

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 28 October 2014 at 7.30pm

Present

Jeff Goggin (Chairman)	Myran Eade
Selina Allen (Vice Chairman)	Peter Friend
Keith Brandon	Maria Naylor
Richard Brocklebank	Rob Newton

In attendance Ann Newton - Clerk Members of the Public – two [part].
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) commented that following on from a site meeting, ESCC were progressing proposals to install two Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) outside Framfield School with a further device on Blackboys Road. Secondly having received the news that none of the yellow zig-zag lines outside schools are adopted and therefore cannot be enforced, news has been received that Police intend to ticket people parking on the lines outside Heathfield Community College! The Clerk would be contacting ESCC for further information. **ACTION: PC 060 – CLERK.**

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) updated the meeting on the Judicial Review. The Claimant's have been granted leave to appeal on one ground (ground 3 [specifically the 7km zone and SANGS]). This is purely a point of law and in essence is very narrow and boils down to Lord Justice Lewison's concern that Mr Justice Sales' consideration that the reasoning behind reasonable alternatives to be *implicit* as opposed to *explicit*. The hearing is not expected until April 2015.

(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

Sue Newman.

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 30 September 2014 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (PF/JG).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Some items were dealt with under other appropriate headings below.

- Storage Container – Framfield Recreation Ground. Jeff Goggin stated that the Parish Council would be obtaining independent formal advice on the base and if necessary suitable alternatives. The Council has to be sure that the storage container is safe for the long term future. **ACTION: PC 061 – CLERK.**

PC 049	Clerk to send copies of the relevant paperwork to WDC once received from new Councillor, Sue Newman. <u>ACTION: PC 062 – SN/CLERK.</u>
PC 050	Traffic calming provision in Framfield - ongoing. <u>ACTION: PC 063 – CLERK/ESCC.</u>

PC 051	Guideposts – update on the replacement two guideposts and one further post. The Clerk reported that she had made contact with JAKK whose work has been delayed. She would also delay commissioning the replacement of the third post at the current time. <u>ACTION: PC 064 – CLERK.</u>
PC 052	Play area refurbishment - RFO to allocate costs to relevant Trusts if required. It was thought that this had been done.
PC 053	Roundabouts – Clerk to ask the handyman to clean the tiles around the three roundabouts – to be confirmed. This has been done.
PC 054	Conservation Area Appraisal. To update the Council on some suggestions from a local resident namely – swap over the ‘modern’ telephone box to a red one; put a conservation road surface on Church Approach; upgrade the streetlights within the conservation area to a Victorian style; investigate the possibility of changing one of the windows at the first property for one that is in-keeping with the Listed Building and make every attempt to stop the site of the public house being re-developed. The meeting agreed that these ideas should be taken into consideration further on into the review.
PC 055	Blackboys School – Councillor Chris Dowling to find out if there was any possibility of ESCC adopting the yellow zig zag lines. As detailed above.
PC 056	Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance asking for a donation. Clerk to reply that the Council would look at this again after the end of the financial year. This had been done.
PC 057	Historical Society – Ann Turner to make contact again with a full list of items to be passed onto the Council. Detailed on the Blackboys Trust agenda/minutes.
PC 058	Clerk to ask the RFO to look at a possible discrepancy on the PC spreadsheet. This had been done.
PC 059	Clerk to contact a Dog Warden regarding the dog who is always wandering about in Framfield. The Clerk reported that the Rother Dog Warden can only pick up dogs that have been taken in by residents, not pick them up off the street. The new PCSO has been informed and is intending to pay a visit to the owner. The dog was seen in recent weeks to be crossing The Street, Framfield, causing cars to swerve out of the way.

5. Correspondence received since the last meeting

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

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- Completion of the External Audit.
- Schedule of expenditure as at 30 September 2014 – this was adopted as read. (KB/ME).
- Formal agreement of the October 2014 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Selina Allen, seconded by Peter Friend and agreed by all present.

PKF Littlejohn LLP (external audit)	240.00
Compact Cutting (grounds maintenance)	576.00
Sign Store Ltd ('no dogs' signs for Framfield play area [paid by BACS])	50.00
WDC (dog bin emptying)	315.12
D&J Greengrow (bi-annual handyman invoice)	905.00
Staff Salaries and HMRC	

Bank Balances as at 30 September 2014

Current Account£28,657.85
Deposit Account£119.12.

7. Reports from Committees

- **Planning** – the minutes for the last meeting will be adopted at the next Planning Committee meeting. The Clerk was asked to convene a meeting for 11 November 2014 as two applications had been received, one of which may incur public interest. **ACTION: PC 065 – CLERK.**

8. Reports from Representatives

- **Schools:**
 - Framfield – Keith Brandon reported that he has attended his first Governors’ meeting. There was nothing further to report.
 - Blackboys – Nothing to report.
- **Police Panel meeting** – The Clerk reported that there was a LAT (Local Action Team) meeting scheduled for 14 November 2014
- **WDALC** – minutes to be sent out as and when received.

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

Nothing to report.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman..... **Date**

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, 2 December 2014,
at the Memorial Hall, Framfield
commencing at 7.30 pm.**