

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 JULY 2018

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 18 July 2018, the following Members were present:-

Mr I Moncur – Chairman

Mr W F Couzens	-	Mr K Lashley
Mr R A Fowkes	-	Mr J H Mallen
Mr R J Knowles	-	Mr B Osborne
Mr T Landamore	-	Ms C T Rumsby
Mrs B J Lashley	-	Mr J M Ward

In attendance

Mrs J Hunt	-	Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Mrs E Elliot	-	Committee Officer
Mrs K Vincent	-	County and District Councillor Old Catton and Sprowston West

1 member of the public was present

18/166. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

18/167. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Mrs J Leggett and verbal apologies from Mrs S L England, Ms G Landamore and Mr N Shaw.

18/168. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 27 June 2018, having previously been circulated to all Members were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

18/169. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Members noted the July Newsletter and expressed surprise that no calls had been logged considering the recent complaints from residents regarding anti-social behaviour at Barkers Lane open space and Church Lane car park.

18/170. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward.

Mr Ward also verbally reported:

- (1) the footpath from South Gage Close to North Gage Close will be closed from 30 July 2018 to 24 August for gas works.
- (2) the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has launched a consultation on whether he should assume control of the Fire and Rescue service. The Leader of Norfolk County Council with support from the vast majority of the Councillors

18/170. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (CONTINUED)

believe there is no compelling case for a change in governance and are unconvinced about the PCC's claim that £10m could be saved over 10 years. The County Council will publish its own business case to outline why the Fire and Rescue Service should continue to be run by the County Council.

- (3) 14 new on-call firefighters had their first day of training on Monday 16 July 2018 at Bowthorpe Training Centre and after a two week induction course they will be put to work across the county, 39 of Norfolk's 42 fire stations rely on on-call firefighters. There are still some vacancies. Details on Norfolk County Council's website.
- (4) in response to the Police Commissioners bid to take over Norfolk Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS) Norfolk County Council (NCC) has this week issued a statement that run by NCC the public can rely on their commitment to keep all 42 fire stations open, continued investment in modern fire engines, efficient management of NFRS to deliver the same benefits outlined by the PCC without a change of governance.

Mrs B J Lashley asked Mr Ward if he could ascertain if the recently chipped area on Wroxham Road had been chipped twice and if so why.

Mr I Moncur reported that he had been appointed to Broadland District Council's Portfolio Holder for Planning.

18/171. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mr W F Couzens, seconded by Mr K Lashley 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.

One resident commented that calls were being made to the Town Council about pot holes in error and requested advertising of the Town Council's responsibilities.

He was advised that the Town Councils responsibilities were listed on their website.

He also asked if some form of barrier could be erected on the gate at Millennium Loke to prevent people climbing over.

The Town Clerk explained that this gate was a shared access with the adjacent landowner and as such could not be modified.

Referring to streetlights the resident observed that some lamps seemed to have recurring problems.

The Town Clerk agreed that some lamps were more prone to faults than others and advised him that the Council would be discussing their street lighting maintenance contract under agenda item 8 1.2.

Mrs K Vincent reported that the fallen tree on Moore Avenue was to be dealt with by Norfolk County Council.

Mr R J Knowles reported that the two vacancies on Broadland District Council's Standards Committee had now been filled.

The meeting was reconvened.

18/172. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Norfolk Cricket Board Non Turf Cricket Pitches

Members noted the email from Kieron Tuck of Norfolk Cricket Board and the recommendation of a £90.00 fee for full day pitch hire and £50.00 fee for evening pitch hire.

Following debate Mr I Moncur proposed, seconded by Mr J M Ward that the Council's pitch hire fees for 2018/19 be reduced to reflect Norfolk Cricket Boards suggestion.

On being put to the vote the motion was LOST.

Mr T Landamore proposed, seconded by Mr R J Knowles to maintain the Council's current hire fees and liaise with Norfolk Cricket Board prior to the 2019/20 fees being agreed.

