

**FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council (PC) held at the Village Hall,**  
**Blackboys, on Tuesday, 5 October 2021 at 5 pm.**

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**Present (Councillors):** Keith Brandon (Chairman) Maria Naylor  
Peter Friend Tony Hall (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC)  
Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) [part]

**In attendance** Ann Newton - Clerk Members of the Public – five.  
Marie Owen - RFO

*(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 resident acting as spokesman for a group of Blackboys residents voiced their concerns about the Lewes Road on which there have been several recent accidents and talked to a paper he had put together containing the experiences of many residents. He said that this should be the evidence needed for ESCC to act on the road. He commented on ESCC's lack of impetus to do anything about it risking public safety. The Police cannot authorise a safe place for a Speedwatch team to work although residents have to walk down a single narrow pavement, crossing the road twice to get their children into school. There also appears to be no democratic system at ESCC for decision-making on such matters, it is just officer-led. The PC in general agreed with the comments and said that they had been campaigning for many years. The Chairman read out a comment from a recent ESCC email whereby there is to be a strategic review of the B2192 from Halland to Cross in Hand but that this would not include a review of the speed limit through Blackboys. The B2102 was also discussed but it is hoped that working with WDC, ESCC and the developer during the Reserved Matters stage for the 50-house development a 30-mph speed might be achieved with traffic calming along the entire stretch of road. The PC at that time could also consider the installation of Parish gateways. The Clerk stated that the PC has regular meetings with the Police and they seemed to be warming to the idea that something must be done about the Lewes Road and would be discussing it at the next JAG (Joint Action Group) meeting with all authorities. Councillor Chris Dowling agreed to speak to ESCC Officers as to how best to take this forward.

**Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) [CD]** made the following report:

- Application to the Traffic Commissioners for storage of HGV's – Palehouse Common (PHC). There is still no news on the application but there now appeared to be a further application as detailed in the Sussex Express but which officers could not find on the website. A meeting had been held with the PC and ESCC were putting together the feasibility and costings of the installation of an advisory sign at the western end of PHC with the upgrading of the directional signs to the Halland roundabout keeping HGV's away from the hamlet.
- Maintenance matters – the ongoing items had been reported back. The water leak on the B2102 to the east of Pump Lane was under investigation.
- Holleys, Squires Farm Industrial Estate. CD reported that the Informal hearing was scheduled for 20 October 2021.

**Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) [AN]** stated that she would be involving herself in the recent application for 290 houses at Bird in Eye South.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

There were none.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

*Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal, prejudicial and pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda.* There were none.

### **3. To accept the Minutes of the last meeting (27 July 2021)**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2021, having been circulated, as a true and accurate record of the meeting as proposed by Keith Brandon and seconded by Maria Naylor.

### **4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (ordinary meeting and AGM)**

To receive updates or agree any further actions – all detailed elsewhere on the agenda.

- Parish streetlighting – the Clerk stated that she was waiting to hear from ESCC for a date for a meeting as a result of the survey.
- Damaged finger post update. ESCC have added the three extra posts to the licence now totalling thirteen and they have been added to the insurance policy. (They would also be added to the Asset Register). A quote is waited for their repair/replacement.
- Replacement benches – Framfield recreation ground. The quote was agreed and the works are underway.
- Litter bin update. Three litter bins are to be removed and the lids re-utilised on the bins where they are missing. A replacement bin was purchased and installed on Blackboys play area.
- Bus shelters – works/improved storage for books. Cupboards have been purchased and installed.
- Tree survey/works – update. On agenda under 'Finance'.

### **5. Correspondence received since the last meeting**

*Letters for noting/discussion (Including items that have been received after this agenda has been published) – most items were from pending matters and dealt with under separate headings.*

- ESCC – Urban Grass Cutting 2022. The meeting agreed to continue with the extra four cuts a year.
- Community Fibre Partnership Project. The Chairman detailed the proposals put forward by a Framfield resident. Full details are in the Parish Magazine.
- WDC: Town and Parish Councillor Allowances 2022/23. The Parish Council declined to adopt the Allowances as in previous years.

### **6. Finance and General Purposes:**

- a) Ratification of the decision to completely replace the bus shelter on the Eastbourne Road from the brickwork up. The meeting agreed that due to the worsened condition of the bus shelter the works was necessary. The cost of the re-build can be covered by CIL receipts.
- b) Tree survey works on Parish properties – accept quotation and commission work. Three quotes had been sought, only two were received. The meeting agreed to accept the less expensive quote which would have to include a tree works application for the works on Framfield recreation ground.
- c) Fencing works – recreation grounds - accept quotation and commission work. Three quotes had been sought, only one received. Councillors were happy that this was from a contractor that they had used before and accepted the quotation.
- d) Bank reconciliation, balances and accounts – all Councillors were in receipt of a copy of the financial sheets for comparison and agreement. The accounts were verified as correct by the Council. (MN/TN).
- e) Resolve to agree the since the July 2021 meeting the payments/disbursements as detailed on the report as circulated. These were agreed and detailed at the end of the minutes. These were agreed (TH/MN).
- f) Any other financial matters: there were none.
  - Separating bank accounts. This was still ongoing.

