

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held at The St John Ambulance Westbury Centre, Fairfield Road, Framlingham on Thursday 7th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman advised that the meeting was being recorded.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Hopkins and Mrs E Coe (Town Clerk/RFO)

Present:

Cllrs: Ms S Bennell, Mr D Beal, Mrs L Clouting, Mr P Collins (Chairman), Mr C Eastwood, Mr S Garrett, Mr J Jones, Mr G Kitching, and Mr B Roberts and Mr J Simpson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr James Overbury (Deputy Town Clerk), CCllr S Burroughes (joined the meeting at 7:45pm) and 8 members of the public.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

217319 Cllr Beal proposed the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as an accurate record which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood with all in favour. The Chairman then signed the minutes.

3. DISPENSATION REQUESTS RECEIVED:

None.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Beal declared an interest in The Persimmon development, and signed the interest book.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

517319 The Chairman proposed an adjournment for the following items which was approved.

5.1 Police Matters:

No report.

5.2 Report by County Councillor:

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting, and was filed for future reference.

5.3 Report by District Councillors:

A report had been circulated prior to the meeting and was filed for future reference.

5.4 Report from Friends of Framlingham Library Group rep:

No report.

5.5 Report from Greener Fram/Community Garden rep:

Cllr Bennell reported that in the most recent inspection of Food Premises, by the District Council Food Hygiene Department, the Food Share Shed was awarded a 5-star rating. The next swap and mend will be on Saturday 9th March at the Unitarian Meeting House. Work has started on preparing the beds at the community garden for the coming growing season.

5.6 Public Comment:

A member of the public commented that there were posters displayed on the Market Hill notice board that were advertising businesses. Whilst the person understood that was not the case, they felt that it could be construed that the Town Council was promoting or supporting those businesses. The person had asked the Town Council if there had been a change of policy for this notice board and had been advised that was not the case. The person expressed disappointment that a poster they had previously created for a charitable event had not been displayed. The Chairman noted the person's comments. One person expressed disappointment that the application from Persimmon Homes to vary the Planning Permission for the Mount Pleasant development had been accepted by Suffolk Coastal DC. They asked whether the Town Council would be making any further representations to SCDC about this development. Cllr Garrett reported that the matter would be put to the next meeting of the Planning Committee for consideration. The person also asked if the Town Council would approach SCDC to ensure that, after the local elections, there would be better representation for the town from the District Councillors. Another person asked what was the situation regarding the CIL applications the Town Council had made to the District Council. Cllr Jones advised that there had been four CIL applications with three being successful.

6. RECONVENE:

617319 The Chairman proposed to reconvene the meeting, which was agreed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

Committee Recommendations and Business:

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE:

➤ **The following planning decisions to be noted:**

None.

➤ **The following planning applications to be considered:**

None.

➤ **Referral of Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:**

None.

Planning matters of report/items of information only:

Cllr Garrett reported that SCDC had granted planning permission for an extension in the Mowbrays. The Town Council had initially supported the application, but following an objection by a neighbour regarding loss of light and privacy, had looked again at the application. The Town Council had then made additional comments, and had asked the District Council to examine the application in the light of the guidance issued by them on loss of light and privacy. Cllr Garrett reported that SCDC Planning Committee had accepted Persimmon Homes application to vary the planning permission for the Mount Pleasant development and this would form an agenda item for the next Planning Committee Meeting.

Turning to the SCDC final draft of the Local Plan, Cllr Garrett reported that there was very little direct comment about Framlingham, as the town had a Neighbourhood Plan in place. Because of the large number of substantial developments in the town, it had already exceeded its quota for new homes. However, he noted that due to an increase in the requirements for new homes by Central Government, Framlingham would be required to allow an additional 50 homes by 2036 bringing the total to 100. It had been expressed that there was an expectation that this would happen at the end of the period but it was by no means certain. He added that the Town Council was pressing SCDC to know exactly how, and by what calculation this had been arrived at to be known. Cllr Garrett reported that due to the SCDC Local Plan expiring in 2036 and the Framlingham Neighbourhood Plan expiring in 2031, that the Framlingham Neighbourhood Plan would need to be revised for it to be co-terminus with the SCDC Local Plan. However, this was not a pressing task, and would need to be completed within a small number of years.

