

# Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Framfield Parish held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 27 May 2014 at 8 pm

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Present : Cllrs Jeff Goggin (Chairman) Myran Eade  
Selina Allen Peter Friend  
Keith Brandon Rob Newton

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)

**In attendance** Ann Newton - Clerk Members of the public - two

**Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)** introduced himself and detailed various aspects of his role as a County Councillor.

- **Road Safety Week.** He updated everyone on the process that the petition had set in motion which was presented to the County Council by the Framfield School Governors detailing concerns over road safety outside the school. The petitioner would be invited to the next Lead Member's meeting on 21 July 2014 where the officer report with recommendations for a way forward will be presented.
- **Bexhill-Hastings line road.** Chris further reported on the progress of the Bexhill-Hastings link road which was approximately one third completed.
- **Review of the mobile library services.** Chris stated that this is an efficiency/savings operation. He commented that currently Framfield had two stops of the library each time, this would be cut to one – the consultation was available for everyone to take part
- **Children's Services.** Chris stated that the service was one of the highest rated adoption services.
- **High Speed Broadband.** This is still in the process of being rolled out.
- **KSI (Killed/ Seriously Injured) figures.** These had gone down last year but now there has been a light increase.
- **Car repairs garage, Easons Green.** Chris asked if any progress had been made and the Clerk reported that she had a meeting with ESCC who had contacted the owner of the site. The ball had now been put back in the Police's court who do have the ability to take this forward. The Clerk was waiting for a reply.

**Councillor Ann Newton (WDC)** detailed various aspects of her role as a District Councillor.

- **Strategic Sites Examination.** Ann reported that this was due to take place during the second week of June and would last at least four days.
- **Judicial Review.** WDC won against the Claimant in the High Court and the Judge has also refused them leave to appeal. They have now gone directly to the Court of Appeal to seek leave to appeal – news is awaited.
- **Nitrogen monitoring.** The contract has been awarded and the work is underway.
- **SANGS provision.** Progress is being made.
- **Delivery and Site Allocations Local Plan.** This the next stage of the local plan process whereby work is progressed on the village allocations, there is a review of the conservation areas and development management policies.
- **Duty to Co-operate.** Ann commented that she chairs the East Sussex Strategic Leaders Group which is a very important part of the Local Plan process.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Richard Brocklebank and Maria Naylor.

## 2. Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 28 May 2013

It was agreed that the minutes from the Annual Assembly held on 28 May 2013 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

## 3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Jeff Goggin as Chairman of the Council thanked the Councillors including County and District for all their work during the year.

He updated the meeting as follows:

### Road Safety Week

An update had been provided by Chris as detailed above.

**The Memorial Hall Refurbishment** – he reported that a meeting would be set up shortly with the football clubs as it seemed as they would have to move forwards in applying for any grants for the changing room phase of the project.

**Guideposts** – The Clerk explained that she was in the process of obtaining licences for four sites. Quotes had been received and it was hoped that the Parish Council would be able to cover the cost of at least two with potential sponsors for the other two.

**Play areas** – Jeff stated that the works should be complete by the middle of July in time for the school summer holidays. He thanked the Clerk and Selina Allen for all their efforts in this regard.

**Village Signs** – these were now complete and looking good.

#### **4. Any Other Parish Business and Questions**

There was none.

*The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.*

**Chairman**.....

**Date** .....