

## Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 26 July 2011 at 7.30 pm

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### Present

Rob Newton (Acting Chairman) Peter Friend  
Salina Allen John Mordaunt  
Myran Eade Ian Paisley

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)

### In attendance

Ann Newton - Clerk Members of the Public –one.  
Members of the Press – none.

***Prior to the meeting Michael Higgs (ESCC) had attended to go through with members the revised proposals for the traffic calming measures along Blackboys High Street. Four members of the public were present.***

Following discussion brief bullet points with the consensus of opinion are detailed below. It was acknowledged that any form of traffic calming will not stop a number of drivers breaking the speed limit and therefore a balance needs to be struck between an attempt at reducing this sort of behaviour but also trying not to encumber the village with too much street furniture giving an urbanization effect on a rural village.

- The Council and members of the public present generally felt that the proposals on the table were over engineered. The phrase 'over-kill' was used and the scheme as a whole was questioned.
- A major source of discontent was the build outs and additional streetlight – opinion was to delete these in their present form from the scheme.
- Junction improvement at the east end – residents had some issues with this which need revisiting and general feeling was that the speed around that junction but on the Lewes Road needs reducing.
- Suggestions were made for the signage on the B2192 indicating Uckfield along the B2102 should be removed to encourage drivers to use the B2192 and bypass.
- Michael made the suggestion of 'emphasising' the crossroad junctions at School/Gun Lane and Chapel/Star Lane junctions, ie by coloured tarmac etc.
- There was also a suggestion of some sort of road narrowing.
- Picket fence gateways into the village were mooted although the funding and positioning would need further investigation and debate.

Michael agreed, that when he has spoken to his line manager and looked at some other proposals a further meeting with representatives from the PC would be ideal to thrash these ideas out to try and reach a satisfactory conclusion to keep something on the table for a start date of January 2012. Clerk was asked to email Michael with the results of the meeting. **ACTION: PC 016 – CLERK.**

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

*(The minutes are detailed in the order in which they appeared on the agenda but not necessarily the order in which they were taken at the meeting. A copy of all the reports mentioned will be attached to the minutes for the minute book).*

**Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)** reported on the following items:

- Blackboys traffic calming – Chris stated that following on from the presentation from Michael Higgs this seemed to be a real way forward this time. Michael Higgs would draw up new ideas. Chris' opinion was to keep at it, keep talking and fine tune it. This will result in a good balance.
- A petition to lower the speed limit and make the B2192, Blackboys, a safer place has been received by ESCC from Jill Hunt, resident of the Lewes Road. The recently held Lead Member meeting rejected the need to reduce the speed limit; but will look at the possibility of school warning signs. Chris had emphasised the two crashes involving vehicles causing damage at the petrol station – a potentially very dangerous situation.
- Palehouse Common – Chris is in touch with the resident enquiring about lowering the speed limit etc.
- Glebe Farm – footpaths are still potentially a longer term problem in the autumn.

**Ann Newton** in her role as District Councillor reported that the Core Strategy is to go forward to the inspector.

**Jeff Goggins**, resident of Framfield, was in attendance to register his interest in becoming a Councillor – co-option can be scheduled in for September.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Maria Naylor (Chairman). 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.* Myran Eade declared an interest in the item on the Blackboys Pavilion Project due to his roles within Blackboys Cricket Club. Rob Newton stated that he would not vote, on any decision-making discussions involving the Pavilion, as an adjacent neighbour to the recreation ground. Rob Newton declared a prejudicial interest in the items under the Finance section of the agenda relating to the Clerk, the Clerk being his wife.

## 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting for Approval

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 June 2011 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (SA/IP).

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Items were dealt with under appropriate headings below.

PC 001	Traffic calming proposals – Blackboys. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Michael Higgs – ESCC. On agenda.
PC 002	Palehouse Common Road – Clerk to pass letter from Jane Baylie, resident, to Chris Dowling. As detailed above.
PC 003	Clerk to send a letter of acknowledgement to Professor Young of Lions Hotels. This had been done.
PC 004	Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee. Members to contact the Clerk if they would be interested in attending any of the meetings. Clerk to inform the group. This had been done.
PC 005	South East Water (roadworks B2192) – Clerk to put the full details of the works on the website. This had been done.
PC 006	Freedom of Information Act Publication. Clerk to finalise and publish on the website. This had been done.
PC 007	Refurbishment Projects - Jan Riddle to transfer the equivalent of £1,000 out of the funds earmarked by the PC for each project into both Trust accounts. The amount will have deducted any monies already expended. A separate schedule will be maintained for each project to show fundraising income and expenditure. Still to be done. <b>ACTION: PC 017 – JR.</b>
PC 008	Clerk to finalise and issue job descriptions and contracts. This is still ongoing. <b>ACTION: PC 018 – CLERK.</b>
PC 009	Clerk to regularise position of Caretaker in both Halls and issue the paperwork. This had been done.
PC 010	Blackboys Pavilion refurbishment – Clerk to make contact with the architect. This had been done – a meeting date is still to be arranged. <b>ACTION: PC 019 – CLERK.</b>
PC 011	Emergency works to the Memorial Hall – Clerk to ask Brian Short to obtain quotes. The Clerk has passed Brian a list.
PC 012	Streetlight repair – Clerk to confirm with ESCC that the light should not be repaired at the current time. The situation could be revised after the re-engineering works to the junction have been completed. This had been done.
PC 013	Refurbishment Projects. Jan Riddle to register both Trusts with HMRC for Gift Aid. This is still to be done. <b>ACTION: PC 020 – JR.</b>
PC 014	Clerk to remove salary figures from the PC minutes. This had been done.
PC 015	Clerk to investigate the possibility of storing the new screen for Planning Committee meetings at the Memorial Hall. This is still to be investigated. <b>ACTION: PC 021 – CLERK.</b>

