins or the product.

Mr Ward advised that it was due to the sale of the product.

Mr Couzens asked if this annual growth would lead to a reduction in the cost of the bins.

Mr Ward advised that Broadland District Council were thinking of increasing the price of the bins.

Mr Couzens suggested that a reduction in the cost of the bins could increase the customer base and the larger bulk of saleable product would make the service more cost effective and better for the environment.

Mr I Moncur commented that it was customary for the outgoing Chairman to donate something to the Council and circulated an artist's impression of a weather vane he had commissioned to be erected on Sprowston Diamond Centre at the topping out ceremony in February. The Town Clerk would progress this.

18/007. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

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

18/008. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Leased Council Property

18/008. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

In view of Catch 22 Charity Limited determining the lease of the Council's property at Sprowston Recreation Ground, and having considered the report of the Town Clerk it was

RESOLVED to instruct the Town Clerk to relocate the Town Council office to Recreation Ground Road and procure the services Jason Menezes of Bidwells to prepare a list of dilapidations.

1.2 Windsor Park Gardens Refurbishment of Play Equipment

Members considered two schemes for play equipment at Windsor Park Gardens and it was

RESOLVED to accept the play scheme quotation from Wicksteed at a cost of £70,700.00 plus VAT subject to the removal of one gate and the provision of two additional seats.

1.3 Blue Boar Lane Open Space

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk and landscaping plan for Blue Boar Lane open space and it was

RESOLVED to authorise the Town Clerk to progress the scheme presented and to investigate with Broadland District Council the inclusion of additional planting adjacent to the culvert.

CEMETERY

2.1 St Mary and St Margaret Church

Members noted the invitation from Reverend Canon Simon Stokes to a meeting to be held on Wednesday 17 January 2017 at 5.00pm at Sprowston Vicarage to discuss commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of WW1 ending.

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 No matters were reported

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 Norfolk Playing Fields Association

Members noted and declined the invitation of membership from the Chairman of the Norfolk Playing Fields Association.

4.2 The Royal British Legion

Members noted the letter of thanks from The Royal British Legion for the Council's donation of £300.00.

4.3 UK Power Networks - Roadshows

Members noted the invitation by UK Power Networks to their roadshows.

18/008. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 No matters to report

18/009. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Due to the early hour it was **RESOLVED** not to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

18/010. 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:

2017/2217 - single storey side and rear extension at 91, Blithemeadow Drive
2017/2212 - two storey rear and side extension at 14, Rosemary Road

18/011. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

18/012. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

No written reports were received.

18/013. SCHEDULE OF MEETING DATES 2018/19

RESOLVED to accept the schedule of meeting dates for 2018/19.

18/014. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 10 January 2018 totalling £11,995.44 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr J H Mallen, seconded by Mrs J Leggett it was

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts to 10 January 2018 totalling £11,995.44 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mr R A Fowkes and Mr R J Knowles.

18/015. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

The schedule of direct debit payments 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.

31 January 2018

CHAIRMAN