

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 28 July 2009 at 7.30 pm

Present

Eryl Thomas (Chairman)	Mark Moore
David Andrews	Maria Naylor
Myran Eade	Rob Newton (Vice Chair)
Peter Friend	Ian Paisley
Brian Hodge	Fred Thurston

PCSO Simon French [part]

In attendance

Ann Newton - Clerk	Members of the Public – none.
	Members of the Press – none.

Eryl Thomas asked that the Parish Council formally record the death of Rita Redman. Rita had been a Parish Councillor in Framfield for some 14 years. The Clerk was asked to arrange a donation to the charity that had been specified by the family.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting members of the public and County and District Representatives were invited to address the Parish Council.

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) reported on the following:

- A site meeting was in the process of being arranged around the area of the B2192, Lewes Road, near to the garage where an accident had recently occurred and a petrol pump destroyed.
- ESCC are conducting a review of their procedures for deer hot spots with particular relevance in this area to the B2102 at Possingworth.
- The issues with the two low level EDF cables in School Lane continue and the meeting agreed that a concentrated attempt should be made to rectify the cable that was brought down outside The Stables. EDF could commence the appropriate legal procedure to gain access to the land further down the road.
- Community Transport – Chris thought that now was the right time for the Council to get involved. The Clerk was asked to pass the recent communication from ESCC to David Andrews so that he could initiate a meeting.

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) reiterated the need for individuals and the Parish Council to respond to the LDF Spatial Development Options Consultation.

(The minutes are detailed in the order in which they appeared on the agenda. A copy of all the reports mentioned will be attached to the minutes for the minute book).

1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda. There were none given at this stage in the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting, 30 June 2009 for Approval

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2009 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (Proposed by Myran Eade and seconded by Maria Naylor).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 30 June 2009

Everything was covered during the rest of the meeting.

5. Correspondence received since the last meeting

Letters for noting/discussion

WDC:

- District/Parish Conference – information only: date Wednesday, 4 November 2009.
- Kerbside recycling service coming to Wealden villages and rural areas!

Other:

- BMG Research – an evaluation of support services available to third sector organisations. The Clerk was asked not to reply to yet another survey.
- Lt Col Nigel Drew responding to the LDF Consultation.
- Applause Rural Touring.
- AIRS newsletter retained by Eryl Thomas
- Blackboys Pre-school apologising for the inconsiderate way in which their parents parked during the recent sports day held on Blackboys recreation ground.

6. Finance

- **Formal agreement of the July 2009 expenditure as detailed on the report circulated at the meeting** – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Maria Naylor, seconded by Myran Eade and agreed by all present.

			£
Arbor Management (maintenance of BB rec/allotments)			550.63
WDC (dog bin emptying April to June 2009)			325.16
Playsafety Ltd (ROSPA inspection/report)			310.50
EDF Energy	DD Energy		191.39
Jan Riddle, Book-keeper (salary April, May, June 2009)			82.50
Ann Newton, Clerk:	Salary (July)	1,098.93	
	Total expenses	54.71	1,153.64
	<u>Total Expenditure</u>		<u>£2,613.82</u>

- **Ratification of the purchase of a new computer system for the Clerk's Office.** Eryl Thomas reported that as both printers had broken down, the idea had been to replace them both with one laser machine that is also capable of scanning and printing in colour. Three quotes had been received and a printer purchased for approximately £175.00. East Hoathly with Halland PC had agreed to cover the cost of this purchase. At the same time investigation into the current computer system was made with a view to adding memory etc and in conclusion thought best practice to purchase an entire new system. Again three quotes were obtained and the best deal chosen. This was proposed for payment by Myran Eade, seconded by Ian Paisley and agreed by all present.
- **Donation to the Framfield & Blackboys Monday Club.** Eryl Thomas reported that a letter detailing the accounts for the year had been received from Sandy Rogers and a request for a donation. He proposed a figure of £100.00. This was seconded by Ian Paisley and agreed by all.
- **Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society.** Eryl Thomas commented that a £50.00 donation is usually made to the Society but due to the review of hire rates at the Memorial Hall this would double their usual hire fee so a figure of £70.00 would cover their extra expenses towards the Hall hire fees. This was proposed for agreement by Rob Newton, seconded by Ian Paisley and agreed by the PC. Prior to issuing of the cheque Eryl stated that he would look further into the matter.

