

# Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 25 June 2013 at 7.30pm

---

**Present** Peter Friend (Acting Chairman) Felicity Groves  
Selina Allen Rob Newton  
Myran Eade Ian Paisley

**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

Jeff Goggin (Chairman), Richard Brocklebank, Maria Naylor (Vice Chairman) John Mordaunt. Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) who had a terrible cold.

## 2. Election of a Chairman for the meeting

Rob Newton proposed that Peter Friend be elected as Chairman for the meeting in the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Selina Allen and agreed by all present.

## 3. 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.

## 4. Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Clerk reported that a candidate had come forward but now wished to postpone the decision.

## 5. Minutes of the Last Meeting for Approval

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting (AGM) held on 28 May 2013 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (PF/RN).

## 6. Matters Arising from the Minutes (April)

Some items were dealt with under other appropriate headings below.

PC 057	Guideposts – Clerk to provide an update on the situation when available from ESCC. Councillor Chris Dowling was also looking into the matter. The Clerk reported that she was disappointed with the snail-like pace ESCC were taking to resolve the issue. <b>ACTION: PC 065 – CLERK/ESCC/CD.</b>
PC 058	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. This is still to be done. <b>ACTION: PC 066 – CLERK.</b>
PC 059	Dog fouling – Clerk to put something in the next Parish Magazine regarding the problem and see what can be done at a District level. This had been done. The Clerk had reported at the previous Trust meeting on the potential Dog Fouling Order which WDC are intending to place on the District. The Clerk also reported that two street cleansing officers had been out to Blackboys High Street where the problem was very bad.
PC 060	Clerk to pass on a pollution problem to WDC Environmental Health. This had been done.

PC 061	Clerk to reply to Rose Willcox that the Council would not be having a stall at the Newplace Park Classic Car Show. This had been done.
PC 062	Village signs – Clerk to award the contract for the replacement signs to David Skinner. This had been done and the Clerk reported that she had received confirmation that the construction of the signs are underway.
PC 063	Completion of the Annual Return. This had been done.
PC 064	Clerk to issue the agenda for the Annual Assembly – the draft minutes had been attached to the agenda for this meeting for information.

## 7. Correspondence received since the last meeting

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

## 8. Finance and General Purposes:

- Schedule of expenditure as at 31 May 2013 – this was adopted as read. (SA/RN).
- Formal agreement of the May/June 2013 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Felicity Groves, seconded by Peter Friend and agreed by all present.

<u>Payments already made (May)</u>	£
Wealden District Council (dog bin emptying – Jan/March 2013)	299.52
Compact Cutting (grounds maintenance)	564.00
Alison Hillman (Internal Auditor fee)	130.80
British Telecom plc (telephone account [paid by DD])	252.91
Jan Riddle, RFO (May)	XX.XX
Ann Newton, Clerk (May)	XX.XX

<i>Both salaries paid net of deductions.</i>	
HMRC: May tax and NI payments for Clerk/RFO	XX.XX

<u>Payments to make (June)</u>	£
WDALC (annual subscription)	£25.00
Framfield Trust (Hall hire)	18.75
Blackboys Trust (Hall hire)	12.00
Blackboys Trust (transfer of dividend funds)	275.53
Jan Riddle, RFO (June)	XX.XX
Ann Newton, Clerk (June)	XX.XX

<i>Both salaries paid net of deductions.</i>	
HMRC: June tax and NI payments for Clerk/RFO	XX.XX

Cheques received  
BlackRock (Charity dividends) - £275.53

Bank Balances as at 31 May 2013  
Current Account £31,956.28  
Deposit Account £107.69

## 9. Reports from Committees

- **Planning** - the Planning Committee minutes for the meeting held on 28 May 2013 had been circulated and adopted at the previous meeting.

## 10. Reports from Representatives

**Schools:**

- Framfield/Blackboys – Nothing in particular to report.

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

- The Clerk reported that following on from an email from an East Hoathly with Halland Parish Councillor about the possible reduction in speed limit in the Halland area, some residents of Palehouse Common had indicated their concerns over the speed of traffic in their area. Apparently there is some new legislation whereby if a number of residents request a lower speed limit, ESCC have to oblige regardless of the previous hurdles. The

meeting thought that this issue could be addressed to Councillor Dowling at a later date.

**ACTION: PC 067 – CD/CLERK.**

- Mount Pleasant, Blackboys. The Clerk reported that Mr and Mrs Turner had asked Councillor Dowling to see if the road could be resurfaced. An email has been received from ESCC that the surface is not considered bad enough for a complete resurface but that some patching works would be carried out within six months.

*The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.*

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

***NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, 23 July 2013,  
at the Village Hall, Blackboys, commencing at 7.30 pm.***