

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the  
Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 26 May 2009 at 7.15 pm**

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**Present** Eryl Thomas (Chair) Maria Naylor  
David Andrews Rob Newton  
Peter Friend Fred Thurston  
Brian Hodge

**In attendance** Ann Newton - Clerk Members of the Public – one  
Members of the Press – none

### **1. Apologies**

Myran Eade, Mark Moore, Ian Paisley and Rita Redman. Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC).

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

*Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda.* Rob Newton declared a prejudicial interest in the item on the Clerk's salary on the finance sheet. The Clerk being his wife.

### **3. To Elect a Chairman and Receive Declaration of Office**

Rob Newton proposed that Eryl Thomas be re-elected as Chair; this was seconded by Fred Thurston and agreed by all. There were no other nominations. Eryl duly signed the Declaration of Office.

### **4. To Elect a Vice Chairman**

Brian Hodge proposed that Rob Newton be re-elected as Vice-Chair, this was seconded by Maria Naylor and agreed by all. There were no other nominations.

### **5. To Elect Committees and Representatives**

Following discussion and some minor re-allocation of the membership of some committees, they were agreed as detailed below. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are both ex-officio members on the recreation ground, environment and planning committees. All Committees were asked to elect Chairmen/Vice Chairmen at their first meetings.

#### **Committees**

- **Finance** (Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council, Chairmen of Committees, Arthur Makepeace [Internal Auditor], and Jan Riddle [Responsible Financial Officer]).
- **Recreation Grounds and Allotments** (Myran Eade (Chairman), Peter Friend, Mark Moore, Ian Paisley, Rita Redman and Fred Thurston).
  - **Blackboys Allotments** (special responsibility Peter Friend, Brian Hodge).
  - **Trustees of Framfield Allotments** (Ian Nicholson, Myran Eade and Eryl Thomas).
  - **Pavilion Committee** (Rob Newton [Chairman], Myran Eade, Mark Moore and Eryl Thomas).
- **Environment** (David Andrews (Chairman), Myran Eade, Brian Hodge, Mark Moore, Maria Naylor, and Fred Thurston)
  - **Tree Warden** (Ian Paisley).
- **Planning** (Maria Naylor (Chairman), David Andrews, Peter Friend, Brian Hodge, Ian Paisley and Rita Redman).

#### **Representatives**

- **Blackboys Village Hall** (Ian Paisley and Fred Thurston).
- **Framfield Memorial Hall** (Peter Friend).
- **School Governor Representatives** (Ann Newton – Blackboys, Mark Moore – Framfield).
- **WDALC** (Eryl Thomas)
- **Emergency Planning Co-ordinator/Police** (Brian Hodge).

### **6. Formal approval of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2009 and Statement of Assurance in line with the audit regulations if available.**

The Clerk stated that these were not yet ready for sign-off, which would now have to be done at the June PC meeting.

### **7. Approval of the last minutes – 28 April 2009.**

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 April 2009 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

**8. May expenditure if available.**

- **Formal agreement of the May 2009 expenditure as detailed on the report circulated at the meeting**  
– itemised below.

<u>Cheques to be paid in May</u>		£
Arbor Management (maintenance of BB rec/allotments)		550.63
Shaw & Sons Ltd (new accounts ledger)		61.86
British Telecom plc ([paid by DD] office a/c to be shared with EHwHPC)		138.53
East Hoathly with Halland PC (credit note* from Viking Direct should have been made payable to EHwHPC)		72.66
<i>EDF Energy</i>	<i>DD Energy</i>	191.15
Ann Newton, Clerk:	Salary (May)	1,098.93
	Total expenses	83.43
		1,182.36
	<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>£2,197.19</u></b>

Cheques Received

\*Viking Direct (credit note) 72.66

The expenditure was proposed for agreement by Maria Naylor, seconded by David Andrews, and agreed by all present.

**9. Any other urgent business at the discretion of the Chairman.**

- WDALC meeting: 27 May 2009. Eryl Thomas reminded members of the meeting the following evening.
- Brian Hodge reported that the Police have written to ESCC/WDC regarding the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit as highlighted by the Speedwatch campaign on the Blackboys Road, Framfield.

***The meeting closed at 7.55 pm.***

**Chairman.....**

**Date .....**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, 30 June 2009, 7.30 pm, Memorial Hall, Framfield.</b></p>
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