### **7. Planning Committee.**

- The minutes/delegated comments since the last Parish Council meeting were agreed as read.
- Appeal – Holleys, Squires Farm Industrial Estate – 20 October 2021. The Clerk would be attending in her capacity as District Councillor but would also take a report from the PC.
- Bird in Eye South planning application. The meeting agreed to hold a Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday, 19 October 2021 at 6 pm in the Memorial Hall, Framfield. The Clerk was instructed to invite the developer to attend.

### **8. Verbal Reports/updates from Council Members and the Clerk (if required).**

- Liaison with ESCC on highway matters:
  - Meeting with ESCC Highways on issues with HGV's in Palehouse Common. As reported above.
  - Lewes Road, Blackboys. As reported above.
  - SLR meetings – none have been held.
- Clerk – report on any other items not recorded elsewhere in the agenda.

- ESCC Enforcement have temporarily closed an unauthorised access onto the Lewes Road just south of the junction of Stonebridge Lane/Lewes Road whilst they investigate ownership.

## 9. Reports from Representatives

- **WDALC** (Wealden District Association of Local Councils) – minutes to be sent out as and when received.
- **Parish Planning Panel (c/o Clerk/Tony Hall)** - minutes to be sent out as and when received.
- **CSAG – Police (Chairman/Clerk)** – the Chairman and Clerk attend the meetings.
- **Cluster meetings – WDC Planning/Local Plan (Chairman/Clerk)** – the Chairman asked if a list of businesses had been sent to WDC? The Clerk would look into it.

## 10. Items for referral by Councillors to the next appropriate Council or Committee agenda.

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.45 pm.*

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, 30 November 2021  
commencing at 5 pm  
to be held in the Memorial Hall, Framfield.**

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**Income and Expenditure July/August/September 2021**

Invoice	Income/Exp	Item Heading	Payment	Comments	Pre VAT	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
27/09/2021	Inc	Precept	OLB	Wealden DC	33,340.00		33,340.00
06/09/2021	Inc	Interest	OLB	Bank Interest	1.44		1.44
Invoice Date	Income/Exp	Item Heading	Payment Ref	Comments	Pre VAT VALUE (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
27/09/2021	exp	general	OLB	Tesco	13.45		13.45
27/09/2021	exp	general	OLB	Trading 4 U	9.46		9.46
20/09/2021	exp	Staff Costs	OLB	Staff Costs	3,205.73		3,205.73
15/09/2021	exp	general	OLB	P S Trotter	1,950.00		1,950.00
20/09/2021	exp	NI & Paye	OLB	WG Accounting	756.63		756.63
21/08/2021	exp	general	OLB	D Thorogood	1,800.00	360.00	2,160.00
27/08/2021	exp	Audit Fee	OLB	PKF Littlejohn	300.00	60.00	360.00
27/08/2021	exp	recreation Grounds	OLB	Signs	139.99	28.00	167.99
26/08/2021	exp	recreation Grounds	OLB	Signs	7.49	1.50	8.99
20/08/2021	exp	telephone/Internet	OLB	BT	115.58	23.11	138.69
26/08/2021	exp	recreation Grounds	OLB	Ultimate One	110.00	22.00	132.00
26/08/2021	exp	recreation Grounds	OLB	Collister & Glover	62.28	12.46	74.74
26/08/2021	exp	recreation Grounds	OLB	Groundbolt	59.62		59.62
26/08/2021	exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	4.99	1.00	5.99
19/08/2021	exp	NI & Paye	OLB	WG Accounting	743.17		743.17
20/08/2021	exp	Staff Costs	OLB	Staff Costs	3,437.69		3,437.69
23/08/2021	exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	19.07	3.82	22.89
20/08/2021	exp	recreation Grounds	OLB	Signs Scott	375.00	75.00	450.00
20/07/2021	exp	NI & Paye	OLB	WG Accounting	582.38		582.38
18/07/2021	exp	recreation Grounds	OLB	Amazon	13.76		13.76
16/08/2021	exp	recreation Grounds	OLB	Bin Shop	139.50	27.90	167.40
13/07/2021	exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	6.99		6.99
10/08/2021	exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	3.44	0.69	4.13
31/07/2021	exp	Hall Hire	OLB	Trans FFT Hall Hire	20.00		20.00
05/07/2021	exp	Insurance	OLB	Came & Company Gallaghe	3,375.00		3,375.00
27/07/2021	exp	telephone/Internet	OLB	Zoom	7.19		7.19
20/07/2021	exp	Staff Costs	OLB	Staff Costs	2,888.37		2,888.37