

Minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held at The St John Ambulance Westbury Centre, Fairfield Road, Framlingham on Thursday 6th June 2019 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman advised that the meeting was being recorded.

1. APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Beal, Cllr M Hine, Cllr J Jones and CCllr S Burroughes.

PRESENT:

Cllr P Collins (Chair), Cllr S Garrett, Cllr G Kitching, Cllr C Eastwood, Cllr A Fisher, Cllr D Carter, Cllr J Simpson and Cllr P Wraight

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mrs Eileen Coe (Town Clerk/RFO), Mr James Overbury (Deputy Town Clerk), DCllr Cook and 8 members of the public.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

216619 Cllr Collins proposed the minutes of the previous meeting be approved as an accurate record which was seconded by Cllr Garrett with all in favour. The Chairman then signed the minutes.

3. DISPENSATION REQUESTS:

316619 A written application for a dispensation from Cllr Beal was considered with regard to his detailed knowledge of the history of the planning applications, appeals and non-compliance, enforcement of the Persimmon development. It was agreed to grant a dispensation under category C for two years from 6th June 2019.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None received.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

516619 The Chairman proposed an adjournment for the following items which was approved.

5.1 Police Matters:

No report.

5.2 Report by County Councillor:

The Town Clerk reported that the CCllr Burroughes would be sending a report which would be circulated to all Councillors.

5.3 Report by District Councillors:

Cllr Collins welcomed DCllr Cook and congratulated him on his election. DCllr Cook apologised for not being at the previous meeting, but added his reassurance that it was his intent to make every effort to attend all future meetings. DCllr Cook then outlined the main themes for the new East Suffolk Council with regard to Framlingham. Parking is a key issue and he has met the Director concerned and will engage with the Town Council in the near future about this. The use of renewable energy and single use plastic are key issues and he was pleased to announced that his predecessors' efforts to place an electrical goods recycling point in Framlingham had come to fruition and would soon be in place. Cllr Garrett asked the DCllr Cook about two planning issues – the referral system, which was opaque and did not give the Town Council enough time to respond, and the District Council's record on dealing with non-compliance issues – which was often too slow and too late. DCllr Cook said he would make further enquiries and work to ensure better communication with the Town Council.

5.4 Public Comment:

The representative from Hour Community reported that the Worry Tree had received a visit from the High Sherriff of Suffolk who was very impressed, and hoped to be able to facilitate replicas of the scheme across the County. The representative from the Mills Charity reported that the new Alms Houses had won an award from the Alms House Association which HRH Prince Charles is patron of. This was of particular note as HRH rarely commended new builds. Cllr Collins congratulated the Mills Trust on their achievements. A person spoke of the continued and repeated closure of roads in the town – particularly Fore Street. This had been shut by different utility companies repeatedly over a short period of time. The person said that they knew of people in the outlying villages who were put off coming to Framlingham because of these road closures. They asked why the firms concerned could not work together and dig the road up once between them. Cllr Collins said that the Town Council no longer received advance warning of road closures and said that this would go onto the next Rights of Way and Highways Committee agenda. Another person welcomed the District Councillor and voiced their view that his presence was very important at Town Council meetings. The Chairman of the Residents Association said that he had asked for an open competition for the St Michaels Rooms project and that he had contacted the East Suffolk Council's CIL team for advice. He had learnt from them that the only bodies who could receive the CIL funds for this project were the Town Council or the PCC. He understood why the draft business plan could be treated as confidential but urged the Town Council to make the Memorandum of understanding open to the public for comment. If this were the case it would give the public the opportunity to make suggestions such as a permanent alcohol licence and a permanent PA system. He finished by

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saying he could not understand why the planning application for the Woodyard had not gone to the ESC Planning Committee. Cllr Collins replied by regretting the need for the Chairman of the resident's association to seek confirmation of the Town Council's response to his previous question regarding CIL at the previous meeting, and asked Cllr Kitching to add detail. Cllr Kitching thanked the Chairman of the resident's association for his useful suggestions about the project and assured him that the Memorandum of Understanding would soon be in the public domain for comment. A further person hoped that all Town Councillors would see, well in advance, the Business Plan and MOU. Cllr Kitching advised that was the intention. A final person echoed the view that the ESC planning process was very opaque.

6. RECONVENE:

616619 The Chairman proposed to reconvene the meeting, which was agreed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

None received for this meeting.

8. TRAINING/ CONFERENCES/EVENTS:

816619 Cllr Collins proposed to approve the cost of a Bespoke New Councillor one day training by LCPAS @ £275 plus refreshments for four Councillors, which was seconded by Cllr Kitching with all in favour.

9. PLANNING COMMITTEE:

9.1 Planning decisions received prior to the meeting:

DC/17/1449/ARM Approval of reserved matters Land South east of Rawlins Cottage, Saxtead Road.

Cllr Garrett reported that there were minor changes which the Town Council had supported.

DC/19/0866/FUL Erection of nine single storey dwellings, the Woodyard, Vyces Road.

Cllr Garrett reported that the Town Council had objected to this application and were investigating the issue about parking provision.

To consider any Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:

None received

Referral of Planning Applications received prior to the meeting:

None received.

Planning matters of report/items of information only:

None.

10. PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MARKETS COMMITTEE:

No business.

11. RIGHTS OF WAY, HIGHWAYS & LIGHTING COMMITTEE:

1116619 Cllr Eastwood proposed to approve the committee's recommendation that the electronic and paper survey on the proposed bus service be actioned from the 15th June to the 31st July, which was seconded by Cllr Kitching, with all in favour.

12. LANDS COMMITTEE:

No business.

13. FINANCE AND STRATEGIC PLANNING:

1316619 Cllr Collins confirmed that the BACS payments approved at the May meeting have been paid as agreed and the bank print out verified and signed by two Councillors.

1326619 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.

1336619 Cllr Collins proposed to approve the payment of current invoices which was seconded by Cllr Garrett with all in favour.

1346619 Cllr Collins noted the Finance and Strategic Planning Committee membership and requested any further Councillors for membership; Cllr Wraight wished to be nominated which was approved. The Finance Committee membership was thus: Cllrs Collins, Eastwood, Garrett, Kitching, Jones and Wraight.

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

Cllr Garrett reported that the Town Council had set up a working group to look at Communication.

It was noted that there was no procedure to initiate new projects and it was agreed that this was to go on the next Finance and Strategic Planning agenda.

15: DATE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:

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

The meeting closed at 8:14pm.

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