

Framlingham Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Framlingham Neighbourhood Plan Review (FNPR) Committee held in the Town Council Meeting Room, 10c Church Street, Framlingham

on Monday 24th January 2022 at 7.00pm

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

1. Apologies:

Apologies were received and accepted from Richard Human (WG member)

2. Present:

Cllr J Culemann, Cllr C Eastwood, Cllr M Hine and Cllr J Jones (Chair)

Cllr Garrett was not present.

3. In attendance:

Mrs Eileen A Coe (Town Clerk/RFO) and Working Group members: Barbara Howard, Ben Anderson (via Zoom) and Phil Alsford

4. Declarations of interest:

None.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting:

524122 Cllr Jones proposed that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd November 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.

624122 Cllr Jones proposed to adjourn the meeting for the following item, which was agreed:

6. Public Comment:

None.

7. Timing Plan – Next steps – Actions - discussion with Working Group Members:

Cllr Jones noted his concerns relating to constraints in achieving agreed timing objectives due to other council priorities and also spoke of the concerns he had re the position taken by ESC that the current Framlingham Neighbourhood Plan policies relating to the Victoria Mill Rd planning application can be ignored in favour of approving the application for 49 custom built houses. Both the Town Council and the community have raised concerns re the legality of such a position and have sought legal advice on the matter.

Also of concern is the timing of the NP review and the doubts that are emerging with regard to the ability to gather meaningful community opinion whilst this application and the ESC position is being discussed.

There was an open debate as to Committee and WG members feelings on the matter

Cllr Jones noted that the next step in our timing plan is the preparation and release of community and business surveys but it was agreed that this would be inappropriate and a postponement of further work on the plan was agreed.

624122 Cllr Jones proposed to reconvene the meeting which was agreed.

8. To agree actions from Item 7:

8124122 Cllr Jones proposed that the Framlingham Neighbourhood Plan Review is delayed until the outcome of the Victoria Mill Road planning application is known and the subsequent effect this may have on our ability to gather meaningful evidence for the Framlingham Neighbourhood Plan Review, which was seconded by Cllr Culemann with all in favour.

Cllr Jones agreed to present a short explanation to the next Full Council meeting highlighting the following points:

- 1.Reasons for delays.
- 2.Options available for length of postponement
- 3.Summary of key information gathered so far.
- 4.Choice of Review level.
- 5 Need for communication with the public.

9.FNPR Consultations – Market Hill 11th December

The Launch Event Survey responses had been added to the FNPR Consultation document and the Town Clerk would circulate to all members

10. Application for Neighbourhood Plan funding from Locality:

It was noted that opportunities for funding after 1st April would be known around mid-March.

11. FNPR Consultant:

To consider options and costs:

Navigus Planning – Quotation and information circulated

James Bailey Planning Ltd – declined as too busy

Parker Planning Services – declined as too busy

11124122 Cllr Jones proposed to recommend approval to Full Council to appoint Navigus Planning as the preferred consultant for the Neighbourhood Plan review (subject to NPR funding allocation from Locality) which was seconded by Cllr Eastwood with all in favour.

12. Correspondence:

None.

13. Working Group Reports:

1- Land Allocations and Maps:

No report.

2 - Communication and Consultations:

Cllr Hine noted that Cllr Culmann had collated the responses from the Market Hill consultation which had been added to the final document for circulation.

It was agreed to produce a summary document to be published on the website.

3 - Economy, Infrastructure and Development:

No report.

14. Review of Committee's Terms of Reference:

No changes.

15. Matters of Report or items for next agenda:

None.

16. Date of next meeting:

Monday 28th February

Date changed to Wednesday 2nd March 2022 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at