

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 12 DECEMBER 2018**

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at the Council Chamber, Recreation Ground Road, Sprowston on Wednesday 12 December 2018, the following Members were present:-

Mr I Moncur – Chairman

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

In attendance

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| Mrs J Hunt   | - | Town Clerk and Responsible<br>Financial Officer |
| Mrs E Elliot | - | Committee Officer                               |

No members of the public were present

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### **18/292. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received however the Town Clerk reported that she had granted formal dispensation to those Members who were Sprowston residents enabling them to fulfil their duties as a Member of Sprowston Town Council in relation to matters relating to the setting of Council Tax or a precept under the Local Government Act 1992.

### **18/293. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **18/294. RESIDENTS QUESTIONS**

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

### **18/295. TO REVIEW FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2019/20**

#### **(a) Cemetery and Memorial Fees**

**RESOLVED** that effective 1 April 2019 a 4% increase be applied to all cemetery and memorial fees rounded.

#### **(b) Sports Hire Fees**

**RESOLVED** not to apply an increase to sports hire fees effective 1 April 2019.

#### **(c) Facility Hire Fees**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the draft facility hire and photocopy fees effective 1 April 2019.

**18/295. TO REVIEW FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2019/20 (CONTINUED)**

**(d) Allotment Rents and Water Charges**

**RESOLVED** that effective 1 October 2019 allotment rents for 2019/20 be increased by £1.00, and water charges of £5.00 remain unchanged.

**16/296. DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2019/20**

Having considered the 2019/20 draft budget against the Council's reserves, and following a lengthy debate it was

**RESOLVED** to:

- (a) remove Harrisons Wood Car Park £50,000, Groundsmans Facilities £8,000, Skatepark £40,000 and Additional Bus Shelters plus Refurbishment £65,000.
- (b) amend from the 2019/20 budget the £4,004 (Sprowston Heritage) reflected in income.
- (c) transfer £32,035 from reserves.
- (d) agree a 1.99% increase on the 2018/19 precept based on an estimated tax base for 2019/20 of 5,558, which is an increase in precept of 4.39% on an estimated band D tax rate of £117.01, subject to review by Council should any changes in the housing tax base figures occur.

**18/297. PRECEPT 2019/2020**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Town Clerk to submit, under Section 50 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, a precept requirement to Broadland District Council of £650,355 to meet the Council's funding requirement for 2019/20.

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

**19 December 2018**

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**CHAIRMAN**