

Framlingham Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Development and Strategic Planning Committee held in the Town Council Meeting Room, 10c Church Street, Framlingham

on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 7.00pm

All documents relevant for this meeting have been circulated to Councillors (Cllr) in advance

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Garrett, Cllr S Pepperdine and Cllr N Williamson

2. Present:

Cllrs: C Eastwood, M Hine, J Jones (Chair)

3. In attendance:

Mrs Eileen Coe (Town Clerk/RFO and two members of the public via Zoom.

4. Declarations of interest:

None

5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

5181221 Cllr Jones proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th October 2021 be approved as an accurate record, which was seconded by Cllr Hine with all in favour.

Cllr Jones signed the file copy of the minutes.

6181221 The Chair proposed an adjournment for the next item, which was agreed.

6. Public Comment:

Representatives from Badingham Playschool were present via Zoom and noted that they along with the Town Council had requested information on numbers/demand for children/childcare living in the Framlingham area and the capacity/number of free spaces in Early Learning facilities in the Framlingham area.

6281221 The Chair proposed to reconvene the meeting, which was agreed.

7. Applications for Local CIL Funding:

7.1 Badingham Playschool - £392,750.56 – deferred from last meeting

Local CIL Application and supporting documents for a purpose built premises opposite Dennington Village Hall to accommodate children from Badingham, Dennington and Framlingham and surrounding villages.

Cllr Jones reported on the response from Suffolk County Council who had advised that there is a demand for 83 full time equivalent (FTE) funded early years places. Within the Framlingham Ward there are 185 FTE places available. Once the population of the district

Framlingham Ward is considered and the migration of children into and out of the District Ward of Framlingham there is a surplus of 72 FTE. This information together with the communication from SCC that the setting is not needed to meet the needs of new housing growth due to the existing surplus of places created by new providers confirms our earlier concerns with regards to its requirement.

Cllr Jones also reported that since the October DSP meeting there had been further communication with Badingham Playschool, HMRC and a VAT Consultant and it had been agreed that the 'Playschool' would not meet the VAT regulation requirements to recover the VAT on the construction of the new premises and therefore the possibility of reducing the costs for the project are not possible.

It was further noted that no other lines of funding had been explored.

Cllr Jones advised of the current CIL balances and available funds and noted that there were both insufficient funds for this project and other projects in Framlingham that could be considered of higher priority for Framlingham.

7181221 Cllr Jones proposed to recommend approval to Full Council not to grant funds from Local CIL for the Badingham Playschool project, which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood with all in favour.

7.2 Greener Fram – Community Garden - £120.00

For the purchase of three new spades and two pairs of shears

7281221 Cllr Jones proposed approval which was seconded by Cllr Hine with all in favour.

7.3 Greener Fram – Community Garden - £546.00

For the purchase of a new water hose, two large water butts, 2 x loppers, 2 x secateurs and a sign for the garden

7381221 Cllr Jones proposed to recommend approval to Full Council which was seconded by Cllr Hine with all in favour.

8. Projects identified for Local CIL funding by Town Council Committees:

Highways, RofW and Parking Committee (HRP) – up to £15,000 of local CIL for the provision of low-level footpath lighting on the Pigs Meadow footpath and at the Fairfield Road end of the footpath across The Fens.

It was noted that this item had been agreed at Full Council on 2nd December as there had been no DSP Committee meeting in November.

9. Framlingham Infrastructure Investment Plan: (Identifying and prioritising infrastructure)

Cllr Jones reported that he had updated the Plan and it had been published on the website.

9.1 Update from Framlingham Sports Club:

Cllr Jones reported that a meeting had been held with representatives and a phased plan had been presented and a detailed planning permission application for Phase 1 was being prepared.

9.2 Update from Scouts and Guide HQ:

It was noted that they are still planning towards building a new Headquarters for the Scouts and Guides in Framlingham and are now waiting to hear from the land owner regarding the opportunity of land and cost for a new site. The Scout and Guide Headquarters Committee have started drafting a Business Plan for a new HQ and will be applying to Suffolk ProHelp which is a countywide network of businesses providing professional and strategic support free of charge to voluntary and community groups for support with an architect, surveyors etc.

At this stage they are not able to give an indication of the overall cost of such a project but would still be seeking financial support through the local CIL funding towards the project. **It was agreed** for the Town Clerk to contact the representative and arrange meeting for an update.

10. Strategic Plan:

10.1 Framlingham Integrated Transport Strategy - Working Group

It was noted that SRHP School and TMH School had been contacted for a copy of their Transport Plans but there were no up to date plans available.

11. People & Places – Draft Framlingham Town Centre Forward Framework:

Discussions with the Economic Development Team at ESC had been held together with the FBA and ESC had accepted out joint Action Plan for funding from the ESTI Fund (Welcome Back Fund). A detailed funding application was in preparation.

12. Allotment provision:

12.1 Report on progress with Allotment proposals – no further communication to date but would form part of the FNP Review so would be deferred to the FNPR Committee.

13. Changing Places toilet provision update:

No response from ESC to date despite reminders. The Town Clerk would continue to pursue this matter.

14. Accessible viewing platforms for disabled people for the Mere:

Update on communication with Framlingham College and SWT – Deferred to a future meeting.

15. Correspondence:

15.1 East Suffolk Council

Consultation on the Draft East Suffolk Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule and Draft East Suffolk CIL Instalment Policy.

It was noted that this was discussed at Full Council and all Councillors had been consulted and a response would be provided by the deadline of 23rd December.

16. Action Plan:

Cllr Jones would provide the updates for the Town Clerk to complete.

17. Matters of Report and items for the next agenda:

None.

18. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 12th January 2022 at 7:00pm

Meeting Closed 20.07