On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED.

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters were reported

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 Maintenance Contract

Members carefully considered the report of the Town Council and following a lengthy debate Mr T Landamore proposed, seconded by Mr K Lashley to:

- (1) extend the Council's street lighting maintenance contract, preferably with Cozens (UK) Ltd for 12 months
- (2) to ask if Cozens (UK) Ltd would honour their 2016 quotation for a column condition survey
- (3) progress a long term strategy

On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 Memorial Bench at Sprowston

Members considered the report of the Town Clerk and suggested inscriptions on the teak bench to commemorate the 100 anniversary of WWI.

Mr I Moncur proposed, seconded Mr K Lashley for the inscription on the back bench top rail to be amended to read "Remembering those who gave their lives" and to agree the suggested inscription on the bench seat front rail.

On being put to the vote the motion was CARRIED

18/172. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 Norfolk County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review

Members noted the Norfolk County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review.

5.2 Broadland District Council Enhancement Awards

The Town Clerk reported that nominations were being invited for Broadland District Council's Enhancement Awards and that she had already entered Sprowston Diamond Centre.

5.3 Greater Norwich Local Plan

Members noted the email regarding additional potential sites put forward to Broadland District Council for the Greater Norwich Local Plan.

5.4 APP/K2610/W/18/3195466 Appeal Against Broadland District Council Decision

Members noted the appeal to the Secretary of State against the decision by Broadland District Council to refuse planning permission for demolition of existing garage and lean-to, sub-division of plot and erection of detached chalet bungalow and ancillary works at 4, Hammond Way.

18/173. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was reconvened.

18/174. 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:

2018/0789 - extend existing dwelling & subdivide curtilage to form new dwelling - amends PP20180069 by extending first floor over single rear lean-to at 45, Tills Road

2018/0933 - creation of staff car park to rear of building and siting of two storage containers at C J Ball, Salhouse Road

2018/1069 - sub-division of curtilage to erect detached dwelling at 9, Lowry Cole Road

2018/0977 - variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20160911 - revised planning layout and materials schedule to include repositioning of

18/174. PLANNING (CONTINUED)

parking and plots 149-150, 164-171, 214, 215, 238-240 and 226-228 at Parcel P4, Land at Blue Boar Lane

2018/1082 - sub-division of plot and erection of detached dwelling (outline) at 26, Rosemary Road

- (b) to oppose the granting of planning application T2018/1000 - front dormer window and single storey rear extension with loft bedroom at 11, Falcon Road on the grounds that the dormer is an unneighbourly form of development and out of character with the street scene.
- (c) to oppose the granting of planning application 2018/1004 - erection of bungalow at 67, Corbet Avenue on the grounds that it is forward of the building line, an over development of the site, has insufficient amenity space and is an unneighbourly form of development.
- (d) to oppose the granting of planning application 2018/1062 - proposed side dormer at 8, Cuthbert Close on the grounds that that the side dormer is an unneighbourly form of development overlooking the amenities of the adjacent property

18/175. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

18/176. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Mr I Moncur reported on his attendance at the SNAP meeting minutes of which were circulated at the meeting.

The Town Clerk was requested to:

- (1) investigate the cost of engaging Heritage Contract Services Limited to lock the gates at Church Lane car park at either: 8.00 pm, 9.00pm or 10.00pm.
- (2) erect appropriate signage at Barkers Lane open space.

The Council's policy regarding the locking of gates at Church Lane car park when vehicles were still present was clarified. It was agreed that subject to appropriate signage advertising opening and closing times the gates could be locked even if vehicles were present, to be opened the following morning.

18/177. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 18 July 2018 totalling £182,748.27 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 18 July 2018 totalling £182,748.27 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mr R J Knowles and Mr R A Fowkes.

18/178. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £2,397.06 was approved and noted.

18/179. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

The schedule of direct debit payments totalling £3,204.14 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.

3 August 2018

CHAIRMAN