

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 2 December 2014 at 7.30pm

Present Jeff Goggin (Chairman) Maria Naylor
Selina Allen (Vice Chairman) Sue Newman
Keith Brandon Rob Newton
Myran Eade

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) made the following report:

- It seemed as though there were to be no objections to the installation of two flashing lights outside Framfield School and ESCC would be scheduling this into their budget and programme of works.
- With regard to the potential VAS on the Blackboys Road, even though it is to be privately funded, officers have advised that it is a borderline case for implementation. Chris has asked for an up to date set of speed data which is also to be funded privately before the final decision is made.
- Heathfield Community College – Chris advised that the Clerk had reported that ESCC had confirmed that the yellow zig-zag lines outside HCC could not be enforced in line with the Parish Schools. The Clerk would look into the matter further. **ACTION: PC 066 – CLERK.**
- Budget – Chris reported that there will be further cuts up until 2018 – in fact some £90m.

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) updated the meeting on three points:

- Judicial Review – the one-day hearing is to be held over the 10-11 June 2015.
- Strategic Sites Local Plan Examination – the Inspector has decided on a one-day further public examination on 20 January 2015.
- SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) – Ann reported that as part of the Core Strategy Review this would once again be open for landowners to put forward their land for development. It does not mean that the land will be developed – it just gives WDC a broad idea of what land is available and therefore able to make the best choices.

(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

Councillor Peter Friend.

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 28 October 2014 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (SA/JG).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Some items were dealt with under other appropriate headings below.

PC 060	Clerk to contact ESCC regarding the apparent ability of the Police to ticket offenders who park on the yellow zig-zag lines outside Heathfield Community College. As detailed above.
PC 061	Storage container – Framfield Recreation Ground. To be detailed on Framfield Trust agenda.
PC 062	Clerk to send copies of the relevant paperwork to WDC once received from new Councillor, Sue Newman. To be done. <u>ACTION: PC 067 – CLERK.</u>
PC 063	Traffic calming provision in Framfield - ongoing. As detailed above – <u>ACTION: PC 068 – CLERK/ESCC.</u>
PC 064	Guideposts – update on the replacement of two guideposts. The Clerk reported that the posts were now in place and had come in under budget. The meeting proposed that the further post be replaced at the top of Pump Lane/Blackboys Road. A further programme of works could be put together for the following year. <u>ACTION: PC 069 – CLERK.</u>
PC 065	Clerk asked to convene a Planning Committee meeting for 11 November 2014. 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.

- CPRE: Countryside Voice/Fieldwork.

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- Precept 2015/16. Following discussion and the news of the CTSG for 2015/16 the meeting asked that the RFO complete the end of December finance sheet as quickly as she can so that they can carry out a clear budgetary exercise prior to the meeting at the end of January. **ACTION: PC 070 – RFO.**
- Clerk salary increase. The meeting agreed the recommended increase by SALC from 1 January 2015. The RFO was asked if she was claiming back the £2,000 now available from Government for Employer's NI payments. **ACTION: PC 071 – RFO.** (*Rob Newton left the room during consideration of this item*).
- Schedule of expenditure as at 31 October 2014 – this was adopted as read. (KB/ME).
- Formal agreement of the November 2014 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Selina Allen, seconded by Jeff Goggin and agreed by all present.

JAKK Country Furniture Designs Ltd (two guideposts)	2,227.44
SLCC (annual subscription [shared 50/50 with EHwHPC])	210.00
British Telecom plc (Parish account [shared 50/50 with EHwHPC])	162.02
Mr R A Richards (annual fee for cutting/strimming green in Becketts Way)	100.00
Blackboys Trust (Hall hire)	12.00
Framfield Trust (Hall hire)	15.00
Staff Salaries and HMRC	-

Bank Balances as at 31 October 2014

Current Account	£23,697.83
Deposit Account	£119.12.

7. Reports from Committees

- **Planning** – the minutes for the last meeting will be adopted at the next Planning Committee meeting.

8. Reports from Representatives

- **Schools:**
 - Framfield – Keith Brandon had reported at the previous Trust meeting on some suggestions by the School for a communication system between the Hall and School and a meeting is to be convened.
 - Blackboys – the Clerk reported that the Christmas Fair was held the previous weekend and there was a Governors' meeting the following week.
- **Police Panel meeting** – Selina Allen reported that she had attended a LAT (Local Action Team) meeting on 27 November 2014. Buxted PC has a speed camera

available for use (although training and a risk assessment is required). Selina mentioned community messaging, a new gypsy/traveller liaison office (Trudy) and the potential to resurrect Neighbourhood Watch. Fifteen burglaries have occurred in the surrounding area in the last quarter and Katy Bourne is restructuring the Force.

- **WDALC** – minutes to be sent out as and when received.

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

- Sue Newman mentioned an overgrown footpath in Framfield (believed to be number 28). Sue would endeavour to report it electronically to ESCC. **ACTION: PC 072 – SN.**
- Jeff Goggin wished everyone the compliments of the season thanked everyone for their time over the year and in particular the Clerk for her efforts and for her and her family's efforts with regard to the Village Market which is doing very well. Any help in setting up and packing up would be appreciated.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman..... **Date**

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, 27 January 2015,
at the Village Hall, Blackboys
commencing at 7.30 pm.**