

COUNCIL MEETING – 24 APRIL 2019

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at the Council Chamber, Recreation Ground Road, Sprowston on Wednesday 24 April 2019, the following Members were present:-

Mr K Lashley – Vice-Chairman

Mr W F Couzens	-	Mrs J Leggett
Mrs S L England	-	Mr J H Mallen
Mr R A Fowkes	-	Mr B Osborne
Mr R J Knowles	-	Mr N Shaw
Mrs B J Lashley	-	Mr J M Ward

In attendance

Mrs J Hunt	-	Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Mr G Ranaweera	-	Town Clerk Designate
Mrs E Elliot	-	Committee Officer
Mr J Griffiths	-	Kier Living

4 members of the public were present

19/088. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

19/089. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Ms G Landamore, Mr I Moncur and verbal apologies were received from Mr T Landamore.

19/090. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 3 April 2019, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed subject to the following amendments

Page 1 delete Vice Chairman and insert Chairman

Minute 19/075 (2), **delete** Construction will start 2020 with completion around 2024

Minute 19/079 1.1, after Salhouse Road **insert** due to the proximity of the drainage

Minute 19/081 (b), **delete** private use and **insert** private hire

and signed by the Chairman of the Council.

19/091. POLICE LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr K Lashley queried whether Norfolk Constabulary's Newsletter included Sprowston West or North East Ward. The Town Clerk was asked to clarify the catchment area for the figures contained within the Newsletter.

19/092. PRESENTATION - JAMES GRIFFITHS KIER LIVING

Mr Griffiths gave a detailed presentation on a proposed development at Salhouse Road commenting that a reserved matters application was about to be submitted to the Planning Authority.

Members raised a number of concerns including:

- (1) the distance of the play area from housing and its close proximity to deep drainage ponds and woodland.
- (2) Vehicular parking allowances
- (3) Lack of informal play areas
- (4) A single vehicular access point until the adjacent development was completed
- (5) Stagnant water attracting debris and smells
- (6) Ownership/responsibility of trees on boundaries with existing properties
- (7) Absence of a footway on Salhouse Road from the proposed development to amenities
- (8) Only 15% affordable housing

Mr Griffiths responded that:

- (1) the drainage ponds and play area were fenced. The play area was approximately 40 metres away from the nearest housing. Potential purchasers do not want to live next to play areas.
- (2) there was ample parking for residents and visitors
- (3) there was space to the south of the development for informal play
- (4) there would be a pedestrian, cycle and emergency vehicular link to Greenborough Road, to which Broadland District Council Planning Officer was adamant be included in the application
- (5) Filtration could be used for roadway surface water
- (6) Boundaries to existing properties would be fenced with clear definition of tree ownership
- (7) there is insufficient space on the highway particularly near the public house for the construction of a footpath however there are proposals for a 3m footway, cycleway on the opposite side of Salhouse Road. The development will provide for one informal crossing point.
- (8) as bungalows have been included within the development which have a larger footprint the threshold of 15% affordable housing was considered acceptable.

Members further commented:

- (1) residents of Greenborough Road were not happy with the existing and new development joining together and it was suggested that the developer met with residents.

19/092. PRESENTATION - JAMES GRIFFITHS KIER LIVING (CONTINUED)

- (2) a tiger crossing could be considered for Salhouse Road
- (3) three bar fencing is a ladder to children, the ponds are too dangerous and the play area is in the wrong location.
- (4) why not use underground drainage?

Mr Griffiths asked if the Town Council might be interested in taking on responsibility for the streetlighting.

The Chairman advised that as it was election year that decision would be made by the future Council however, the Council had generally looked favourably on adopting footway lighting schemes on new housing developments.

The Council thanked Mr Griffiths for his attendance.

19/093. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was received.

19/094. REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

A written report was received from Mr J M Ward.

Mr Ward also verbally reported that a survey was published today which measures traffic movements on roads traditionally used as rat runs. Before and after the Broadland Northway (NDR) was opened. Most roads show a substantial reduction but there are a few increases. In Sprowston the only road measured was Barkers Lane which shows 29.8% decrease.