7. Committees

Planning: the Planning Committee minutes for the meetings held on 24 June and 15 July 2009 had already been circulated. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 August 2009 followed by discussion on the LDF Consultation. Brian Hodge gave his apologies.

Recreation Grounds: (Parish Councillors as Trustees): the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2009 had already been circulated. Myran Eade reported on the following highlights of the meeting:

- There had been several allotment tenants from Blackboys allotments voicing their concerns over the suggestion from some keep bees. A letter has been sent to all confirming that the two applicants would have to produce a plan of what they intend to do and what training and experience they have had.
- The ROSPA report has arrived. Myran and Mark Moore have a copy and they will see what can be done in-house. Mark agreed to look at the swings on Framfield recreation ground.
- It has been reported that a tree at the rear of Framfield recreation ground looks diseased. Ian Paisley offered to go and look at it. Myran stated that he would obtain quotes if any work was required.
- Fred Thurston reported that he had developed a possible plan in order to make some progress with work on Framfield Allotments. The Clerk was in the process of obtaining a large scale map of the site.
 - **Ratification of the recent refusal for information under the Freedom on Information Act.** *Members were advised that full details of the formal request for information from Mr Bernard Lillywhite are held in the Recreation Ground Committee minutes dated 15 July 2009 that had already been circulated.* Following brief discussion Brian Hodge proposed that the Council fully ratify the decision. This was seconded by Myran Eade and agreed by all present.

[Post meeting note: Councillors should now be aware that Mr Lillywhite has asked for an Internal Review of the decision which has been put in hand and will be reported on at the next meeting].

- **Pavilion Project:** Myran Eade and Rob Newton declared a personal interest in being members of the Cricket Club and did not vote on the item under the second bullet point.
 - **Update** – there was still no news of any progress on the Framfield front.
 - **Resolve to approve the agreement between the Parish Council (the Trustees) and Blackboys Cricket Club for use of the recreation ground.** *All members were in receipt of a copy of the draft agreement.*
Following the removal of the sentence “This has always been as a ‘gentleman’s agreement”” at the end of the first paragraph and the addition of the word ‘existing’ after ‘The’ on the third bullet point this was proposed for agreement by Maria Naylor, seconded by Ian Paisley and agreed by all those present.
- **Environment:** the next meeting scheduled for 5 August 2009 has been cancelled so that the Council can conclude discussions on the LDF Consultation. However so that the ESCC officers can come and explain the latest proposals for traffic calming the meeting agreed that the Clerk should ask them to come along prior to the next full PC meeting at 7 pm to present their update. The meeting could be delayed until 7.45/8 pm.

8. Reports from Representatives

Blackboys Village Hall:

- Eryl Thomas reported that the AGM was to be organised shortly.

Memorial Hall:

- Eryl Thomas stated that a letter had been received from Sandy Rogers on her suggestions for improvements to the Hall. A general walk around is needed to assess what needs to be done and a risk assessment.

Schools:

- Framfield: The Clerk reported that she had been advised that ESCC had applied for planning consent to provide pre-school care facilities on the School site, which would reduce the use of the Hall. The full planning application was yet to be received. **[Post meeting note:** a courtesy copy of the application has now been received and stated in the application form is that the School itself will still continue to use the Hall for PE and lunch etc].
- Blackboys – Nothing to report other than they had three very successful performances of The Tempest and a damp sports day!

SALC/WDALC: Nothing to report.

9. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- **Summer Show** – Eryl Thomas asked for volunteers to help on the Council stall at the Show. PCSO Simon French would be there with the CC TV van.
- Fred Thurston commented on an article in the Courier whereby it seemed as though the Parish boundary might change around the new roundabout near the Cysleys Farm housing estate. With input from Chris Dowling and the Clerk the meeting heard that there were health and safety issues around the positioning of the current Uckfield/Framfield boundary sign and if this had to be moved it would NOT mean a change in boundary which could only be done by the Boundary Commission.
- Myran Eade commented on the amount of work many councillors seem to be carrying out at the present time.
- Maria Naylor stated that we seemed to have fallen on our feet with Simon French as the Parish PCSO.
- The Clerk reported that she had emailed Simon’s report to all those on email and would send hard copies to those not.
- **Initial discussions on the LDF Consultation.** Following good initial discussions the meeting agreed that Eryl Thomas should draft a formal response for further discussion after the next Planning Committee meeting on 5 August 2009.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Chairman..... Date

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, 29 September 2009, at the Memorial Hall, Framfield,
commencing at 8 pm.