

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: S278 Consultation on works to facilitate site entrance and 40-mph limit, Framfield Road – response sent. A reply had been submitted to ESCC and the news received that the Police have now objected to reducing the 50-mph to 40-mph on the Framfield Road. Further correspondence has now been sent including to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne.
- WDC: Dog bin emptying charges. The charges have increased by £15.00 per empty.
- Friends of Sussex Hospices. The Parish Council resolved to donate £200.00 towards their Gruffalo Day. RFO to action before year end.
- Hadlow Down Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed that there would be no further action.
- Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance. The Parish Council resolved to donate £200.00. RFO to action before year end.

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- a) Wealden Community Lottery. The Clerk explained that both Trusts have been registered with the Lottery to receive a percentage of each lottery ticket purchased if chosen by the buyer. Clerk to send details to RFO.
- b) Change of signatories for the NS&I accounts. The meeting agreed that the Clerk should be the new signatory to replace Jeff Goggin.
- c) 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. (TH/KB).
- d) Resolve to agree the since the January 2023 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 (PF/TH).
- e) Any other financial matters: there were none.

7. Planning Committee.

- The minutes/delegated comments since the last Parish Council meeting were agreed as read.
- Land South of Framfield Road – reserved matters – at WDC Committee – 30 March 2023. The Chairman reported that he has written a statement for the Chairman to read out on behalf of the Parish Council. [Post meeting note: the application was deferred for resolution on several items].

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

- Liaison with ESCC on highway matters:
 - Lewes Road – reduction in speed limit. As above.
 - High Street, Blackboys – the design and costings are still being carried out by ESCC and Gold Developments. Comment has come back from ESCC that if implemented, consideration can then be given for a 40-mph 'buffer' out to beyond the 50-house site entrance.
 - SLR meetings – new dates to be supplied for May.
- Clerk – report on any other items not recorded elsewhere in the agenda.
 - 'Restricted Parking' outside the Old Crown – as detailed above.
 - The Clerk said she would report to ESCC the constant water running across the Lewes Road between the Blackboys Inn and Stonebridge Lane.

9. Reports from Representatives

- **WDALC** (Wealden District Association of Local Councils) – minutes to be sent out as and when received. The Clerk stated that she now generally attends these meetings.
- **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).**

10. Items for reporting/discussion/ratification from the Trusts for which the Parish Council is Sole Trustee

A: General

Halls

- Future works – expressions of interest sought. The Parish Clerk stated that none had been received and discussion centred around additional places for advertising. The Clerk suggested that she contact the local Chamber of Commerce etc.

- Electricity charges. The Chairman reported that he had not signed up to a new contract because there appeared to be a 150% increase and would rather wait to see what the rates are like when the contract is nearer to its end date – September 2023.
- The Chairman asked for agreement to change all the hall lighting as a contribution towards net zero. The meeting agreed that the Groundsman should do the work with if required assistance from the Chairman.

Play areas

- Annual inspection to include DDA compliance checks. The inspections would be carried out in early summer.

B: Framfield Trust – Charity Registration No. 305228

Memorial Hall

- Update on the claim/drainage works. The Clerk reported that having spoken at length to the WDC Engineer, she had contacted Southern Water. The meeting agreed that she should make further enquiries with SW.
- Review of School hire fee. This has been instigated with ESCC. Maria Naylor to do the calculations when the figures are available.
- Disabled WC. The Clerk reported that she is still waiting for a quote to replace the WC which is not currently DDA compliant.

Recreation Ground

- Replacement trees. The Clerk reported that she had heard from the resident and the trees were expected imminently.

C: Blackboys Trust – Charity Registration No. 305225

Village Hall – nothing to update.

Recreation Ground

- Sports Pavilion – works for the provision of a ramp to meet DDA compliance. A start date has been given of 24 April 2023.
- Gated access – update. The Clerk reported that a further letter had been written stating that the owners would remain in dispute with the Parish Council. Clerk to contact WDC.
- Ratification of purchase of two new football goal posts for both recreation grounds (£775.00). This was agreed (KB/MN).

Allotments

- Tenancy agreements sent out.
- Ratification of the purchase/installation of a new vehicular gate. This was agreed (£870.00) (KB/MN).

D: Framfield Allotment Garden Trust – Charity Registration No. 296468

- Tenancy agreements sent out.
- Equipment on spare plots. The Clerk reported that she has written to the tenant/owner to say that he can keep a modicum of equipment on the area as long as the area is kept maintained and that the agreement never becomes permanent all the time the area is not required for cultivation by tenants.

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6 pm.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (the AGM) will be held on Tuesday, 16 May 2023 commencing at 5 pm.

This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 6 pm.

Both to be held in the Village Hall, Blackboys.

Income and Expenditure January/February/March 2023

Invoice	Income/Exp	Item Heading	Payment	Comments	Pre VAT	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
31/12/2022	inc	Interest	OLB	Bank Interest	18.44		18.44
Invoice Date	Income/Exp	Item Heading	Payment Ref	Comments	Pre VAT VALUE (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
10/03/2023	exp	Streetlighting Maintenar	OLB	East Sussex County Council	3,174.52	634.90	3,809.42
20/02/2023	exp	NI & Paye	OLB	WG Accounting	742.22		742.22
16/12/2022	exp	general	OLB	JAKK Hitachi Capital	510.40	102.08	612.48
01/11/2022	exp	general	OLB	JAKK Hitachi Capital	570.20	114.04	684.24
02/03/2023	exp	Dog Bins	OLB	Wealden DC	325.00	65.00	390.00
04/03/2023	exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	8.15	1.63	9.78
20/02/2023	exp	telephone/Internet	OLB	BT	126.60	25.31	151.91
24/02/2023	exp	Staff Costs	OLB	Staff Costs	2,463.31		2,463.31
23/02/2023	exp	Pension	OLB	NEST	596.48		596.48
14/02/2023	exp	recreation Grounds	OLB	Hugh Page	141.00		141.00
06/02/2023	exp	Office equipment	OLB	Amazon	134.99		134.99
21/01/2023	exp	NI & Paye	OLB	WG Accounting	1,401.86		1,401.86
31/01/2023	exp	Hall Hire	OLB	Trans BBT	48.00		48.00
26/01/2023	exp	Pension	OLB	NEST	714.26		714.26
25/01/2023	exp	Staff Costs	OLB	Staff Costs	3,603.93		3,603.93
05/01/2023	exp	NI & Paye	OLB	WG Accounting	110.00		110.00
16/01/2023	exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Keith Brandon	7.55		7.55

Signed

Date