

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 26 March 2013 at 7.30 pm

Present Jeff Goggin (Acting Chairman) Felicity Groves
Richard Brocklebank John Mordaunt
Myran Eade Rob Newton
Peter Friend
Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)

In attendance Ann Newton - Clerk Members of the Public – one.
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.

Resident **Robert Dann** was in attendance and he advised the Council that he was willing to sponsor a replacement guidepost at the top of Tickerage Lane. The original post has long since disappeared but did provide an excellent directional sign for the otherwise 'invisible' lane. The Clerk explained the situation with ESCC at the moment whereby they were deciding how and if parish councils could take on the full responsibility of the signs so that individual councils could then insure them, something they cannot do at the moment. The Council were grateful and supportive of Mr Dann's suggestion and the Clerk stated that she would keep in touch with Mr Dann as discussions with ESCC progressed. The sign indicating the lane between the lane and Pure Plants would be looked at and turned round if necessary. **ACTION: PC 052 – CLERK/ESCC.**

Mr Dann further reiterated his previous request that a pavement be installed in Gun Road, to enable parents taking their children to the Hall for Pre-school to walk in safety. He asked for a further pavement from Craftsman Cottages to Gun Road for the same reason. The Council thought it unlikely that ESCC would agree to the request particularly with the other additional works being implemented in the village. The Clerk stated that she would send the details to Councillor Dowling who agreed to look into the issues. **ACTION: PC 053 – CLERK/CD.**

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) had nothing further to report.

(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

Selina Allen and Maria Naylor. Jeff Goggin, as Vice Chairman, took the Chair in Maria's absence.

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 26 February 2013 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (PF/RN).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Some items were dealt with under other appropriate headings below.

PC 144	Clerk to liaise with the FF & BB Horticultural Society for an update on their plans with regard to planters etc. The Clerk reported that she had contracted the Society who would let her know when they had any firm ideas.
PC 145	Guideposts. Update. Email from Robert Dann as detailed above.
PC 146	Village signs – presentation from David Skinner after the meeting at 8.30pm.
PC 147/9	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. <u>ACTION: PC 054 – CLERK.</u>

PC 148	Selina Allen to contact the School regarding car parking when the Monday Club is in session. This had been done.
PC 150	Planning comments – Clerk to draw up details of when meetings will be held versus delegated comments passed on and put it on the website and noticeboards. This had been done.
PC 151	Clerk to report the condition of the pavement in The Street, Framfield, opposite Framfield Service Station. 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.

- WDC: Core Strategy Local Plan.
- LCR.
- Alan Greenslade – all Councillors were in receipt of a copy of the email and Councillor Dowling also stated that he had received correspondence from Mr Greenslade regarding the Parish Council. The meeting agreed that once they had held an FGP meeting that would be the time to make further contact, although members felt that as the decision to increase the precept had been made, the time for protest had passed. Peter Friend asked to have noted that he was particularly disappointed that Mr Greenslade had declined to attend a Parish Council meeting to personally air his views and therefore hear the responses of the Council.

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- Schedule of expenditure as at 28 February 2013 – this was adopted as read. (JG/RN).
- Formal agreement of the March 2013 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Jeff Goggin, seconded by Peter Friend and agreed by all present.

	£
Swindells Chartered Accounts (VAT advice on the Trusts)	600.00
ESCC (annual streetlighting charges)	3,287.53
Framfield Trust (Hall hire)	22.50
Blackboys Trust (Hall hire)	12.00
Blackboys Trust (charity dividends)	183.38
Jan Riddle, RFO (March)	XX.XX
Ann Newton, Clerk (March)	XX.XX
<i>Both salaries paid net of deductions.</i>	
HMRC: March tax and NI payments for Clerk/RFO	XX.XX
 <u>Cheque dated 5 April 2013</u>	
East Sussex ALC Ltd (SSALC subscription)	534.23
 <u>Cheques received</u>	
East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council (share of internet account)	125.00
BlackRock (charity dividends)	183.38
 <u>Cheques received</u>	
East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council (share of telephone account)	92.00
 <u>Bank Balances as at 28 February 2013</u>	
Current Account £20,517.58	
Deposit Account £107.68	

7. Reports from Committees

- **Planning** - the Planning Committee minutes for the meeting held on 26 February 2013 and delegated comments (March 2013) had been circulated.
- Revision of Terms of Reference for the Committee – all members were in receipt of a copy of the revised terms which had been recommended for approval by the Planning Committee. The document was unanimously agreed.

8. Reports from Representatives

Schools:

- Framfield/Blackboys – The Clerk reported that a six month review meeting had been held on the Collaboration of the Schools which they felt was going well. A further meeting would be held at the end of the academic year.

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

- July Parish Council meeting. The meeting agreed that the meeting should be re-scheduled for 23 July 2013. **ACTION: PC 055 – CLERK.**
- Myran Eade asked if anything could be done about dog fouling and in particular on the recreation grounds. The Clerk explained that there was no longer a dog warden but that she understood as this was of great concern to many parishes a report was going to WDC Cabinet in May putting forward proposals. The suggestion was made to put something in the Parish Magazine. **ACTION: 056 – CLERK.**
- It was reported that human excrement has been found in the twitten in Becketts Way on three occasions. The meeting felt that this was a matter for the Police and/or Environmental Health Officer. Clerk to investigate. **ACTION: 057 – CLERK.**

David Skinner, Blacksmith, gave a presentation on his proposals for replacement village signs. They would be made of painted iron and have a potential for a 30-year lifetime. The Council were very pleased with the designs and asked David to make some slight alterations and to reconvene for a decision.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

Chairman..... Date

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, 30 April 2013, at the
Memorial Hall, Framfield, commencing at 7.30 pm.**