

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 28 February 2012 at 7.30 pm

Present Maria Naylor (Chairman) Felicity Groves
 Myran Eade Rob Newton (Vice Chairman)
 Peter Friend Ian Paisley
 Jeff Goggin

In attendance Ann Newton - Clerk Members of the Public – two [part].
 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).

*Jan Newman and Jean Pidgeon attended the meeting regarding Framfield Allotments. They were keen to see more use made of the allotments perhaps involving the wider community – School etc. They made the suggestion of having animals on the allotments (chickens/pigs). The meeting thought this an excellent idea and the Clerk stated that she would be very grateful for any help in sorting out the area. Once the new tenancy agreements have been issued (with a short turnaround time), it would be clear who has what and what land is available. The two ladies were asked to look into details of obtaining a Holding Number, insurance and relevant health and safety measures. **ACTION: PC 056 – CLERK/JN/JP.***

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) in her role as District Councillor reported that the public examination of the Core Strategy had gone well and WDC were currently waiting for the final judgement. Although there was a nil council tax rise, there is still £500,000 worth of savings to find in next 3 years so the Transformation Programme continues to keep tightening the belt of the Council.

1. Apologies for Absence

Selina Allen and John Mordaunt. 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 31 January 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 046	Traffic calming proposals – ongoing. Michael Higgs (ESCC) to attend Environment Committee meeting on 22 February 2012. Update should be available for full PC meeting. As detailed in the EC minutes – Michael presented some revised proposals for the High Street meaning that the speed limit will not be able to be lowered but that should make a difference to the speed of traffic. He would be sending out letters to residents. <u>ACTION: PC 057 – ONGOING.</u>
PC 047	Refurbishment Projects. Jan Riddle to register both Trusts with HMRC for Gift Aid. Clerk to update meeting. These were now both being processed by HMRC.
PC 048	Ian Paisley to research/source a replacement tree at the right juncture for the green at the top of Becketts Way. This was still to be done. <u>ACTION: PC 058 – IP.</u>
PC 049	Diamond Jubilee. Clerk to advise David Jenner that Selina Allen would be

	endeavouring to arrange a Parish Picnic on Framfield Recreation Ground.
PC 050	Framfield & Blackboys Monday Club. Clerk to advise Sandy Rogers that the PC would consider her request for a donation at the end of the financial year. This had been done.
PC 051	Blackboys Stud – Clerk to advise the owner that the PC would decline a site visit but that she would be welcome to attend a Planning Committee meeting to present her next application to the Committee. This had been done – a new application is now live.
PC 052	Guideposts – to be discussed at the next Environment Committee meeting. This had been done.
PC 053	Clerk to contact Ian Johnson at ESCC with regard to the idea of putting double yellow lines at the top of Becketts Way. This had been done and it was thought that the problem was isolated to certain times which would not be a good enough reason for double yellow lines. No further action to be taken at the moment.
PC 054	Financial year end reports for the Halls. The RFO was asked to provide these at the end of the financial year so that the FGP and PC can give consideration to any change in rental/hire charges - ongoing. ACTION: PC 059 – RFO.
PC 055	Village Maintenance Team – Selina Allen to complete the form. This had been done.

5. Correspondence received since the last meeting

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

- South East Water Ltd.

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- Insurance Renewal – the Clerk reported that this had been received and was a slightly lower premium this year. The Council were happy to accept it. **ACTION: PC 060 – CLERK.**
- Schedule of expenditure as at 31 January 2012 – this was adopted as read. (IP/PF). The Clerk was asked to remind ESCC regarding the invoice for streetlight maintenance and energy. **ACTION: PC 061 – CLERK.** Myran Eade queried a figure in the 'Grants/Donations' column on the finance spreadsheet – the figure was thought to be the amount passed over to each Trust fundraising project but the RFO was asked to check. **ACTION: PC 062 – RFO.**
- Formal agreement of the February 2012 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Felicity Groves, seconded by Peter Friend and agreed by all present.

Paul Saunders (removal of dead tree – Becketts Way – replacement cheque)	£100.00
British Telecom plc (telephone account [paid by DD – shared 50/50 with EHwHPC])	£169.67
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

Cheques received

East Hoathly with Halland PC (share of telephone account)	£70.70
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Cheque number 701057 VOID

Bank Balances as at 31 January 2012

Current Account	£20,416.49
Deposit Account	£107.64

7. Reports from Committees

- **Planning:** the Planning Committee minutes for the meeting held on 22 February 2012 have already been circulated.
- **Environment:** the Environment Committee minutes for the meeting held on 22 February 2012 have been circulated.

8. Reports from Representatives

Schools:

- Framfield – the meeting thought that the position of Headteacher was to be re-advertised as none of the candidates were thought suitable.

- Blackboys – The Clerk reported that the School Secretary had been replaced. They were also making arrangements for some Jubilee celebrations to take place in the School playground – all would be invited.

9. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Jeff Goggin asked when Selina’s Jubilee Picnic was thought to be – Sunday, 3 June 2012?
- Myran Eade commented that there often appeared to be a plastic goal post laying in the middle of Framfield recreation ground. The Clerk was asked to contact the football clubs. **ACTION: PC 063 – CLERK.**

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Chairman..... **Date**

***NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, 27 March 2012, at the Village Hall, Blackboys,
commencing at 7.30 pm.***