

**FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council (PC) held at the Village Hall,**  
**Blackboys, on Tuesday, 30 July 2024 at 5 pm.**

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<b>Present</b>	Councillors	Keith Brandon (Chairman) Trishia Blewitt	David Jenner (Vice Chairman)
	Councillor Ann Newton (WDC)		
<b>In attendance</b>	Ann Newton - Clerk Marie Owen - RFO		Members of the Public – none.

**Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)** had sent in a report on outstanding highway issues:

- B2192 route survey – ESCC have advised that the contractor costs for the work are much more than the original budget and requires review.
- Gun Road bridge – Chris was advised last week that work resumes on Monday, 29 July and is planned to finish on Thursday, 5 September
- Gatehouse Lane/ Sandy Lane/ High Street pavements - continues to chase.
- Beechy Road – works to start on 30 July 2024 for two days.
- Etchingwood Lane potholes – scheduled to be done on 2 August 2024.
- Framfield Grange – potholes - chasing – there is a drainage investigation scheduled for 5 August 2024.
- Palehouse crossroads – the crash information has been forwarded to ESCC and an answer is awaited. The road markings are extremely faint and the 'give way' sign hard to see as it is obstructed by foliage.

**Councillor Ann Newton (WDC)** – gave the following update:

- Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation has been completed with over 10,000 responses. The new Government has announced radical changes to the NPPF which may have an impact on the Plan progressing any further in its current form.

*(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).*

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Councillors Tony Hall and Chris Dowling (ESCC).

**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 (28 May 2024 – the AGM)**

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2024, having been circulated, as a true and accurate record as proposed by Keith Brandon and seconded by Trishia Blewitt.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes (March and May)**

All other items are included elsewhere in the minutes.

- Parish Streetlighting – update. The PC has been informed that the revised agreement for future works which had been agreed with the contractor was now void and they have insisted on reverting back to the original document. A complaint has been sent to the Chief Executive of ESCC. Other parish/town councils are also in the same situation and some have opted out of working with ESCC. This is now being explored – Clerk to chase. Weekly update reports are now not forthcoming.
- Stiles – Sandy Lane to the rear of Framfield recreation ground – update. This is still ongoing – further complaint passed to the landowner.

## 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.*

## 6. Finance and General Purposes:

- a) Bank account – Unity was found not to allow debit cards. Clerk suggested that she contact other parish councils to find out what banking arrangements they have.
- b) Following confirmation as to the signatories of the account, resolve to move funds into the N&I savings account. Exact amount to be discussed and decided at the meeting. This was put on hold until further investigations of other bank accounts are carried out.
- c) Resolve to agree the renewed insurance premium of £4,988.95 an increase from last year's fee of £4,683.28. This was agreed – DJ/KB.
- d) 'Step Up Sports' – resolve to commission the team at 'Step Up Sports' to investigate funding opportunities. This was agreed – DJ/KB.
- e) 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. (DJ/TB).
- f) Resolve to agree the since the March 2024 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 (DJ/TB).
- g) Any other financial matters: there were none.

## 7. Planning Committee.

- The minutes/delegated comments since the last Parish Council meeting were agreed as read.
- Bird in Eye Farm – consultation for 180 homes.

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

- Liaison with ESCC on highway matters – as detailed above – further items below:
  - High Street, Blackboys, reduction in speed limit to 30-mph. Clerk to contact new owner of 50-house when details are available to see if they will honour the agreement the PC had with the previous developer.
  - Gun Road – overgrown bank reported to ESCC.
  - Update on CMF, Lewes Road speed limit – further details have been received; confirmation has been given that any costs above £30k will be met by ESCC and they are about to conduct a further public consultation.
  - Update on complaint – it has been closed.
- SLR meetings – no further meetings scheduled.
- Clerk – report on any other items not recorded elsewhere in the agenda – there were none.
  - Meeting with Wealden Town/Parish Councils – 31 July 2024. The meeting was to discuss issues with ESCC Highways round the condition of the roads and streetlighting but has been postponed until September as many representatives were on holiday.

## 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)** – the meetings seem to have ceased.
- **Cluster meetings – WDC Planning/Local Plan (Chairman/Clerk)** – the last meeting was held on 27 March 2024.

