

# Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 23 July 2013 at 7.30pm

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**Present** Jeff Goggin (Chairman) Peter Friend  
Selina Allen Maria Naylor  
Myran Eade Rob Newton

**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.*

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

- Traffic calming measures, Blackboys. Both Chris and the Clerk would contact ESCC to see when the works were scheduled for completion. **ACTION: PC 068 – CD/CLERK.**
- Guideposts – Chris was liaising with the Clerk and ESCC in an attempt to get the matter resolved. The Clerk reported that a further idea had been to ask ESCC to remove any residue of the posts for which there are sponsors, erect the new posts for which the PC can then take complete responsibility and insure them. This had been put to ESCC as a licence would be needed for each post – news was awaited. **ACTION: PC 069 – CD/CLERK.**
- Chris reported that ESCC had stated that the query regarding the condition of the road surface in Mount Pleasant, Blackboys, had resulted in the news that patching works would be done within the next six months but that the road did not warrant a complete resurface. The Clerk stated that this had been noted in the last minutes.
- Double fatality, Lewes Road. Chris commented on the coroner's verdict on the accident. The residents were still communicating regarding further works to the road.
- Bexhill/Hastings link road. Chris commented that this road was part of a £100m regeneration project for the area and unfortunately a further £13m had to be found by ESCC due to an increase in costs for the works.

*(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

Felicity Groves and John Mordaunt.

## 2. Declarations of Interest

*Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal, prejudicial and pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda.* Rob Newton declared a prejudicial pecuniary 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 25 June 2013 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (PF/RN).

## 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (June)

Some items were dealt with under other appropriate headings below.

PC 065	Guideposts – Clerk to provide an update on the situation when available from ESCC. Councillor Chris Dowling was also looking into the matter. As detailed above.
PC 066	FGP meeting to be convened – to be scheduled once the year end figures are known so that a thorough budgetary exercise can be carried out. It was thought that the meeting should be convened sometime prior to the September meeting. <b>ACTION: PC 070 – CLERK/FGP.</b>

PC 067	Palehouse Common – residents’ correspondence regarding the speed of traffic. The Clerk reported that ESCC had replied that the information gained through speed counts stated that the average speed was in the low 30’s. When some patching works take place shortly, followed by some re-surfacing works in August due to the ongoing concerns ESCC will be implementing a ‘40’ roundel on the carriageway at the start of the speed limit in both directions and a further two in the middle of the speed limit to help remind drivers of the 40 mph speed limit.
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## 5. Correspondence received since the last meeting

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

- ESCC – Street Lighting Maintenance Agreement – 2013 rates. The Clerk reported that the rates are to remain the same as last year.
- ESCC – Street Lighting Revised Maintenance Standards. The Clerk reported that although the actions remained the same there was generally a longer period of time between implementations.
- Uckfield Town Council. The Clerk started that UTC are about to embark on preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and were wondering if either Framfield or Buxted would be doing the same. Following discussion, in line with Buxted, the Council felt that there was no requirement to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan at the moment – the time, effort and expense outweigh the benefit – but that they would like to be ‘kept in the loop’ with the progress of Uckfield’s. **ACTION: PC 071 – CLERK.**

## 6. Finance and General Purposes:

- Schedule of expenditure as at 30 June 2013 – this was adopted as read. (SA/RN).
- Formal agreement of the July 2013 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Maria Naylor, seconded by Peter Friend and agreed by all present.

<u>Payments to make (July)</u>	£
Wealden District Council (dog bin emptying – April/June 2013)	308.88
Compact Cutting (grounds maintenance)	1,308.00
Broker Network Ltd (annual insurance premium)	3,251.49
East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council (share of cost of computer upgrade)	275.00
Horizon Skills Ltd (further work on computer)	57.00
Jan Riddle, RFO (June)	XX.XX
Ann Newton, Clerk (June)	XX.XX
<i>Both salaries paid net of deductions.</i>	
HMRC: July tax and NI payments for Clerk/RFO	XX.XX

### Bank Balances as at 30 June 2013

Current Account £30,018.13  
Deposit Account £107.70.

## 7. Reports from Committees

- **Planning** - the Planning Committee minutes for the meeting held on 25 June 2013 had been circulated and adopted at the previous meeting.

## 8. Reports from Representatives

### Schools:

- Framfield/Blackboys – Nothing in particular to report. Jeff Goggin asked if Selina Allen could request that the School do not leave the disabled WC in such a state and if the dinner lady could empty and remove her bucket and pail each day. **ACTION: PC 072 – SA.**

## 9. Any Other matters for reporting at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Myran Eade asked where the tiles had appeared from next to the storage container on Framfield recreation ground and were they a problem in that position. Selina Allen remarked that they had come from the roof of the bus shelter which had been removed and that they had been there a couple of years without any problems.
- Jeff Goggin asked if the handyman could deal with the ivy in the bus shelter in Framfield. **ACTION: PC 073 – CLERK.**

- Selina Allen gave her apologies for the September meeting.

*The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.*

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

***NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, 24 September 2013, at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, commencing at 7.30 pm.***