

# Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 25 February 2009 at 7.30 pm

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## Present

David Andrews  
Myran Eade  
Peter Friend  
Mark Moore

Rob Newton (Vice Chair)  
Ian Paisley  
Rita Redman

PCSO Simon French [part]

## In attendance

Ann Newton - Clerk

Members of the Public – none.  
Members of the Press – none.

*Prior to the commencement of the meeting members of the public and County and District Representatives were invited to address the Parish Council.*

**Councillor Ann Newton (WDC)** commented that the news on the Bird in Eye appeals was imminently awaited. [Post meeting note: all three of the Uckfield Appeals (Bird in Eye North/South and Downlands have been dismissed by the Secretary of State].

**PCSO Simon French** introduced himself as the Parish's new PCSO. Although he is currently covering Buxted Parish, this is only on a temporary basis until their PCSO is back on full duties. 75/80% of his time is spent on patrol. He will be holding a monthly surgery at the Framfield Farmers' Market and is available to do the same at Blackboys prior to any PC meeting held there. The meeting agreed that the three priorities for the Parish were still speeding, accessibility to the Police and parking issues.

*(The minutes are detailed in the order in which they appeared on the agenda. A copy of all the reports mentioned will be attached to the minutes for the minute book).*

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Eryl Thomas (Chair), Brian Hodge, Maria Naylor and Fred Thurston, all of who were on holiday. Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) who had a prior meeting engagement. In the absence of Eryl Thomas, Rob Newton took the Chair for the meeting.

## 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. Minutes of the Last Meeting, 27 January 2009 for Approval

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2009 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Myran Eade and seconded by Rob Newton).

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 27 January 2009

All items were covered during the rest of the meeting.

## 5. Correspondence received since the last meeting

### Letters for noting/discussion

#### WDC:

- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). The meeting decided that the Council have no land to be put forward for development.
- Planning Conference for Town and Parish Councils. The meeting agreed that Maria Naylor and Eryl Thomas should be registered to attend. These nominations can then be changed if necessary at a later date.

#### Other:

- AIRS Newsletter.
- South East Water – Planning Future Water Supplies.

## 6. Finance

- **Formally resolve to change the signatories on the National Savings & Investments Account to Eryl Thomas, Rob Newton and Myran Eade, keeping Ian Paisley as the fourth.** The meeting was also asked to agree the transfer of £4,000 from the account to the current bank account. **Both this points were proposed for agreement** by David Andrews, seconded by Mark Moore and agreed by all present. The relevant parties then signed the appropriate forms.
- **Formal agreement of the February 2009 expenditure as detailed on the report circulated at the meeting** – itemised below.
- Proposal to pay on account £250.00 to Dawson Hart to undertake enquiries at the Land Registry to make sure that all the areas of land in the Council's ownership are accounted for correctly. This was agreed by all present.

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### Cheques to be paid in February

DMS Landscaping Supplies (woodchipping for BB and PHC recs)		1,416.80
Dawson Hart (payment on account for legal fees for LR enquiries)		250.00
Blackboys Village Hall (Hall hire)		28.00
<i>British Telecom plc (DD telephone account – to be shared with EH PC)</i>		141.26
<i>EDF Energy</i>	<i>DD Energy</i>	190.24
	<i>DD Maintenance</i>	105.60
		295.84
Ann Newton, Clerk:	Salary (February)	1,096.33
	Total expenses	123.42
		1,219.75
	<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	<b><u>£3,351.65</u></b>

The expenditure was proposed for agreement by Ian Paisley, seconded by Rob Newton, and agreed by all present.

## 7. Committees

**Planning:** The meeting scheduled for 18 February 2009 had been cancelled due to lack of planning applications. In the absence of many members of the Committee the meeting is asked to consider the applications detailed below and make comments as appropriate.

- **WD/2009/0180/F** – Conversion of former piggery to one residential unit.  
The Piggery, adjacent to Pound Farm, Pound Hill, Blackboys.  
The PC decided to oppose the application, as previously on the grounds that it is outside any development boundary, over looking the AONB and the site has not been used for agriculture for many years.
- **WD/2008/3005/F** – Change of use to C3 and D1 and extension to private Clinic. High Tree House, Eastbourne Road, Uckfield. *Amended site plan only.*  
The PC decided that their objections would remain unchanged.

**Recreation Grounds: (Parish Councillors as Trustees):** there had not been a meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for 11 March 2009. Myran Eade reported that the dog bin had been installed at Palehouse Common Recreation Ground and that the trees on Framfield Recreation Ground mentioned at the January meeting were in the process of being dealt with.

- **Pavilion Project:**

- **Blackboys:** Myran Eade commented that progress was being made and the Cricket Club have just received a further donation of £1,000 plus £80 from an assembly collection at Blackboys School. A grant application has been submitted to Virador.
- **Framfield:** Mark Moore reported that he is completing the Chartermark status application for the football clubs and when this has been achieved it will be possible to apply for grant funding for the Pavilion.

**Environment:** minutes from the meeting held on 28 January 2009 already held.

- Update from that meeting if forthcoming. The Clerk reported that four high visibility jackets had been purchased and had been put to use on the first Speedwatch session that morning. The quotation for street-lighting maintenance from Direct Technical Services has been accepted. Some answers have come back to the follow-up queries and final confirmation is waiting until the return of the Chairman and Fred Thurston who had done most of the work on the subject. ESCC Rights of Way were delighted with Fred's footpath survey and will be coming back to the PC on various land ownership issues. Myran Eade stated that he would do the repairs to the sides of the bus shelter opposite Press & Banks if the handyman could look at the roof tiles.

## 8. Reports from Representatives

### Blackboys Village Hall:

- Nothing to report.

### Memorial Hall:

- The Clerk reported as follows:-
  - **Update on the Charity Commission.** There is still work to be done with the Charity Commission over the amalgamation of the charities (Hall and recreation ground). All but one of the representatives on the Hall Committee has completed the required paperwork before the final hurdle with the Charity Commission.
  - **Agreement with ESCC.** The formal hire agreement with ESCC over the school use has been completed and signed.

### Schools:

Framfield: Rita Redman reported that the official opening of the School extension would be on 10 March 2009.

Blackboys – Nothing to report.

**WDALC**: Nothing to report.

## 9. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

*The meeting closed at 9 pm.*

Chairman.....

Date .....

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:  
Tuesday, 31 March 2009, 7.30 pm, Memorial Hall, Framfield..**