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

*There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.40 pm.*

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, 1 October 2024  
commencing at 5 pm in the Village Hall, Blackboys.**

Income and Expenditure April, May, June & July 2024							
Invoice Date	Income/Exp	Item Heading	Payment	Comments	Pre VAT	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
17/07/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	24.00		24.00
03/06/2024	Inc	Interest	OLB	Bank Interest	375.36		375.36
09/07/2024	Inc	Other	OLB	Lottery	18.00		18.00
12/07/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	260.00		260.00
01/07/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	65.00		65.00
28/06/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	260.00		260.00
27/06/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	130.00		130.00
27/06/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	65.00		65.00
30/05/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	65.00		65.00
11/06/2024	Inc	Other	OLB	Lottery	17.00		17.00
29/04/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	65.00		65.00
25/04/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	65.00		65.00
01/04/2024	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Advertiser	4,221.01		4,221.01
08/05/2024	Inc	Other	OLB	Lottery	17.50		17.50
29/04/2024	ACC-Income	Other	OLB	Cil 7	(51,433.25)		(51,433.25)
29/04/2024	Inc	Other	OLB	Cil 7	51,433.25		51,433.25
29/04/2024	Inc	Precept	OLB	Wealden DC	40,902.50		40,902.50
08/04/2024	Inc	VAT Income	OLB	VAT Rebate		3,119.17	3,119.17
04/04/2024	Inc	Other	OLB	Lottery	14.00		14.00
Invoice Date	Income/Exp	Item Heading	Payment Ref	Comments	Pre VAT VALUE (£)	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
01/04/2024	Exp	Website	OLB	Ionos	23.50	4.70	28.20
03/04/2024	Exp	Loan Interest	OLB	Public Works Loan	2,914.21		2,914.21
04/04/2024	Exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	19.98	4.00	23.98
04/04/2024	Exp	General	OLB	PW Direct	44.50		44.50
02/04/2024	Exp	Urban Grass Cutting	OLB	East Sussex County Council	1,019.00	203.80	1,222.80
01/04/2024	Exp	Subscriptions	OLB	ESALC Ltd	617.95		617.95
16/04/2024	Exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	21.66	4.33	25.99
23/04/2024	Exp	Subscriptions	OLB	ICO	40.00		40.00
25/04/2024	Exp	Staff Costs	OLB	Staff Costs	2,896.24		2,896.24
20/04/2024	Exp	NI & Paye	OLB	WG Accounting	805.36		805.36
25/04/2024	Exp	I A Fee/GDPR	OLB	Mulberry & Co	195.00	39.00	234.00
27/04/2024	Exp	Website	OLB	Ionos	24.50	4.90	29.40
12/04/2024	Exp	Parish Magazine	OLB	B Richardson	300.00		300.00
12/04/2024	Exp	Parish Magazine	OLB	Print Matters	630.00		630.00
12/04/2024	Exp	Parish Magazine	OLB	Print Matters	556.50		556.50
04/05/2024	Exp	Recreation Grounds	OLB	Barcombe Landscapes Ltd	380.00	76.00	456.00
25/05/2024	Exp	Staff Costs	OLB	Staff Costs	2,896.04		2,896.04
20/05/2024	Exp	Telephone/Internet	OLB	BT	162.14	32.42	194.56
31/05/2024	Exp	Recreation Grounds	OLB	Amazon	4.99	1.00	5.99
31/05/2024	Exp	General	OLB	Amazon	7.99		7.99
30/05/2024	Exp	Recreation Grounds	OLB	Amazon	12.46	2.49	14.95
30/05/2024	Exp	General	OLB	Insight	24.52	4.90	29.42
30/05/2024	Exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Post Office Counters	14.60		14.60
28/05/2024	Exp	Telephone/Internet	OLB	Ionos	24.50	4.90	29.40
20/05/2024	Exp	NI & Paye	OLB	WG Accounting	805.56		805.56
31/05/2024	Exp	Hall Hire	OLB	Trans BBT	24.00		24.00
10/06/2024	Exp	Parish Magazine	OLB	B Richardson	150.00		150.00
10/06/2024	Exp	Parish Magazine	OLB	Print Matters	556.50		556.50
20/06/2024	Exp	Dog Bins	OLB	Wealden DC	357.50	71.50	429.00
25/06/2024	Exp	Staff Costs	OLB	Staff Costs	2,896.24		2,896.24
01/07/2024	Exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	19.16	3.83	22.99
01/07/2024	Exp	Recreation Grounds	OLB	Amazon	62.88	12.58	75.46
03/07/2024	Exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	4.12	0.83	4.95
28/06/2024	Exp	Website	OLB	Ionos	24.50	4.90	29.40
30/06/2024	Exp	I A Fee/GDPR	OLB	WG Accounting	140.00		140.00
18/06/2024	Exp	NI & Paye	OLB	Wealden DC	805.36		805.36
03/07/2024	Exp	Recreation Grounds	OLB	Barcombe Landscapes Ltd	1,098.00		1,098.00
28/06/2024	Exp	Recreation Grounds	OLB	Play Inspection Co	247.50	49.50	297.00
20/06/2024	Exp	Pension	OLB	NEST	309.73		309.73
03/05/2024	Tfr	To ****6278	OLB	Bank Transfer	40,000.00		40,000.00
01/05/2024	Exp	Pension	OLB	NEST	309.73		309.73
26/04/2024	Tfr	From ****6278	OLB	Bank Transfer	5,000.00		5,000.00

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