

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Ground Meeting

Wednesday, 7 January 2009

Present: Committee Members: Myran Eade (ME) [Chairman], Peter Friend (PF), Brian Hodge (BH) [Vice Chair], Rob Newton (RN), and Eryl Thomas (ET).

Also Present: Fred Thurston (FT).

In attendance: Ann Newton (Parish Clerk).

Public: None.

1. Apologies

Rita Redman.

2. Declarations of Interest.

RN declared a personal interest in that he is a tenant of one allotment plot at Blackboys as is FT.

3. Approval of the last meeting's minutes.

These were approved as read.

4. Matters Arising

• Framfield Recreation Ground.

- **Access Gate.** The Clerk reported that following solicitors' advice further attention would need to be given to the access. However, as the PC had made the decision to check that the ownership details on the all land for which they oversee is correct, any action would be delayed until this information has been received.

• Blackboys Allotments.

- **Update on plots 33 and 33a.** The Clerk reported that the matter had been closed.
 - **Other Plots.** The Clerk reported that the tenants of the three plots had received letters and two had replied; one would be terminating his agreement in March/April. The situation would be monitored on an ongoing basis particularly as there is a large list of residents requiring plots.
 - **Better identification of the whole area:** BH and PF agreed that they would investigate the matter further.
 - **Plots (31/32).** The Clerk reported that the tenants of the two plots had been contacted and FT confirmed that the blockage has been cleared.
 - **Water/gate** – the Clerk confirmed that the water has been turned off and the gate locked.
- **Framfield Allotments** – no further progress. The Clerk was requested to write and apologise to the tenants and assure them that the status quo would be maintained for another year.
 - The Clerk stated that the help she had anticipated being available to the Parish from the arrival of some German students was now not on the agenda as they were going elsewhere!

5. Recreation Grounds and Allotments – current condition.

ME reported that all the three recreation grounds seemed to be in a good condition for the time of year. Particular items to report were:

- **Blackboys** – ME noted that further damage had occurred to the Jubilee tree. He had removed some of the lower arms and hoped that no further damage would be done.
 - **Allotments** – every councillor was in receipt of a draft amended agreement. Following discussion amendments were agreed. The latest draft is attached to the minutes for final resolution at the next meeting (11 March 2009). It was agreed that in the covering letter, the Clerk should mention that the rents would have to increase further the following year.
- **Palehouse Common** – the provision of a dog bin was to be included in the budget for 2009/10.

6. Budget

Other than the addition of the dog bin, the meeting decided that nothing else needed to be added. Woodchipping would be ordered during the current year to top up the play areas.

7. Any Other Business

- RN mentioned the receipt of an email from Keith Riddle on the apparent lack of progress on the Framfield pavilion. Following discussion, although the item would be brought up under general correspondence at the next full PC meeting, RN would reply.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.