

COUNCIL MEETING – 18 NOVEMBER 2015

At the meeting of the Sprowston Town Council held at Sprowston Diamond Centre, School Lane, Sprowston on Wednesday 18 November 2015, the following Members were present:-

I Moncur – Chairman

Mr W F Couzens	-	Mrs J Leggett
Mr R A Fowkes	-	Mr C L Noble
Mr R J Knowles	-	Mr N Shaw
Mr T Landamore	-	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 attended

15/287. DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary and other interests were received.

15/288. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Written apologies for absence were received and accepted by the Council from Mrs B J Lashley, Mr K Lashley and Mrs J Poynter, and verbal apologies from Mr J W Bracey and Ms G Landamore.

15/289. RESIDENT'S QUESTIONS

As no members of the public were present the Chairman moved onto the next item of business.

15/290. 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

To raise no objection to the following applications:

2015/1595 - 2 x non-illuminated signs at 1 - 1A, Caston Industrial Estate, Salhouse Road

2015/1720 - siting of 3 No. storage containers at Gresham House, Pinetrees Road

2015/1792 - front porch and roof alterations at 4, Breck Road

15/291. REVIEW OF CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES

(a) Cemetery and Memorial Fees

Mr J M Ward proposed, seconded by Mr N Shaw that effective 1 April 2016 Part 1, 1 (i) and Part 2, 1 fee to remain unchanged and a 3% increase be applied to all other cemetery and memorial fees, rounded.

15/291. REVIEW OF CURRENT FEES AND CHARGES (CONTINUED)

Mr R A Fowkes proposed, seconded by Mr C L Noble an amendment that effective 1 April 2016 Part 1, 1 (i) and Part 2, 1 fee to remain unchanged and a 1% increase be applied to all other cemetery and memorial fees, rounded.

On being put to the vote the amendment was **LOST**.

On being put to the vote the substantive motion was **CARRIED**.

(b) Sports Hire Fees

Mr J M Ward Proposed, seconded by Mr N Shaw that effective 1 April 2016 all sports hire fees be increased by 3% rounded.

Mr C L Noble proposed, seconded by Mr W F Couzens an amendment that effective 1 April 2016 all sports hire fees be increased by 1% rounded.

On being put to the vote the amendment was **LOST**.

On being put to the vote the substantive motion was **CARRIED**.

(c) Facility Hire Fees

Mr N Shaw proposed, seconded by Mrs J Leggett that effective 1 April 2016 all facility hire fees remain unchanged and on being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

(d) Allotment Rents and Water Charges

Mr R J Knowles proposed, seconded by Mr J M Ward that effective 1 October 2016 allotment rents for 2016/17 be increased by £2.00 and on being put to the vote the motion was **CARRIED**.

14/292. DRAFT REVENUE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAMME 2016/17

Having considered the 2016/17 draft budget and following a lengthy debate it was

RESOLVED to accept the proposed 2016/17 budget presented and 2.7% increase on the previous year.

14/293. PRECEPT

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 £547,332 to meet the Council's funding requirement for 2016/17.

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