

FRAMLINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held at The St John Ambulance Westbury Centre, Fairfield Road, Framlingham on Thursday 3rd January at 7.30pm

The Chairman advised that the meeting was being recorded, and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr S Garrett, Cllr J Simpson, CCllr S Burroughes and DCllr C Hudson

PRESENT:

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Eileen A Coe (Town Clerk/RFO), Mr James Overbury (Deputy Town Clerk) and three members of the public.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

213119 Cllr Jones 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. DISPENSATIONS:

None received.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Beal declared an interest in agenda item 9 and signed the Interest Book.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

513119 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 would follow.

5.3 Report by District Councillors:

No Report.

5.4 Report from Friends of Framlingham Library Group rep:

Suffolk Libraries is launching a countywide day to promote health and happiness on Sunday 27th January called 'Super Happy Sunday'. Libraries will be giving out Leisure Passes, Happiness Postcards and Co-op vouchers for healthy teas and snacks. Plans in Framlingham are still being finalised, but there will be colouring sessions, a jig saw and health MOTs from Everyone Active; along with wellbeing books available for both children and adults.

5.5 Report from Greener Fram/Community Garden rep:

The first swap and mend of the year will be Saturday 12th January at the Unitarian Meeting House. There will be an open evening at the same venue on Tuesday 29th January at 7:00pm to which all are invited, to catch up with Greener Fram's plans for the coming year.

5.6 Public Comment:

The Chairman of the Resident's Association noted that he had previously commented on the lack of publicly available information regarding the St Michael's Rooms project. He had looked at the website and the last minutes on there was for October 2018. The Town Clerk reported that as there was no meeting in December, the November minutes had yet to be approved and therefore had not been posted on the website.

The representative from Hour Community reported another very busy month and there was to be a report on their activities on the 'Doing The Right Thing' television programme on 6th January at 9:00pm.

6. RECONVENE:

613119 The Chairman proposed to reconvene the meeting, which was approved.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

Suffolk Coastal District Council

It was agreed for Cllr Garrett and Cllr Eastwood to attend the briefing session on the Final Draft Local Plan to be held on Friday 11th January 2-4pm.

8. TRAINING/ CONFERENCES/EVENTS:

No Business

Committee Recommendations and Business:

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE:

9.1 The following planning decisions were noted:

DC/18/4597/LBC The Mills Charity – Brook Farm House, 1 Brook Lane – Listed Building Consent

9.2 The following planning applications were considered:

DC/18/4946/FUL Mr & Mrs N Nekrews – Green Howe, 13 Saxtead Road – erection of a detached garage/store outbuilding with home office in the roof space

This was deferred from the Planning Committee meeting to allow Cllrs to inspect the application.

913119 Cllr Collins proposed to OBJECT to the application on the grounds that the size and location of the building – being close to the road unlike any other building nearby – was not in keeping with the surroundings, which Cllr Beal seconded with all in favour.

9.3 Referral of Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:

None

9.4 Report on Liaison Meeting held with Persimmon/ SCDC/ Residents and Town Council and to consider and agree feed-back on matters raised

Cllr Collins reported that SCDC had called a meeting to discuss the noncompliance of the Mount Pleasant Development and had invited representatives from Persimmon Homes, residents of the development and other local residents. He believed that Persimmon would have come to the meeting with proposals to solve the issues but unfortunately, they had not. Following discussions on the areas of concern it was agreed to hold a further meeting at the end of January where he hoped that they would offer some positive solutions.

9.5 Planning matters of report/items of information only:

None.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETS COMMITTEE:

No business.

11. RIGHTS OF WAY, HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING COMMITTEE:

11.1 Bus Stops

Cllr Eastwood reported on the proposal from SCC to improve and add to the bus stops in the town. This was not going to incur a cost to the town as the funds came from S.106 payments from developers earmarked for improving public transport. Cllr Eastwood said that the Rights of Way, Highways and Lighting Committee had supported the notion but also suggested a further pair of bus stops either side of the junction of New Street and Saxtead Road.

1113119 Cllr Eastwood proposed to approve the Committees recommendation to accept Suffolk County Councils offer to fund and improve (with raised kerbs) all six existing bus stops in the town, upgrade two with bus shelters and create two new ones, which was seconded by Cllr Jones with all in favour.

12. LANDS COMMITTEE:

12.1 Picnic Benches in Play Area.

Cllr Jones questioned why local CIL funding was not used for this purchase. Cllrs Bennell and Hopkins replied stating that the Committees view was that using funds from the Entertainments Reserve Account, generated from the Firework Display, to spend on projects improving the Pageant Field, enabled the public to see a tangible benefit from this account.

1213119 Cllr Bennell proposed to approve the committee's recommendation to purchase 2 x picnic benches at a cost of £1,353.66 for the Pageant Field play area, using funds from the Entertainments Reserve Account which was seconded by Cllr Hopkins and with one abstention all were in favour.

12.2 To consider the quotations received for the pollarding of 6 x Lime trees in the Churchyard along the Church Street boundary.

As only one quotation had been received to date, this matter was deferred to the February Full Council Meeting.

13. FINANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING:

1313119 Cllr Jones confirmed the BACS payments approved at the December 2018 meeting had been paid as agreed and the bank print out verified and signed by two Councillors.

1323119 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.

1333119 Cllr Jones proposed to approve the payment of current invoices which was seconded by Cllr Clouting with all in favour.

1343119 Cllr Jones proposed to approve the committee's recommendation to accept a Budget totalling £148,782 for 2019/2020 using £4,419 from the Tax Base Contingency reserves, which was seconded by Cllr Hopkins with all in favour.

1353119 Cllr Jones proposed to approve the committee's recommendation to request a precept of £144,363 for 2019/2020 which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood with all in favour.

Cllr Jones noted that this was a 2 % increase on 2018/19 and was in line with the District Council's recommendation.

St Michael's Rooms – update

Cllr Kitching reported that there had been no meeting of the working group in December therefore the November minutes had yet to be approved. Currently the project is waiting for the PCC to complete their valuation of the lease, and for them to obtain appropriate legal advice. After which a further meeting of the working group will be convened.

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

Cllr Roberts reported that he had read that SCC were seeking to find economies in the subsidy offered to Bus Companies. Two bus services in Framlingham operated by Galloway were both making a loss and the Town Council needs to be vigilant to ensure both services are maintained.

15: DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

The next Town Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 7th February 2019 at 7.30pm** in The St John Ambulance Westbury Centre Fairfield Road Framlingham.

The meeting closed at 8:02pm