

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 24 April 2012 at 7.30 pm

Present Maria Naylor (Chairman) Peter Friend
 Selina Allen Felicity Groves
 Richard Brocklebank John Mordaunt
 Myran Eade Rob Newton (Vice Chairman)

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.

(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 Ann Newton (WDC) in her role as District Councillor reported that the comments from the Inspector on the Core Strategy were mainly fairly insignificant except for the removal of the main site for development in Heathfield. Consultation was now underway on the modifications to the document. Ann further explained that although the Standards Board has been abolished, local authorities are still expected to have a Code of Conduct. WDC are therefore putting together a similar Code as before, slightly simplified which they will encourage all parish councils to adopt. One big change is that a new pecuniary prejudicial interest carries with it the threat of a criminal charge if a councillor is alleged to have not declared something relevant.

1. Apologies for Absence

Jeff Goggin and Ian Paisley. 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 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 27 March 2012 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (FG/RN).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Some items were dealt with under other appropriate headings below.

PC 064	Guideposts. Meeting to be held with ESCC regarding their new agreement. Clerk to advise 'sponsors' that the replacements can go ahead. The Clerk stated that she had not yet advised the sponsors and a meeting was still awaited with ESCC regarding the agreement. ACTION: PC 074 – CLERK.
PC 065	Traffic calming proposals – ongoing. Michael Higgs (ESCC) to write to Blackboys residents regarding the revised proposals for the High Street. The Clerk stated that Chris Dowling had ascertained that the letters to residents have still not been sent but that they were in the pipeline. A draft would be sent to the Clerk prior to posting. ACTION: PC 075 – MH/ESCC.
PC 066	Ian Paisley to research/source a replacement tree at the right juncture for the green at the top of Becketts Way. This is ongoing.
PC 067	Clerk to contact ESCC to see if it is possible to fit a shade to a lamp in Cleve Close. The Clerk reported that she had not yet heard back from ESCC. ACTION: PC 076 – CLERK.

PC 068	Selina Allen to contact Mark Moore regarding the goal post which is lying on Framfield recreation ground. <i>This had been dealt with at the Framfield Trust meeting.</i>
PC 069	Clerk reply in the affirmative giving permission to the FF&BB Horticultural Society to hold the Summer Show on Framfield recreation ground. This had been done.
PC 070	FGP meeting to be convened. The date agreed was 9 May 2012 at 7.30 pm. The Clerk to book a Hall and draw up an agenda. <u>ACTION: PC 077 – CLERK/RFO/MN.</u>
PC 071	Village signs – quote on the way for their repair. This is still ongoing. <u>ACTION: PC 078 – CLERK.</u>
PC 072	Clerk to advise Mary Short of the three stipulations for the use of the Hall for a gig in May. This had been done.
PC 073	British Heart Foundation – Clerk to circulate details of the request to put clothing bins in the Parish. This had been done and after discussion the Clerk was asked to reply in the negative to the BHF. <u>ACTION: PC 079 – CLERK.</u>
PC 074	Memorial Hall – use by the Stagers for storage. Clerk asked to convey to David Jenner and Brian Short what had been agreed and for David to return his set of keys. <i>This had been dealt with at Framfield Trust meeting.</i>

5. Correspondence received since the last meeting

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

- WDC – Proposed Modifications to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document.
- Mike Anderson/Historical Society. The Clerk detailed an email received from Mike Anderson regarding the celebration to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the Basque refugee children from the Spanish Civil War in 1937. Two representatives of the PC were invited and any funds available for a plaque would be appreciated. The Council did not feel they could make a donation but someone would attend to represent the Council. **ACTION: PC 080 – CLERK.**

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- Next FGP meeting – as detailed above the meeting is scheduled for 9 May 2012.
- Insurance option. The Clerk detailed the offer of an extended free period of insurance and a further Long Term Agreement of three years to 2015. The meeting agreed that this was an excellent offer and the Clerk was asked to accept it. **ACTION: PC 081 – CLERK.**
- Schedule of expenditure as at 31 March 2012 – this was adopted as read. (FG/SA).
- Formal agreement of the April 2012 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Selina Allen, seconded by Peter Friend and agreed by all present.

	£
WDC (dog bin emptying service January/March 2012) [31/3/12]	267.84
D&J Greengrow (handyman October 2011/March 2012) [31/3/12]	950.00
Framfield Memorial Hall (Hall hire)	37.50
Jan Riddle, RFO	XX.XX
Ann Newton, Clerk	XX.XX
<i>Both salaries paid net of deductions.</i>	
HMRC: Tax and NI payments for Clerk/RFO	XX.XX
The Information Commissioner (Data Controller renewal)	35.00
Mrs Ann Newton (reimbursement for purchase of stamps)	41.00
Arbor Management (grounds maintenance)	1,044.53

Cheques received

East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council (share of annual internet charge)	60.00
UK Power Networks (wayleave payments)	£103.98

Bank Balances as at 31 March 2012

Current Account	£16,495.85
Deposit Account	£107.65

7. Reports from Committees

- **Planning** - the Planning Committee minutes for the meeting held on 27 March 2012 had been circulated. The next scheduled meeting was for 25 April 2012.
- **Environment** – the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 6 June 2012.
 - Replacement bracket and light – junction B2102 and B2192. The Clerk detailed a telephone call she had received from a Blackboys residents asking that the streetlight be replaced at

the junction with the Lewes Road and High Street. This had been smashed twice in one month approximately a year ago by high-sided vehicles and as the cost of replacement was over £500.00 the Council had decided not to replace it. ESCC have stated that they could raise the bracket to endeavour to stop the same thing happening again. The meeting agreed that before a final decision is made that ESCC be contacted to see if they deem it necessary on Health and Safety grounds to replace the sign bearing in mind that the road junction has just been re-engineered. **ACTION: PC 082 – CLERK.** The meeting also asked that the Clerk request that ESCC update the road sign showing a right turn approaching the junction from Brownings Workshops as the sign no longer illustrates what is actually on the ground. **ACTION: PC 083 – CLERK.**

8. Reports from Representatives

Schools:

- Framfield – Selina Allen reported that they still haven't got a new Headteacher. The Parish Council had very kindly given agreement to the School marking out a sports track for the summer months.
- Blackboys – the Clerk reported that there was a Governors' meeting scheduled for the next day.

9. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Myran Eade commented on the amount of dog fouling on the recreation grounds and the usual problems with the drain in the car park adjacent to the Framfield ground although he felt there was no action required at the moment.
- Rob Newton commented on what was to be discussed at the Annual Assembly and wondered if future budgets could be mooted – this could be discussed at the next FGP meeting. **ACTION: PC 084 – FGP.**
- Selina Allen reported that she had completed the forms for the ESCC Maintenance Team to do remedial items around the village. She further asked if the PC could agree to cover the cost of prizes etc at the Jubilee Picnic. The meeting agreed to reimburse Selina for any costs up to a maximum of £100.00.
- The Clerk informed the meeting that a Blackboys resident was intending to submit a planning application for a shop and café at Brownings Workshops.
- The Clerk asked if members of the Council would be happy being designated areas of the Council to oversee or troubleshoot if there are any problems, a recent example was over the storage issues at the Memorial Hall. With the current level of workload, it would be helpful if some of the more minor but nonetheless time-consuming matters which arise could be dealt with by Councillors. The meeting agreed and the Clerk was asked to draw up a list of potential areas for delegation. **ACTION: PC 085 – CLERK.**

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman..... Date

***NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (the AGM):
Tuesday, 29 May 2012, at the Village Hall, Blackboys,
commencing at 7.30 pm.
This will be followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 8 pm.***