

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 27 November 2012 at 7.30 pm

Present

Jeff Goggin (Vice Chair)	Felicity Groves
Selina Allen	John Mordaunt
Myran Eade	Rob Newton
Peter Friend	

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 are invited to address the Parish Council if present.

(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).

1. Apologies for Absence

Maria Naylor and 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 30 October 2012 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (JM/RN).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Some items were dealt with under other appropriate headings below.

- Blackboys Traffic Scheme – revised final drawings. The Council formally agreed the revised drawings to provide measures to enforce the 40 mph speed limit in the High Street. The Clerk was asked to inform ESCC. **ACTION: PC 121 – CLERK.**

PC 110	Clerk to liaise with the ESCC Highways Steward regarding the suggestion of planting or planters around the village signs and entrance signs courtesy of the FF & BB Horticultural Society. The Clerk reported that she had spent a month endeavouring to make contact with the Steward on various issues. However, she had been informed by ESCC that although a licence is required for any planters, no charge would be made to the Council. <u>ACTION: PC 122 – CLERK.</u>
PC 111	Guideposts. The outcome of the meeting with ESCC is awaited. The Clerk reported that the meeting had just been held and the outcome was awaited. <u>ACTION: PC 123 – CLERK.</u>
PC 112	Village signs – quotes are on their way – ongoing. <u>ACTION: PC 124 – CLERK.</u>
PC 113	Changes to street-lighting in the Wealden area – Council to make a decision at the November meeting. Following discussion the Council agreed that the lights should be switched over, but preferably to pay the bill in the new financial year. Also the Clerk was asked to check that the lights won't be switched off before 1230 and put back on at roughly 0530 am. <u>ACTION: PC 125 – CLERK.</u>
PC 114	Clerk to reply to Mrs Sharples regarding the provision of a grit bin in Blackboys. This had been done.
PC 115	Completion of the Audit – Clerk to advertise in the usual way. This had been done.
PC 118	Clerk to find out which authority deals with wandering dogs. This had been done, but the suggestion was made that someone could contact the owner before any formal action was taken. <u>ACTION: PC 126 – MN/JG/CLERK.</u>

PC 119	Streetlight – junction of the Lewes Road and High Street, Blackboys. Clerk to contact ESCC for confirmation that a light is not required on H&S grounds. The Clerk reported that ESCC Lighting and Highways have confirmed that the works carried out were junction improvement works and the safety audit did not identify a requirement to light the junction. Therefore in line with Parish Council policy, as the cost to the works would be in excess of £500.00 the light would not be re-installed. Peter Friend also stated that there were many other lane junctions with the Lewes Road and if this particular one was lit, what position would the others be left in? The Clerk was asked to advise Mr Trevor Clark accordingly. ACTION: PC 127 – CLERK.
PC 120	Clerk to voice concerns to ESCC Highways Steward regarding the car business at Easons Green. Peter Friend voiced his concern over the site – he had recently seen a vehicle being repaired on the road. Clerk to pursue the Highways Steward. ACTION: PC 128 – CLERK.

5. Correspondence received since the last meeting

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

- WDC: Permitted Development Consultation. The Clerk was asked to reply to the consultation voicing the Council's concerns over the proposals. **ACTION: PC 129 – CLERK.**
- Trevor Clark – High Street, Blackboys – all Councillors were in receipt of the letter from Mr Clark and the 'holding' reply sent by the Clerk. Clerk to take action as detailed above.

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- Schedule of expenditure as at 31 October 2012 – this was adopted as read. (JG/JM).
- Formal agreement of the November 2012 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Jeff Goggin, seconded by John Mordaunt and agreed by all present.

	£
SLCC (annual subscription)	100.00
British Telecom plc (telephone a/d – to be shared with EHwHPC) [paid by DD)	287.08
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

Bank Balances as at 31 October 2012

Current Account £31,980.72
Deposit Account £107.66

7. Reports from Committees

- **Planning** - the Planning Committee minutes for the meeting held on 30 October 2012 have been circulated.

8. Reports from Representatives

Schools:

- Framfield – Selina Allen reported that the Headteacher had asked if the Council had any objections to the school painting the side of the School facing the Hall cream and to paint the fence blue and/or plant clematis. The Council stated that the decision really wasn't theirs to make, although they did have reservations about a blue fence and any clematis would have to be kept trimmed back, certainly on the Hall side. Selina Allen to convey these points to the School. **ACTION: PC 130 – SA.**
- Blackboys – nothing to report.

9. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Myran Eade reported that a resident had commented on the amount of rats on the allotments in Blackboys. The Clerk was asked to contact a pest controller regarding this and to also ask him to have a look at the moles on the recreation ground in Blackboys. **ACTION: PC 131 – CLERK.**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman..... **Date**

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, 29 January 2013, at the
Village Hall, Blackboys, commencing at 7.30 pm.**

