

# Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Framfield Parish held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 23 May 2017 at 8 pm

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Present : Cllrs Jeff Goggin (Chairman) Alan Greenslade  
Selina Allen Noel Mansley  
Keith Brandon Maria Naylor  
Peter Friend Rob Newton  
Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)

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

**Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)** was invited to report relevant ESCC topics:

- Chris has now been a councillor for 16 years – and has just been re-elected; he represents everyone.
- It is good to have Conservative control back at ESCC from a hung Council because it makes business at the Council easier with overall political control.
- There are severe financial pressures on the Council. Adult Social Care is high up the agenda.
- Pale House Common speed limits: Chris stated that he was in correspondence with residents over the speed of vehicles in PHC and issues with HGVs.
- Mount Pleasant – road surface – improvements have been included in the planned maintenance programme.
- Bird in Eye – the ball is now in the residents' court to come up with what they want for the road.
- Framfield survey – a meeting is to be held with the Highways Steward; Alan Greenslade and the Clerk to try and take matters forward.

**Councillor Ann Newton (WDC)** – reported on the following items:

- Ann stated that she was still the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Planning & Development – a challenging role particularly at the moment with the work to the Local Plan. It is hoped to put the Plan before an Inspector in the Spring of next year.
- Refuse Service – there are still ongoing problems. Residents should always report a missed bin collection to WDC and if possible also to her for further action.

## 1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Sam Sharples.

## 2. Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 24 May 2016

It was agreed that the minutes from the Annual Assembly held on 24 May 2016 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record (SA/KB).

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

Jeff Goggin as Chairman of the Council reported on the following items:

- Bird in Eye – Jeff hopes that this will be resolved this year.
- Guideposts – the Parish Council currently owns 7, which will soon be 9 guideposts in total.
- Grass cutting – the number of cuts to the recreation grounds has been increased to 12 which he hopes will be an improvement.
- Potholes – an ongoing problem for road-users and ESCC.

## 4. Any Other Parish Business and Questions

- Selina Allen asked for a vote of thanks be given to the Clerk for all her efforts on behalf of the Parish.
- The Clerk asked that her thanks be noted to Keith Brandon for all his help during difficult/busy periods of business.
- David Jenner – Community Account – if there was any news?
- Mill Field – could the area been registered as a Community Asset?

*The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.*

**Chairman**.....

**Date** .....