

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 30 June 2009 at 7.30 pm

Present

Eryl Thomas (Chairman)
Myran Eade
Peter Friend

Mark Moore
Maria Naylor
Fred Thurston

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.

PCSO Simon French stated that he didn't have a great deal to report. He has been patrolling the Parish regularly and keeping in touch with the residents including dropping a note into the doors of residents in School Lane and the surrounding roads in Blackboys regarding incidences of anti-social parking by, in general, the school parents. He has asked that registration numbers be taken of persistent offenders. Fred Thurston enquired as to when the speed device will be fully repaired. Eryl Thomas commented on the recognition that PCSO's play an invaluable part in the community. The Clerk mentioned some problems with youths in Blackboys.

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) reported that the LDF Spatial Development Options Consultation would commence on 6 July 2009 and run to Friday, 28 August 2009. Every house will be receiving a leaflet and there will be advertisements in local newspapers. Maria Naylor and Ann would be attending the briefing session the following evening. Ann urged everyone to send in individual responses but stated that the PC must also send in a formal response. A meeting for to discuss the options should be arranged.

(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

David Andrews, Brian Hodge, Rob Newton 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. There were none given at this stage in the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting, 26 May 2009 for Approval

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2009 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Myran Eade and seconded by Maria Naylor).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 26 May 2009

Everything was covered during the rest of the meeting.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Annual Assembly.

Comment was made on the low number of residents at the meeting once again. The PC hoped that everyone who wanted to attend knew about the meeting and the issue of communication was discussed. The Clerk mentioned that once the LDF process gathers speed next year with potential housing sites on the horizon this will no doubt generate a lot of interest.

6. Correspondence received since the last meeting

Letters for noting/discussion

WDC:

- Wealden LDF Core Strategy – forthcoming consultation on spatial development options – Maria Naylor and the Clerk to attend.

ESCC:

- Public Rights of Way – Network Survey advising the PC that updated information will now be emailed to parish councils on the work progressed on a regular basis.
- Community Transport Developments. The Clerk reported that an update had been received from ESCC following on from the workshop advising that work is well underway to producing a draft Community Transport strategy and there will be a formal consultation process at the right juncture. ESCC have also secured funding to support the development of Community Transport in 2009/10 and 2010/11 and will be looking to identify suitable pilot projects that meet local communities' transport needs and contribute towards the County Council's accessibility objectives. They will distribute further information when it is available.
- Focus on East Sussex – 2009 Annual Monitor. Retained by Eryl Thomas.

Other:

- SALC: Training. Clerk to investigate prices etc although the consensus of opinion was that the course content could have been improved.
- Macmillan Cancer Support asking for volunteers to abseil down the cliffs at Peacehaven to raise funds!
- Partial Review of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East – Provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople – recommendations for new policy H7.
- Mrs Selina Allen enquiring about the possibility of having the 'tree of light' Christmas tree back this Christmas in the Village Hall car park. Although St Wilfred's Hospice now had a tree at Uckfield Hospital other charities could be nominated. The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Allen to find out more and then pass the idea onto the Memorial Hall Committee.
- 'Crimestoppers' asking for a donation – to be referred to the Finance Committee.

7. Finance

- **Formal approval of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2009 and Statement of Assurance in line with the audit regulations.** Every Councillor was in receipt of a copy of the accounts. The accounts were unanimously accepted and formally proposed for agreement by Maria Naylor and seconded by Peter Friend. Those present subsequently endorsed the Statement of Assurance.
- **Formal agreement of the June 2009 expenditure as detailed on the report circulated at the meeting** – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Myran Eade, seconded by Peter Friend and agreed by all present.

			£
Arbor Management (maintenance of BB rec/allotments)			550.63
P N Saunders (maintenance of FF and PHC recs)			1,490.00
Direct Technical Services (replacement photocell in streetlight)			50.60
Blackboys Village Hall:	Hall hire	20.00	
	Charity Dividends	237.14	257.14
Framfield Memorial Hall (Hall hire)			52.50
EDF Energy	DD Energy		191.39
Ann Newton, Clerk:	Salary (June)	1,098.93	
	Total expenses	67.47	1,166.40
	<u>Total Expenditure</u>		<u>£3,758.66</u>

Cheques Received

Charity dividends	£237.14
East Hoathly with Halland PC (share of BT account)	£46.65

8. Committees

Planning: the minutes of the meeting held on 3 and 24 June 2009 had already been circulated. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 July 2009.

