

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 28 October 2009, at 7.30 pm in the Memorial Hall, Framfield.

Present: David Andrews (Chairman), Myran Eade, Brian Hodge, Maria Naylor, Fred Thurston and Eryl Thomas.

In attendance: Ann Newton (Clerk) Public: None.

1. Apologies

Rob Newton. Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none at this stage in the meeting.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting: 3 June 2009

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 3 June 2009 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

Update - Community Speed Watch – Brian Hodge reported that the scheme has now been up and running since April. A meeting had been held the previous evening of the team but there were no actual issues. The Police did follow up a motorist who was abusive. Drivers were actually being ticketed during the Speedwatch session that day, with one being fined and others given warnings. The Police are going to target the area the following week for speeding, use of mobile phones whilst driving, non-wearing of seatbelts etc. During the winter months the Speedwatch campaign will be scaled down. Brian will send the photographs of the recent accident in Grange Farmhouse, Framfield and the previous one at Rockingham will be sent to Michael Higgs at ESCC.

- **Roads 'Wish List' for the Parish – following Michael Higgs attendance at the September PC meeting, further update, prior to any public consultation on the schemes, would be given in January 2010.** Brian Hodge reported that although the meeting with Michael in January was still scheduled, an update in December might be a good idea. Having spoken to Michael, the news was imparted that the Police have not condoned a reduction in speed limit on the B2192 Lewes Road, Blackboys. Following discussion, the pressure would be kept up and the rationale behind their decision investigated by Brian.
- **Update on the possibility of provision of a paved footway/pavement between Gun Road and the bus stop – if available.** The Clerk reported that she has emailed Ian Johnson at ESCC and is awaiting a reply.
- **Update on the possibility of a 'priority' system on the bridge in Brookhouse Lane, Framfield – if available.** The Clerk reported that she has emailed Ian Johnson at ESCC and is awaiting a reply.
- **Street lighting – Discussion on report provided by Fred Thurston – all in receipt of a copy.** The meeting discussed at length Fred's findings. Brian Hodge made the proposal that 'Phase 1' should be to remove the majority of the 45-bracketed lights ('B's') and perhaps some of the columns ('T's'). The total cost for removing all the 'B's' would be £7,650, which would save £1,900 in maintenance/energy per year. An appropriate risk assessment would need to be done on the implications of removing the lights. The Police would need to be informed and a public meeting held to gauge public opinion. This would become a full consultation exercise. The Clerk suggested that she could email SALC to ask them to send a round-robin email to all councils asking them for their experiences. The Chairman was asked to bring his figures for the budget to the next finance meeting. It was thought that £3,000 could be 'borrowed' from reserves for the initial expenditure.

- **Footpaths.**
 - **Church Path, Framfield.** The Clerk stated that it had been cut, presumably by ESCC.

5. Any Other Business

- **Floral displays with Framfield village.** The Clerk reported that Peter Tipping had very kindly suggested that Europlants might sponsor some floral displays in the Village. The meeting thought the best place would be at the Village Hall. The Clerk was asked to liase with Peter.

6. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 9 December 2009.

Brian Hodge sent his apologies.

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