Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 30 April 2013 at 7.30 pm

Present Jeff Goggin (Chairman) Peter Friend

Selina Allen Maria Naylor (Vice Chairman)

Richard Brocklebank 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

John Mordaunt. The Clerk reported that John would be taking a sabbatical for six months due to the pressure of his other commitments. Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC).

2. Election of a Chairman

Rob Newton proposed that Jeff Goggin be elected as Chairman. This was seconded by Selina Allen and agreed by all present. There were no other nominations. Jeff signed the Declaration of Acceptance and thanked the Council for their confidence in electing him as Chair and Maria for all her efforts as Chairman on behalf of the Parish.

3. Election of a Vice-Chairman

Jeff Goggin subsequently proposed that Maria Naylor be elected as Vice-Chairman. This was seconded by Selina Allen and agreed by all present. There were no other nominations.

4. 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.

5. Minutes of the Last Meeting for Approval

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 March 2013 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (PF/RN).

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Some items were dealt with under other appropriate headings below.

PC 052	Guideposts – Clerk to provide an update on the situation when available from ESCC. The Clerk reported that there was no update but that Councillor Dowling had been asked by the would-be sponsors to look into the matter. ACTION: PC 057 – CLERK/CD.
PC 053	Clerk to pass onto Councillor Chris Dowling the suggestions made by Robert Dann regarding the provision of a pavement at the top of Gun Road and in the High Street from Craftsman's Cottages to Gun Road. This had been done but after discussion the Council felt that they did not support the suggestions. The Pre-school has been in operation for some forty years and the visibility from below the hall is good as is the visibility from the top. They also felt with the proposed traffic calming which is soon to be implemented, the High Street will be made a safer place to cross so as there is already a pavement on the south side of the High Street, it was not necessary to have one on the north side. The meeting also did not want these suggestions to detract ESCC's from their efforts in implementing the long required works in the village.

PC 054	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 ongoing. ACTION: PC 058 - CLERK/RFO.	
PC 055	Clerk to change date of July PC meeting. This has been changed to 23 July 2013.	
PC 156	Dog fouling - Clerk to put something in the next Parish Magazine regarding the problem and	
	see what can be done at District level. ACTION: PC 059 - CLERK.	
PC 157	Clerk to find out whether the incidence of human excrement is a matter for the Police or	
	Environmental Health. This had been done – it is a matter for the Police – a public decency	
	offence.	

7. Correspondence received since the last meeting

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

- ESCC: confirmation from Michael Higgs on the provision of a VAS in Blackboys.
- WDC New waste and recycling services in Wealden the dates for public meetings had been cancelled.
- PCSO Chris Cooley regarding issues at the Barley Mow Caravan Park. The Clerk stated that she had passed
 the details onto Chris Dowling the residents were concerned about the speed of traffic and the ice on the road
 in the bad weather.
- Countryside Voice.
- A resident asking that the Parish Council write to the owner of the Old Nursery House regarding noise pollution issues. The Clerk was asked to pass the matter onto Environmental Health. **ACTION: PC 060 CLERK.**
- Rose Willcox on behalf of the Newplace Classic Car Show asking if the Council would like to have a stall. The Council felt that they could not be seen to be involved or donate towards a political organisation. The Clerk was asked to reply. **ACTION: PC 061 CLERK.**

8. Finance and General Purposes:

- Village Signs to approve the revised designs at a total cost of £5,000 to include all works to remove the current signs and replace with new. Following discussion the meeting agreed that they should go ahead with the new signs all to have a green element of colouring. This was formally proposed by Richard Brocklebank, seconded by Jeff Goggin and agreed by all present. **ACTION: PC 062 CLERK.**
- Annual Return Littlejohn LLP. The Clerk stated that the Return was being completed by Jan Riddle. There had been some disappointment voiced by SALC in Littlejohn's immediate stance in bringing forward the date of required completion without consultation with parishes and the Clerk detailed that she had tried to make contact with them only to find out that communication is not permitted by telephone and any emails are sent corporately not individually! The approval of the Return will be on the May agenda. ACTION: PC 063 CLERK/RFO.
- Schedule of expenditure as at 31 March 2013 this was adopted as read. (JG/RN).
- Formal agreement of the April 2013 payments/disbursements itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Jeff Goggin, seconded by Peter Friend and agreed by all present.

Cheques already paid (31 March 2013)	£
ESCC (installation of part night cells in Framfield)	1,404.00
D&J Greengrow (handyman October 2012/March 2013)	1,345.00
Cheques to pay	£
Blackboys Trust (Hall hire)	12.00
The Information Commissioner (renewal)	35.00
Jan Riddle, RFO (April)	XX.XX
Ann Newton, Clerk (April)	XX.XX
Both salaries paid net of deductions.	
HMRC: April tax and NI payments for Clerk/RFO	XX.XX
Cheques received	
UK Power Networks plc (wayleave payments – various)	110.65

Bank Balances as at 31 March 2013

Current Account £18,399.77 Deposit Account £107.69

9. Reports from Committees

• Planning - the Planning Committee minutes for the meeting held on 26 March 2013 had been circulated.

10. Reports from Representatives

Schools:

• <u>Framfield/Blackboys</u> – Selina Allen 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.

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

- Litter bins. The Clerk mentioned that although WDC have given their assurance that litter bins are not being removed following the changeover in contract, two have disappeared. They are to be replaced.
- Incident on Blackboys Recreation Ground the Clerk reported on the incident to a child who thankfully had not been as seriously hurt as originally thought.
- Annual Assembly the Clerk reminded everyone about the Annual Assembly scheduled for after the May AGM the agenda would be issued in the usual way. **ACTION: PC 064 CLERK.**

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.	
Chairman	. Date

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (the AGM): Tuesday, 28 May 2013, at the Village Hall, Blackboys, commencing at 7.30 pm. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Assembly at 8 pm.