

Report of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 9th January 2012 at 8.15pm

(Approximate timing – to follow the Rights of Way, Highways & Lighting Committee meeting)

1. Apologies:

None.

Present:

Ms S Bennell, Mr K Coe (Chair), Mr M Ellison-Taylor, Mr D Gray, Mr B Roberts and Mr R Parlone

In Attendance:

Mrs E Coe (Town Clerk)

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. The following Planning decision was noted:

C11/2251/FUL Thomas Mills High School – Planning Permission

4. Planning applications:

There were no applications to be considered.

5. Correspondence received since the last meeting:

J R H Kelsall – item 31/01

Letter regarding the new town plan and any proposed new developments in the town. The Town Clerk was requested to respond advising that the comments embodies most if not all the features which the members have listed as important and will vigorously pursue.

Suffolk Coastal District Council – item 39/01

Information on the proposed Rural Growth networks, which may be of benefit to Framlingham. Forwarded via email to Councillors for questions. The Town Clerk was requested to respond with the following questions:

What is the time scale for this initiative - ongoing?

How long will it be funded?

Will the Business Connectors be local or brought in?

Its aims seem similar to for example, the Heritage Coast Market Towns Initiative which Framlingham has just joined- how will duplication of effort & use of resources be avoided?

As Framlingham will be a pivotal point of the pilot RGN if bid is successful, what role is it envisaged there will be for the Town Council?

Framlingham Business Association

Email requesting that the Chairman attends the next meeting to give a presentation on the forthcoming Town Plan proposals. The Town Clerk was requested to respond advising that there is nothing to say at this time as the process has only just begun. However, a presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting is proposed to which members of the FBA are of course welcome to attend.

NALC

CPRE – Planning Booklet – put on circulation.

6. Planning for the future

It was noted that the letters will go out next week, and responses received by the deadline of 31st March would be looked at and a summary and response produced in time for the APM in May. Ms Bennell suggested a summary as part of the Annual Newsletter could be considered.

It was noted that the purpose is to get a general idea about the future vision for the town, however, things may come up that are unexpected so we also need to discuss and address issues as they arise.

7. Matters of report or items for next agenda:

Cllr Roberts requested clarification of FBA representation. The Town Clerk advised that she had been the approved Town Council representative for the last 18 months, but Cllr Cally Leeper has kindly agreed to take on that role until the Annual Meeting in May. Due to the short notice of the last meeting neither the Town Clerk nor Chairman had been available to attend. However, Cllr Leeper would be attending the next meeting on 17th January.

The Town Clerk reported that SCDC would like confirmation on whether the Town Council require Poll Cards for the By-Election. It was unanimously agreed that although this would incur an extra cost it was necessary so that everyone was fully informed.

8. Next meeting date:

Monday 13th February at 8.15pm (Approximate timing – to follow the Rights of Way, Highways & Lighting Committee meeting)