

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 11 August 2010, at 7.45 pm in the Memorial Hall, Framfield.

Present: David Andrews (Chairman), Richard Brocklebank, Felicity Groves (Vice Chairman), Maria Naylor, Rob Newton and Fred Thurston.

In attendance: Ann Newton (Clerk) Public: None.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

3. Minutes of the last Meeting: 30 June 2010

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 30 June 2010 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising

- **Speed Proposals – B2102, Blackboys – update.** The whole Council had been updated by the Clerk at the last Parish Council meeting – details below. Unless there is any further information on clarification of the expenditure cuts from Councillor Chris Dowling, the situation seemed to be static.
Extract from the last PC meeting: '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'.
- **Speed Proposals – Framfield.** The whole Council had been updated by the Clerk at the last Parish Council meeting – details below.
Extract from the last PC meeting: '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'.
- **Update - Community Speed Watch** – Fred Thurston asked for the Committee to consider the future of Speed Watch in line with the news that no improvements will be made in the Parish. The residents involved were of course quite at liberty to continue but with very little chance of further action being taken by either the Police or ESCC in the current climate it might be the time for the Council to step aside. The Clerk offered to contact Mr Glen Swire to discuss the situation.
- **Street lighting** – Fred Thurston reported that he is currently waiting for a reply from ESCC on the apparent price rise in disconnecting/removing a streetlight. Removal would have been the fallback position if the swap-over to lower energy bulbs had not been to residents' liking. However, if the increased price remains, this would mean increasing the budget from approximately £16/17,000 to some £60,000!

5. Any Other Business

- Guideposts. The Clerk stated that she was pursuing Phil Anderson who has repaired the posts for many years but the Council might like to consider their position if he is no longer in the business. All alternatives were much more expensive.
- Summer Show Crisis Meeting – 13 September 2010. Rob Newton advised everyone to have a think about what the PC position should be for that meeting.

6. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 13 October 2010.

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