

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Ground Meeting

Wednesday, 11 March 2009

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

In attendance: Ann Newton (Parish Clerk).

Public: None.

1. Apologies

Rita Redman (and Fred Thurston). ME welcomed MM to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest.

RN declared a personal interest in that he is a tenant of one allotment plot.

3. Approval of the last meeting's minutes.

These were approved as read.

4. Matters Arising

- Woodchippings – comment was made that as the woodchippings had been ordered for BB and PHC play areas, someone would be needed to take delivery and spread them.

5. Recreation Grounds and Allotments – current condition.

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

- **Framfield** – Discussion arose around the sharp sand that has not been used on the recreation ground. As it is the wrong sort of sand, dispersal was thought to be a good idea.
 - **Allotments** – the Committee agreed that a meeting needed to be organised fairly soon but a walk around the area should be arranged first. The Clerk has written to the Chair of the Organic Garden asking for details of all the 'tenants' so that every party can be formally notified of the meeting. The Clerk was asked to re-circulate ET's original note on the site to other members.
- **Blackboys** – Jubilee tree – ME reported that there had not been any further problems. It has been noticed that dog-owners were not always using the dog bins provided.
 - **Allotments** – tenancy agreement - every councillor was in receipt of a draft amended agreement. Following discussion the amendments were agreed and the agreement was considered complete for the year 2009/10. It was agreed that in the covering letter, the Clerk should mention that the rents would have to increase further the following year.
 - A report was made that a lorry delivering compost had made an attempt to get up on the allotments. The Committee felt that while the gate is locked, it should remain locked and even in the summer months tenants should consider carefully taking vehicles up onto the allotments before embarking on it. The Clerk was asked to get a key for the padlock cut for PF.

- **Palehouse Common** – comment was made that the ground looks unused. The dog bin has been installed. A complaint was made over the Christmas period that a vehicle appeared to have driven across the ground but this seems to have ceased and is hoped that it was a ‘one-off’ enabling a vehicle to turn round.

6. Pavilion Update

- **Blackboys** - ME reported that a grant application has been made to Virador and another one would be submitted to Veolia. Fundraising is continuing with an ‘Elvis Night’ at the weekend.
 - The Clerk commented that a further reminder had been sent to Downland Housing over the positioning of the gate from John Dann Close.
- **Framfield** – no progress appeared to have been made and the Committee agreed that a meeting should be called to ask that the Framfield group come up with a Project Manager and Plan. Larry Hillman and Laurie Breeds should be asked to attend. MM explained that he was continuing with the application for Chartermark status for Wealden and had taken this over from Laurie.

7. Any Other Business

- **Memorial Bench.** The Clerk reported that a request had been made to place a memorial bench somewhere in Framfield. The Committee agreed that the recreation ground could accommodate another bench but that the School could also be approached. Clerk to make contact.
- MM was given permission to make infrequent use of floodlights for football on the recreation ground with no charge.
- The Clerk stated that the usual letter had been received from the Framfield & Blackboys Horticultural Society asking to utilise Framfield recreation ground for the Summer Show on 8 August 2009. The Clerk was asked to reply in the affirmative with the addition that the Council has no objection to ‘Terrier Racing’. The Clerk was also asked to contact both the Church and David Jenner to make sure that if they have any intention of using the Marquee after the Show that formal permission is sought from the Parish Council and the Horticultural Society for insurance purposes.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.