

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Recreation Ground Meeting

Wednesday, 13 May 2009

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

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.

3. Approval of the last meeting's minutes.

These were approved as read.

4. Matters Arising

All detailed under the relevant sections.

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.**
 - **Allotments** – a letter has been received from the Organic Community Garden giving the details of all the tenants also asking the Council to confirm that the existing plot-holders will be able to remain at the Garden once the Council's formalities are completed and that the Garden will continue running as it is until the beginning of 2010. There was also a query regarding the re-connection of the water supply. The Clerk was asked to acknowledge receipt of the letter and note its contents. ET and ME agreed to walk the area in the immediate future and put some ideas together on the way forward. A meeting with the tenants must then be organised.
- **Blackboys.**
 - **Allotments** – the Clerk reported that the majority of the tenants have paid their rent. BH and PF agreed that they would pursue the clarification of each of the plots.
- **Palehouse Common** – a complaint had been received from a local resident stating that the football netting needed replacing and the grass cut more regularly. A reply had been sent stating that the net would be replaced and that the grass maintenance was currently in the last year of a three-year contract and there was nothing in the budget this year for extra cuts. However, the number of cuts of future contracts could be taken into consideration when renewing the contracts. ME commented that he has found four football nets in the container and RN and himself would endeavour to replace all the nets at their earliest convenience.

6. Pavilion Update

RN reported that following a recent Pavilion meeting Framfield still has no Project Manager so it has been decided to phase the project with Blackboys as Phase 1 and Framfield as Phase II. The Cricket Club also indicated that it was now the PC's turn to assist with the fundraising and some lottery applications are being looked at – one has just been sent off.

- **Blackboys.**
 - **Update on a meeting held with Downland Housing.-** ME reported that Downland were quite happy with the proposals and would be confirming this in writing imminently.

7. Any Other Business

- **Active Play Project** – 28 May 2009, Framfield Recreation Ground.
- **Arrange for the delivery of woodchippings** to PHC/BB recs. ME commented that he would be obtaining a quote to spread the chippings once delivered. The Clerk was requested to contact the supplier to ask them to look at the entrance to PHC in case a smaller lorry would be required.
- **Consideration given to an early tendering exercise** for grounds maintenance contractors. Following discussion the meeting decided that it would be best practice to start the process slightly earlier than usual to enable the figures to be clear prior to the annual budget exercise at the end of the year. Consideration was given to differing the contracts for each recreation ground.
- ET reported that they would have to meet to progress the Land Registry work with the solicitors.
- ET stated that the Horticultural Society would be having a spring clean out of the container under the supervision of ME.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.