

## COUNCIL MEETING – 9 JANUARY 2019

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at the Council Chamber, Recreation Ground Road, Sprowston on Wednesday 9 January 2019, 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 J Knowles	-	Mrs L Leggett
Ms G Landmore	-	Mr B Osborne
Mr T Landamore	-	Mr N Shaw
Mr J M Ward		

In attendance

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

3 members of the public were present

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### **19/001. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

### **19/002. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Written apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Mr J H Mallen and Ms C T Rumsby and verbal apologies from Mr R A Fowkes.

### **19/003. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 19 December 2018, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

### **19/004. TREE WARDEN NETWORK**

Mr John Fleetwood gave a presentation on the activities of Tree Wardens and benefits of having these volunteers monitoring the trees across the parish. He answered members questions therefrom.

### **19/005. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT**

The January Newsletter was not available.

### **19/006. PLANNING APPLICATION 2018/1670**

The Town Clerk reported that the Planning Authority had granted permission for planning application 2018/1670 - erection of building to change outdoor pool to indoor pool for private use only at 25, Chenery Drive, Sprowston.

## 19/007. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward:

Mr Ward also verbally reported:

- (1) the consultation on the Norwich Western Link of the Broadland Northway closes at midnight on Friday 16 January 2019. The consultation papers are available at [www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/nwl)
- (2) a campaign has been launched to recruit on-call (retained) firefighters. They must live or work within 5 minutes of one of the 39 on-call fire stations in Norfolk. They are paid per call out and for training sessions and on average earn £7,000 per year.
- (3) that Broadland District Council's Planning Committee had given approval for 328 dwellings off St. Faiths Road next to the airport, a 90-bedroom care home, with assisted living bungalows, a shop and office block on the old station site at Reepham by Kerris Farmhouse Pine and the controversial building to cover the swimming pool in Chenery Drive, Sprowston.
- (4) that an MBE had been awarded to John Newstead who had donated his Chemist Shop collection to the museum service in 1984. He had been a pharmacist in Wroxham Road and later Blenheim Road, Sprowston until he retired in 1990. Over the years he travelled the country collecting what he could from pharmacies that were modernising or closing down and built a small museum in his garden, and it was this that was donated to the Museum Service.

Mrs B J Lashley asked if Mr Ward could find out what was happening with the area of land at Boar Plantation which had previously been cleared for a bus-gate and if the land was to be re-planted with trees.

The Town Clerk reported that it was her understanding this area of land was being considered in conjunction with the proposed cycleway on Blue Boar Lane and was currently being discussed by the consortium of developers, Norfolk County Council Highways and Broadland District Council.

Mrs J Leggett commented that it was a future Broadland District Council project.

In response to a question from Mrs S L England, Mr Ward advised that the proposed care home at Reepham was predominantly aimed at over 75's.

Mrs J Leggett verbally reported:

- (1) PC Ross Tucker had been appointed Sprowston and Old Catton Beat Manager effective 20 January 2019 and would be attending the Council meeting on Wednesday 30 January 2019.
- (2) she had not received a response from Norfolk County Council to her enquiry regarding traffic counts following completion of the Broadland Northway.
- (3) that her chosen charity, as Broadland District Council Chairman, was Leeway and a family friendly running challenge to raise funds was taking place at Catton Park on Sunday 20 January 2019.

## **19/007. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS (CONTINUED)**

Mr N Shaw verbally reported that Norwich Airport:

- (1) was carrying out refurbishment of the buildings and now had a Costa Coffee shop.
- (2) engine bay was out of action due to the burning of tarmac which was to be replaced with concrete.
- (3) had an obligatory 1km exclusion zone from the perimeter fence for the flying of drones and this was likely to be increased to 5km. Posters were available from Norwich Airport for display in public areas within a 1km distance advertising flying of drones was prohibited.
- (4) had submitted a planning application for a variation in conditions to allow general employment floorspace to help financially support aviation related businesses.

## **19/008. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS**

On the motion of Mr I Moncur, seconded by Mr W F Couzens 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 M Moore

- (1) reported surface water on the highway and adjacent pavement and verge at Church Lane to which he was referred to Norfolk County Council Highways as the responsible authority.
- (2) asked about a streetlight on Church Lane and was advised by the Town Clerk that following a number of repairs the lamp had been changed to an LED.
- (3) requested Sprowston Recreation Ground closing times be displayed in the Library. The Town Clerk responded that the Council could not rely on a third party displaying these notices particularly when the closing hours changed every few weeks. Furthermore, the bell, to advise that the park was about to close, could be clearly heard from the Library.

## **19/009. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

### **COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

#### **1.1 Anglian Water Services Limited**

Members noted the Improvement Notice served by Anglian Water on the Council for Sprowston Diamond Centre and Sparhawk Park. The Town Clerk reported the remedial works to be carried out to rectify these infringements.

### **CEMETERY**

#### **2.1 No matters were reported**

### **STREET LIGHTING**

#### **3.1 No matters were reported**

## **19/009. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK (CONTINUED)**

### **CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL**

#### **4.1 Better Together Norfolk**

Having considered correspondence from Better Together Norfolk, funded by Norfolk County Council, it was

**RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk write to Norfolk County Council:

- (1) with a list of the many organisations in Sprowston involved in community projects
- (2) suggesting they do not close the Children's Centres
- (3) requesting they rethink the funding of Social Services
- (4) asking about the availability of funding for Town Council lead projects

### **PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

#### **5.1 No matters were reported**

### **ENCLOSURES**

#### **6.1 Broadland Tree warden Network Handbook**

##### **6.1.1 Combatting Loneliness and Social Isolation services in Norfolk - Overview**

## **18/010. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Mr I Moncur, seconded by Mr R J Knowles it was **RESOLVED** not to adjourn the meeting due to the early hour.

## **18/011. 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 object to the granting of planning application 2018/1744 - loft conversion including hip to gable end, front dormer and rear dormer including balcony at 19, Allens Lane on the grounds that there is no significant change from the original application and the front dormer is out of character with the street scene.

## **18/012. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS**

No written reports were received.

**18/013. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

No written reports were received.

**19/014. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 9 January 2019 totalling £39,614.90 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr I Moncur, seconded by Mrs J Leggett it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 9 January 2019 totalling £39,614.90 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mr R J Knowles and Mrs B J Lashley.

**19/015. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS**

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £24.59 was approved and noted.

**19/016. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS**

The schedule of direct debit payments totalling £515.62 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.

30 January 2019

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CHAIRMAN