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Draft Minutes of the Lands and Markets Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2025

1. PRESENT AND IN ATTENDANCE

Present: Councillors C. Eastwood, P. Dean, G. Knights, P. Wraight, Tr Hammond
Councillor Higham (Chair) – arrived at 7.05pm

Apologies: None

In attendance: L Hamon (Locum Deputy Town Clerk and minute taker) and 3 members of the public.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Two members of the public spoke.

The first member of the public asked if there were any plans to clean the War Memorial this year, as it used to be cleaned every three years but had not been done for some time. The member of the public mentioned the importance of this, in view of the upcoming VE/VJ days. Cllr Eastwood informed the member of the public that this would be looked into.

The second member of the public commented that the rose beds and garden at the cemetery had been well tended.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from a resident, requesting permission to drive to the end of the path at the cemetery, to tend to a grave in the Cremation area. The resident has made this request, as they have mobility issues. The Committee understood that the RFO was dealing with this and would verify the situation.

Cllr Knights asked about further outstanding correspondence. As the correspondence had not been seen by the Committee, Cllr Higham proposed that it should be considered at the Land Committee meeting in March.

5. CONTRACTOR REVIEW

Cllr. C. Eastwood has met with the contractor to review the winter work, some of which had been delayed due to inclement weather. The contractor will now concentrate on the Winter cut. Cllr Knights asked to see a schedule of work for the contractor and Cllr Wraight commented that it is important that the work on the schedule is carried out.

6. FTC ASSETS

6.1. Update on options for CCTV contracts

There was nothing to report.

6.2. Update on the Bridge Street bus shelter bench

Cllr Wraight asked about the maintenance of the bus shelter and clarification of the position regarding ownership and liability. Cllr Higham reported that advice had been taken on the matter and that it had also been discussed with Suffolk County Council (SCC). The Committee asked the locum Deputy Town Clerk to contact SCC and update the Committee at its next meeting.

7. PAGEANT FIELD & PLAYING AREA

7.1. Update on Benhall to Framlingham pipeline work

Cllr Eastwood reported that the pipe has been located.

7.2. Future of the Pavilion

Cllr Wraight asked the Committee to consider the long-term future of the Pavilion, in view of the upcoming need to seek planning permission again. Cllr Wraight also informed the Committee that her analysis of the costs v income for the Pavilion, indicate that it is making a loss. Cllr Eastwood reported that the Pavilion was never intended to make a profit. Following a discussion about the benefits that the Pavilion provides to the Community and opportunities to increase income and reduce costs, Cllr Higham asked Cllr Wraight to prepare a detailed cost analysis, for discussion at the next Committee meeting.

7.3. Consider any other issues at the Pageant Field

The Committee agreed that a playground report was required from the contractor.

8. CEMETERY

8.1. Update on winter maintenance work for the cemetery

This item was covered under item 5. It was agreed to defer any other matters regarding the cemetery to item 13 on the agenda.

8.2. Consider options for future burials in the Rose Garden

There was a general discussion about the issues relating to the Rose Garden including the creation of a new raised bed in the garden. The Committee agreed to defer further discussion to the next meeting.

8.3. Consider quote to update the online cemetery searcher map

The Committee reported that approval for the expenditure of £180 + vat for the update, had been obtained at a full Town Council meeting. The RFO will be instructed to action the update.

8.4. Consider next steps for Cemetery working group

The Committee agreed that the Working Group is important but it noted that the Town Council had agreed that there were no resources currently available to progress this.

9. MARKET HILL

Market Applications

The Committee considered the following applications for pitches

A&K Sweets – the Committee **approved by majority** for this organisation to have a Saturday pitch but Cllr Higham noted a preference for paper bags v plastic wrapping for the sweets

Jayne's Hat Box – The Committee **unanimously resolved to approve** this Saturday pitch

Claire Norman – The Committee **unanimously resolved to approve** this charity pitch for Framlingham Scout and Guide Group approved

Karen Verow-Thomson – The Committee **unanimously resolved to approve** this charity pitch for the Royal British Legion approved

10. ALLOTMENTS

The Committee reported that there had been no update regarding the water tap housing. The Committee asked the locum Deputy Town Clerk to obtain quotes for this work.

11. FENS

Cllr Wraight updated the Committee on the Council's responsibilities for one side of the river bank along the Fens. Cllr Eastwood and Cllr Higham agreed to walk the area when the weather improved and report back to the Committee at their April meeting.

12. Consider any Trees in a Conservation Area (TCA) applications received prior to the meeting

1. DC/25/0468/TCA

Address Railway Inn 9 Station Road Framlingham Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 9EA

Proposal 1no. Acacia (T1 on plan) – Fell

[DC/25/0468/TCA | 1no. Acacia \(T1 on plan\) - Fell | Railway Inn 9 Station Road Framlingham Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 9EA](#)

The Committee made **no comment** on this application on the basis that the applicant did not provide any information as to why they wanted to fell the tree.

2. Proposal: DC/25/0432/TCA

2no. Groups of Willow (marked on plan) - Pollard to previous pollard

Points, Framlingham Mere , New Road, Framlingham, Suffolk,

Response: 24 February 2025

[DC/25/0432/TCA | 2no. Groups of Willow \(marked on plan\) - Pollard to previous pollard points | Framlingham Mere New Road Framlingham Suffolk](#)

The Committee **unanimously resolved to support** this application.

3. DC/25/0160/TCA 7 Tanyard Court Framlingham Suffolk IP13 9GA Response Deadline: 7th Feb

Proposal 1no. Alder (T1 on plan) - Fell

1no. Alder (T2 on plan) - Crown reduce by 30% to previous pruning points

[DC/25/0160/TCA | 1no. Alder \(T1 on plan\) - Fell 1no. Alder \(T2 on plan\) - Crown reduce by 30% to previous pruning points | 7 Tanyard Court Framlingham Suffolk IP13 9GA](#)

The Committee made **no comment** on this application.

13. Matters of report

The Committee noted that there was work occurring on the land off Victoria Mill Rd, which had been the subject of development plans. The nature of the work is unclear. Cllr Higham raised concerns in relation to the ACV registration.

Members of the public with a declared interest, were asked to leave the meeting and the Committee returned to the deferred matter under item 8.1. Correspondence had been received from a former Council contractor, who has proposed that they take on some of the work at the cemetery. As the current contractor has been awarded a contract for the work, the Committee **unanimously resolved** to inform the former contractor that it would not be possible to break the current contract but that they could be asked to do work in the future.

The Committee agreed that it is important for the current contractor to continue to be given clear instructions regarding work schedules. Cllr Wraight asked if the Committee could receive a regular update at each meeting, regarding the current contractor's work.

Cllr Eastwood suggested that the former contractor could be asked to meet members of the LAM committee at the cemetery to see if there was work outside the current contract, that could be done.

The Committee **unanimously resolved to ask** the former contractor to quote for new housing for the tap/hose following Cllr Knights proposal.

14. Items for the next agenda

These have been minuted under items 4, 6.2, 7.2, 7.3 and 8.2.

15. Date of next meeting

7.00pm on Thursday 13th March 2025

The meeting concluded at 20.31 pm.

Lisa Hamon – Locum Deputy Town Clerk