(CCllr Burroughes joined the meeting)

917319 The Chairman proposed to adjourn the meeting to allow CCllr Burroughes to speak which was agreed.

CCllr Burroughes reported that both County and District Councils were making representations to EDF Energy regarding the proposed Sizewell C development, as both councils remain unconvinced about a number of issues around transport arrangements. Responding to a question about the use of the railway rather than the roads, he said he felt a new passing loop, paid for by EDF, would help matters, and that for them not to improve the rail route would be a mistake. He expressed disappointment that the marine aspect had been discounted, and had concerns about the hours the roads would be used. Cllr Burroughes was delighted to announce that due to a partnership with Health, that funding for the Citizens Advice Bureaux would be secure for a further year. Cllr Burroughes concluded that he was hopeful to find a date to meet with the Town Council Chairman, as requested, as soon as possible.

927319 The Chairman proposed to re-convene the meeting, which was agreed.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETS COMMITTEE:

1017319 Cllr Clouting proposed to approve the committee's recommendation to accept the quotation of £413.00 from Leiston Press for the printing of 200 Framlingham Calendars 2020, which was seconded by Cllr Simpson with all in favour.

Cllr Clouting explained the reasons why the Soap Box Race would not be organised this year.

11. RIGHTS OF WAY, HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING COMMITTEE:

1117319 Cllr Eastwood proposed to approve the Committee's recommendation to accept the quotations for the purchase and installation of 4 hooped cycle racks be installed on the Market Hill at a total cost of £917.96 using the local CIL budget 2316, which was seconded by Cllr Jones with all in favour.

1127319 Cllr Eastwood reported that due to new information received, that he wished to withdraw the committee's recommendation to accept the cost of £310.00 from EMR 340 for Suffolk County Council to undertake a speed survey on New Road, which was agreed.

12. LANDS COMMITTEE:

No business.

13. FINANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING:

1317319 Cllr Jones confirmed the BACS payments approved at the February 2019 meeting had been paid as agreed and the bank print out verified and signed by two Councillors.

1327319 The details of balances of all bank accounts were noted.

A copy of the list of current invoices was provided to each Councillor. Current invoices put forward at the meeting had been checked and verified by the relevant Committee Chairman and were made available in the Payments folder prior to the meeting.

1337319 Cllr Jones proposed to approve the payment of current invoices which was seconded by Cllr Garrett with all in favour.

1347319 Cllr Jones proposed to approve the committee's recommendation to accept the cost of £540 plus mileage from RBS Software Solutions for the annual Year End Closedown on 11th April from Budget 1115, which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood with all in favour.

1357319 Cllr Jones proposed to approve the committee's recommendation to give a grant of £250 to Framlingham Business Association from Budget 1201 for part funding of 90+ 3ft permanently lit Christmas trees to be placed upon business and residential premises and for the large 'improved' permanently lit and decorated Christmas tree to be placed on the Market Hill during the festive period 2019/2020, which was seconded by Cllr Simpson with all in favour.

➤ St Michael's Rooms update

Cllr Kitching reported that the Town Council was awaiting clarification from SCDC regarding payment of a CIL grant, and a successful outcome still seemed possible. He hoped to have more positive news at the next meeting. Responding to a question from a Councillor, he explained that the issue was with regard to whom a CIL grant can be paid to, and that whilst advice had been received from SCDC, it required further clarification.

14. MATTERS OF REPORT OR ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA ONLY:

It was reported that complaints had been received about the state of the footpaths behind The Elms. The issue about whether the Town Council would be represented at the SCDC celebration event at Snape Maltings was requested to be clarified.

15: DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Town Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7.30pm** in The St John Ambulance Westbury Centre Fairfield Road Framlingham.

The meeting closed at 8:05pm