

Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 27 July 2010 at 7.30 pm

Present

Rob Newton (Chairman)	Peter Friend
Selina Allen	John Mordaunt
David Andrews	Maria Naylor (Vice Chair)
Richard Brocklebank	Fred Thurston
Myran Eade	

In attendance

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

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

(The minutes are detailed in the order in which they appeared on the agenda but not necessarily the order in which they were taken at the meeting. A copy of all the reports mentioned will be attached to the minutes for the minute book).

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) commented that as the South East Plan had been formally abolished, WDC now have the authority to decide the number of houses within the LDF period. This review of arrangements will mean that the LDF timetables will slip slightly while officers reassess the evidence already gathered. WDC is looking at a more realistic figure of some 7,500/8,000 houses rather than 11,000, 4,500 of which have already been granted.

1. Apologies for Absence

Felicity Groves. Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC).

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on the agenda. Myran Eade declared a personal interest in the item on the Blackboys Pavilion Project as he is associated with Blackboys Cricket Club. On decision-making matters if the meeting thought appropriate, Myran would leave the room. Rob Newton stated that for the record he and his son are no longer associated with the Club so that no interest would arise. Myran commented on whether an interest would arise for Rob as his property is next to the recreation ground. Rob Newton declared a prejudicial interest in the items under the Finance section of the agenda relating to the Clerk, the Clerk being his wife.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting for Approval

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2010 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record. (FT/ME).

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Clerk followed up a few points from the last meeting as follows.

- Website. The Clerk reported that five or six quotes had been received. A committee consisting of Selina Allen, Richard Brocklebank and Rob Newton stated that they would meet in the near future to look at the quotes.
- Horticultural Society. The Clerk reported that following on from the last PC meeting a 'crisis' meeting has been arranged for Monday, 13 September 2010 at 8 pm in the Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome; a flier has been put in the magazine.
- WDC – Affordable Housing. The Clerk reported that WDC were now keen to meet with the Council to discuss provision for housing in the Parish. Although, the meeting felt that until they are allowed some input into the allocation of any properties, this was a waste of time but that it might be worthwhile meeting with representatives of WDC to put their points across. The Clerk was asked to look at dates, possibly around Planning Committee meetings in September.

5. Co-option of the Eleventh Councillor

Richard Brocklebank formally proposed that John Mordaunt be co-opted onto the Council. This was seconded by Maria Naylor and agreed by all present. John duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

6. Correspondence received since the last meeting

Letters for noting/discussion – most items were from pending matters and dealt with under separate headings.

- South East Water. The Clerk reported that works in Framfield had already commenced and a request from the Police has been received asking if a compound could be formed in front of the recycling bins in the car park in front of Framfield recreation ground to enable less equipment to be left on the road. This had been agreed with the proviso that the access must be kept clear, particularly around the time of the Horticultural Show and that any damage must be rectified. A full copy of the letter detailing the timescales of the works has been placed in the Parish Magazine.

7. Finance

- Finance Committee Report: Councillors were asked to resolve to adopt the following recommendations as detailed in the report.
 - Formal revisions to the Terms of Reference for the FGP Committee. (Resolved and dated FT/PF).
 - Delegate to the FGP Committee responsibility for taking on a new Internal Auditor. The Clerk updated the meeting with the details of the second candidate. The Council agreed that John Roberts should be offered the post (ME/RB).
 - Revision of signatories as detailed in the report. Following one alteration (Blackboys Village Hall would retain the current signatories and add on the ones recommended as detailed in the recent Blackboys Trust meeting minutes) this was agreed. (MN/RB).
 - Separation of the accounts for the two Trusts. This was agreed as read. (DA/FT).
- **Formal agreement of the July 2010 expenditure – itemised below.** This was agreed for payment by Selina Allen, seconded by Maria Naylor and agreed by all present.

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Cheques to pay

Arbor Management (grounds maintenance of all recs/allotments [July])	940.52
Framfield Memorial Hall (Hall hire)	90.00
Blackboys Village Hall (Hall hire)	20.00
WDC (dog bin emptying April to June 2010)	292.81
Jan Riddle, RFO:	
July (gross salary £54.16); 4 extra hours (£50.00)	83.16
Ann Newton, Clerk:	
July (gross salary £1,147.47); room allowance (£40.00); mileage (£9.02); reimbursement of large stamps (£2.64).	895.54
HMRC	
July tax and NI payments for Clerk/RFO	410.92
<u>Total:</u>	<u>£2,732.95</u>

Bank Balances as at 30 June 2010

Current Account £16,484.72
Deposit Account £107.38

Any Other Business

The Clerk reported that a Grant Application had been received from Victim Support. She was asked to reply with a holding stating that this would be looked at with other applications at the end of the financial year, although last year the decision was made to only donate to organisations within the Parish.

8. Committees

- **Planning:** the Planning Committee minutes for the meetings held on 30 June and 21 July 2010 have already been circulated. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 11 August 2010 at 7 pm.
- **Environment:** the minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday, 30 June 2010 have already been circulated. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 11 August 2010 on the rising of the Planning Committee.
 - Streetlighting – update if available. Fred Thurston reported that there was a problem with one of the two lights the Council had agreed to repair. The repairs have been done but a further problem to the connection box was found with one and repaired incurring an extra cost of nearly £1,000. He was currently debating the issue with ESCC!

- Traffic calming proposals for Blackboys – update if available. The Clerk reported that she had received an email from Michael Higgs stating that due to the government's announcement of £6.2 billion in-year cuts, every local authority will have to make cutbacks accordingly. At ESCC a significant proportion of the cuts are in Transport & Environment (T&E). This means that they will not be implementing any further speed limits this financial year and until a better idea of the levels of funding that might be available in future years it would be impracticable to forecast when the 30 mph speed limit in Blackboys might go ahead. The Council stated that this is very disappointing news. The Clerk was asked to distribute the information as best she could. Chris Dowling would be investigating if there is a way forward.
- 'Traffic calming' proposals for Framfield – update if available. The Clerk reported that it seems as though the only works which would be done is a refresh of the lines throughout Framfield village and that a new '30' roundel in the carriageway would be implemented on entering the 30 mph speed limit coming from Blackboys.
- Guideposts. The Clerk was asked to chase up Phil Anderson with regard to the repairs to the guideposts.

● **Pavilion Review**

Fred Thurston reported that himself, Myran Eade and Graham Pope had attended a meeting of 3VA to investigate options for fundraising.

- Blackboys. Fred stated that a meeting was to be held with representatives of the Cricket Club and PC on Thursday to discuss a transfer of the Pavilion to the PC responsibility. There is some urgency in this being brought to a conclusion as the Veolia grant application has to be submitted by 2 August 2010.
- Framfield. Fred reported that the options for the proposed refurbishment were to be discussed at the Memorial Hall meeting the following evening.

9. Reports from Representatives

Schools:

- Framfield – Selina Allen reported that the school building contractor would be making good any damage to the pavements or roads on completion of the project.
- Blackboys – The Clerk reported that the building works to construct a new school office were underway.

SALC/WDALC: Nothing to report.

10. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chairman

- Summer Show – Parish Council Stall. The meeting decided that due to the lack of interest in previous years, a stall would not be utilised this year. The Clerk offered to sell the history book and maps on her car raffle stall.
- The Clerk suggested that the new councillors might like to attend a New Councillor Course. She would look into dates and content.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Chairman..... Date

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
 Tuesday, 28 September 2010, at the Memorial Hall, Framfield,
 commencing at 7.30 pm.**