Recreation Grounds: (Parish Councillors as Trustees): no meeting had been held. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 July 2009. Myran Eade reported on the following:

- A container meeting is yet to be arranged following on from the cancellation of the original date.
- All the football nets on the three recreation grounds have been changed thanks to Rob Newton and Mark Moore.
- Two allotment tenants have voiced an interest in keeping bees on their plots. The Clerk has carried out some research but it should be an item for discussion at the next recreation ground meeting. The Clerk was asked to write to all the tenants advising them of this and inviting them to the meeting.

- The Clerk reported that the WDC Active Play Project had again asked for permission to use Framfield and Blackboys recreation grounds for their free sessions. The Clerk was asked to liaise with them and follow it up.
 - **Pavilion Project:** Myran Eade commented that a further meeting had been held with a representative from Downland Housing and the residents and they were happy that the gate could be moved to suit the Pavilion. It had also been discovered that the first two spaces on the right when driving into the Close are actually for the residents of 1 and 2 Maple Leaf Cottages so the residents parking should not be effected at all! These spaces were allocated accordingly when the development was built as an incentive to those residents as the view in front of Maple Leaf Cottages was needed for a visibility splay. The Cricket Club have hired a professional fundraiser and a grant has just been submitted to Sport England.

Environment: the minutes of the meeting held on 3 June 2009 had already been circulated. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 August 2009.

9. Reports from Representatives

Blackboys Village Hall:

- Eryl Thomas reported that they were experiencing some problems with the Pre-school over non-payment of rent, which was hoped to be sorted out by the Hall AGM.

Memorial Hall:

- Eryl Thomas reported that a Committee meeting had been held. A survey needs to be carried out to find out what needs to be done and a 'wish list' drawn up of what the Committee would like to see done but prioritised according to the urgency of the matter. It looked like the decision was going to have to be made to abandon the 200 Club for this year and any monies already paid in reimbursed.

Schools:

- Framfield: The Clerk reported that she had received an email from the Governors stating that they consider Mark More to be a most suitable candidate when Rita Redman's term of office ends on 31 August 2009. They will make an initial contact with him shortly.
- Blackboys – Nothing to report other than the usual frenzy of end of year activities.

SALC/WDALC: Eryl Thomas reported that the AGM was scheduled for the following day.

10. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Village floral displays – The Clerk reported that the owner of Europlants has offered to sponsor any floral displays within the village. The Clerk was asked to put the item on the agenda for the next Environment Committee meeting.
- Eryl Thomas reported that he had met with Myran Eade and the Clerk to progress the paperwork with regard to the registering of the various PC-owned land. A further letter has been sent to the solicitors asking for a estimate of the costs of the work prior to commencement. He has also obtained the information sought from ESCC on the ownership of the land on which the bus shelters sit and the various bits of grass throughout the Parish. Generally it seemed as though ESCC do not own the land but have highway rights over it (ie the areas of land are maintainable at ESCC expense and that the public have a right to pass and repass over the areas). It was thought no further investigation necessary.
- Mark Moore brought forward an enquiry from a resident in Framelle Mount who wants to put a gated access from their back garden to the recreation ground. The Clerk was asked to look into this and put it on the agenda for the next recreation ground meeting.
- Myran Eade reported that Framfield School children had a lovely sports day on Blackboys recreation ground recently.
- Fred Thurston commented that ESCC had made a very good job of replacing a damaged bridge on a Framfield footpath, which was a priority on his recent survey.
- Fred further commented on 'The Big Lunch' advertised in the Parish Magazine and the need for permission to be sought from the PC to use either the amenities area near the allotments or Blackboys recreation ground should the event happen.
- The Clerk mentioned that an East Hoathly-based senior football club might be looking for somewhere to train on weekdays if the playing fields in East Hoathly are booked. She has made the suggestion of using Palehouse Common.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman..... Date

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, 28 July 2009, at the Village Hall, Blackboys,
commencing at 7.15 pm.