Referring to Mr Ward's written report Mrs Lashley advised that the free packets of bee-friendly sunflower seeds had run out.

19/095. RESIDENTS' QUESTIONS

On the motion of Mrs J Leggett, seconded by Mrs B J 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.

A resident of Everest Close asked if the Council could advise what was happening with the spine of land adjacent Atlantic Way.

The Town Clerk advised that the area was outlined for development but no detail had been provided as yet. She suggested he monitor the website for updates and leave an email address and she would endeavour to keep him updated.

19/096. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - GREENBOROUGH ROAD

Mr N Shaw commented that traffic volumes had increased on Greenborough Road since the opening of the Broadland Northway.

Members noted the recent traffic analysis report from Greenborough Road and given the statistics on volumes and speed did not feel that Norfolk County Council would be minded to implement traffic calming measures.

19/096. TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES - GREENBOROUGH ROAD (CONTINUED)

Mr N Shaw requested that traffic volumes and speed be measured from the opposite direction.

19/097. REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, ALLOTMENTS, PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

1.1 Ping Outdoor Table Tennis Table

Members noted the free outdoor table tennis package available from Broadland District Council, subject to installation costs of approximately £400.00 by the recipient and following discussion it was

RESOLVED to agree the actions of the Town Clerk in applying for an outside tables tennis table and equipment and authorise her to sign the agreement.

1.2 Cricket Pitch Hire at Sprowston Recreation Ground

Having considered the report of the Town Clerk Members reviewed the cricket pitch hire fees and it was **RESOLVED**

That the following hire fees be implemented with immediate effect to be reviewed annually and increased in line with demand:

£90 full day hire	(Pavilion and changing facilities)
£50.00 evening hire	(Pavilion and changing facilities)
£30.00 evening Hire	(Pitch only)

1.3 Praise in The Park 2019

Members noted the outdoor service to be held on Sprowston Recreation Ground on Sunday 21 July 2019, and use of the Pavilion in the event of inclement weather.

CEMETERY

2.1 No matters were reported

STREET LIGHTING

3.1 No matters were reported

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

4.1 Grant Aid - National Accident Rescue Service (NARS)

RESOLVED that a donation of £100.00 be made to the National Accident Rescue Service (NARS).

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION

5.1 No matters to report

19/098. MEETING ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr J M Ward, seconded by Mr B Osborne it was **RESOLVED** to adjourn the meeting for a short break.

The meeting was reconvened.

19/099. 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:

2019/0514 - single storey side and rear extensions at 9, Colindeep Lane

18/01772/F erection of a 79-bed residential care home and 42 supported living apartments (Class C2) with associated works at 28, Mousehold Lane

2019/0585 - single storey rear extension at 18, Cromwell Road

(b) that whilst not opposed to the proposed house extension, planning application 2019/0579 - two storey side extension and alterations to front driveway at 3, Blithewood Gardens Members had serious concerns regarding the parking space on the corner as visibility is obstructed.

(c) to oppose planning application 2019/0615 construction of temporary vehicular access onto Salhouse Road at Land South of Salhouse Road on the grounds that the entrance is opposite a junction on a busy arterial road.

19/100. REPORTS FROM COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

No written reports were received.

19/101. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

A written report was received from Mrs B J Lashley on her attendance at the Norfolk Association of Local Councils Spring Conference held on Thursday 14 March 2019.

Mr J M Ward asked about the availability of financial assistance for electric car charging points.

Mrs Lashley agreed to make enquiries with The County Officer, Russell Reeve.

19/102. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer presented the schedule of accounts to 24 April 2019 totalling £16,365.96 and answered Members' questions arising therefrom.

On the motion of Mr N Shaw, seconded by Mr R J Knowles it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts to 24 April 2019 totalling £16,365.96 be approved and the schedule authorising payment signed by Mr R A Fowkes and Mrs B J Lashley.

19/103. SCHEDULE OF CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

The schedule of credit card payments totalling £49.17 was approved and noted.

19/104. SCHEDULE OF DIRECT DEBIT PAYMENTS

The schedule of direct debit payments totalling £17,426.87 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.

10 May 2019

CHAIRMAN