## 5. Correspondence received since the last meeting

Letters for noting/discussion – most items were from pending matters and dealt with under separate headings.

### WDC:

- Housing Allocations Policy – Consultation Questionnaire. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should complete the questionnaire. **ACTION: PC 022 – CLERK.**
- Review of all Polling Stations. Clerk to reply that there were seemingly no issues with the two venues. **ACTION: PC 023 – CLERK.**
- Review of the method in which individuals can register to speak at Planning Committees. Clerk detailed this to the meeting.
- E-Consultation on Planning Applications. The Clerk reported that WDC would cease sending out paper copies of applications at the end of August.
- Wealden Parish Conference 2011 and the Localism Bill. A charge of £50.00 per head is to be made with up to three participants allowed to attend. The Clerk was asked to write with the Council's disappointment at the large charge per head. **ACTION: PC 024 – CLERK.**

## 6. Finance and General Purposes:

- **Barclays Bank. Resolution authorising application for the Business Debit Card service to allow the PC to operate electronic banking.** Jan Riddle and Ann Newton to be the nominated persons. The PC is required to resolve that:-
  1. It is the Council's interest to apply for the Business Debit Card service.
  2. The Council agrees to be bound by the Business Debit Card Terms and Conditions.
  3. Notwithstanding that the existing Appointment of Bankers provides for more than one person to give instructions to the Bank, the Council agrees, for the provision of Business Debit Cards only, to allow Barclays to accept and act on instructions from any one nominated cardholder.
  4. Authorised persons identified in Section 3 of the Appointment of Bankers are authorised to apply for, nominate cardholders, and to accept the Business Debit Card Terms and Conditions on behalf of the Company/Association.Selina Allen formally proposed that this be moved. John Mordaunt seconded the proposal and it was agreed by all present. Clerk/RFO to finalise paperwork. **ACTION: PC 025 - CLERK/JR.**
- Schedule of expenditure as at 30 June 2011 – this was adopted as read. (JM/IP).
- Formal agreement of the July 2011 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Selina Allen, seconded by Peter Friend and agreed by all present.

### July expenditure

	£
Arbor Management (grounds maintenance – fourth cuts)	1,044.53
WDC (dog bin emptying April/June 2011)	290.16
Playsafety Ltd (ROSPA inspections)	316.80
East Hoathly with Halland PC (share of further computer invoice)	23.75
Diplock Farmers (fencing at Framfield Allotments – cost to be reimbursed by FF allotment account)	685.50
Jan Riddle, RFO:	XX.XX
Ann Newton, Clerk:	XX.XX
HMRC: July tax and NI payments for Clerk/RFO	412.90

### Bank Balances as at 30 June 2011

Current Account	£19,313.79
Deposit Account	£107.61

## 7. Reports from Committees

- **Planning:** the Planning Committee minutes for the meeting held on 29 June 2011 have been circulated.
- **Environment:** the next meeting is scheduled for 10 August 2011.

## 8. Reports from Representatives

### Schools:

- Framfield – Nothing to report.
- Blackboys – Nothing to report.

SALC/WDALC: Nothing to report.

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

- Selina Allen stated that the external tidy up round the Hall has been done. There had been a comment that the tear in the floor hadn't been taped down. The Clerk stated that she would advise Brian Short. **ACTION: PC 026 – CLERK.**
- Comment was made that the footpaths to the land previously owned by Thorns were again unwalkable due to undergrowth. A Rights of Way Officer is due to inspect the area soon.

*The meeting closed at 8 pm.*

**Chairman**..... **Date** .....

***NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:***  
**Tuesday, 27 September 2011, at the Memorial Hall, Framfield,**  
**commencing at 7.30 pm.**