

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 1 April 2009, at 8 pm in the Memorial Hall, Framfield.

Present: David Andrews (Chairman), Myran Eade, Maria Naylor and Fred Thurston.

Also Present: Brian Hodge.

In attendance: Ann Newton (Clerk)

Public: None.

1. Apologies

Rob Newton and Eryl Thomas. Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC).

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none at this stage in the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting: 28 January 2009

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 28 January 2009 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

- **Community Speed Watch** – Brian Hodge confirmed that Community Speed Watch had now been in action for six weeks. There are 10/11 volunteers including two Parish Councillors. A meeting was held the previous evening on the progress to date and a two-'man' team approach was now thought to be better than three. Tuesdays and Saturdays have been previously targeted. The Clerk was asked to look into the purchase of some high visibility tabards for the summer months.
- **Roads 'Wish List' for the Parish.** In the absence of Messrs Higgs and Oates (ESCC) with the update on the situation, the meeting thought it appropriate to wait until they could attend before any further discussion. This will be when the costings have been worked out.
- **Street lighting –**
 - **Update on new contract with Direct Technical Services Ltd** - The Clerk informed the meeting that the formal contractual paperwork had now been received from Direct Technical Services Ltd and the only query appeared to be on the variation of charges which entitled the contractor to give to the Council only one month's notice prior to varying any or all of the charges. Fred Thurston who had also read the documents agreed that this should be queried but that everything else was in order.
 - **Review of streetlights.** The meeting discussed the way forward on endeavouring to reduce the amount of hours and lights currently in operation. The consensus of opinion from the public consultation was that the majority agreed with this approach. The Clerk was asked to contact EDF to enquire how the Council could 'remove' lights and how this would effect the unmetred supply charges.
- **Footpaths.**
 - **Parish Council Footpath Survey.** The Clerk reported that County are comparing their report with that of the Parish Council's and ESCC have been given the details of the landowners on the most urgent items. A mystery party of people have replaced a stile with a bridge in Blackboys!

5. Any Other Business

- The Clerk mentioned that she is part of a Community Cohesion Group as a Governor of Blackboys School and their first task is to endeavour to alleviate some of the

parking issues around the School. In this regard she wondered if a couple of members of the Speedwatch team along with PCSO Simon French would go along to the School probably at pick up time to talk to the parents etc. This was agreed.

- David Andrews stated that he had the annual chart for the Village Maintenance Team to complete so if anyone had any thoughts would they let him know.
- Myran Eade stated that he had completed the repairs to the bus shelter in Framfield. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Greengrow regarding the roof tiles.

6. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 3 June 2009.

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