

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of an Environment Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 October 2010, at 7.15 pm in the Memorial Hall, Framfield.

Present: Felicity Groves (Chairman), John Mordaunt (Vice Chairman), Maria Naylor, Rob Newton and Fred Thurston.
Also Present: Richard Brocklebank.
In attendance: Ann Newton (Clerk) Public: None.

1. Apologies

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC).

2. Election of a Chairman.

Maria Naylor proposed that Felicity Groves be elected as Chairman. This was seconded by Rob Newton and agreed by all present. There were no other nominations.

3. Election of a Vice Chairman

Rob Newton proposed that John Mordaunt be elected as Vice Chairman. This was seconded by Fred Thurston and agreed by all present. There were no other nominations.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5. Minutes of the last Meeting: 11 August 2010

It was agreed that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 August 2010 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

6. Matters Arising

- **Speed Proposals – B2102, Blackboys – update.** There was no further update.
- **Speed Proposals – Framfield/Community Speed Watch** – As detailed at the recent PC meeting, the Clerk reported that the residents of Blackboys Road were trying to investigate the costs of methods to slow the traffic down with the idea of possible private funding. They were currently very disappointed with the apparent inactivity of ESCC and felt that their efforts on Speedwatch were pointless. The Clerk was keeping Chris Dowling in the loop and the residents wanted to keep the PC on board as well.
- **Street lighting** – The Clerk reported that the final invoice for repairing two streetlights is £1,783.86. The original works had been agreed by the Council (£571.72 + vat) but additional works had been found to be needed and carried out without approval by Colas, ESCC's contractor. The PC had reluctantly agreed to honour this what they thought to be total cost of £946.46 However this is an extra cost making the total cost £1,783.86. A letter has been sent to ESCC stating that the PC will not retrospectively approve any works and voicing their displeasure at this outcome. The meeting agreed that it should be paid. The meeting further agreed that any repairs quoted in excess of £500.00 should be declined and the lamp removed.
Fred Thurston reported that he has got to the bottom of the disconnection/removal costs as follows: to remove a B lamp (bracketted) is £292.00 an increase of 61% and a T lamp (tarmac) is £531.00 an increase of 28%. This would have given a cost of some £21,000 but will not cost £29,600.
In the meanwhile ESCC have suggested that a low cost, low energy fluorescent bulb is used to replace the soon to be obsolete mercury lamps. Two trials are being carried out in Tudor Walk and Mount Pleasant without any detrimental comments.
Fred has three recommendations as follows:-
 1. This financial year – request that ESCC replace 22 lamps at £45.00 per lamp (£990.00). The energy costs for this year would remain at £1,100, with maintenance costs at £1,800, leaving £1,700 for repairs in the budget (£1,700 already spent!). This falls slightly short of the budgeted amount of £5,750.

2. In April 2011 request that ESCC swap over 52 lamps (£2,340) giving annual energy costs of £1,000 and maintenance cost of £1,800. Again coming inside the budget.
3. From April 2012 the cost of running the streetlights will have dropped to £2,144 saving some £800.00 per year.

Fred stated that he would do a full paper for the next PC meeting. He was thanked for all his efforts to date.

- **Guideposts** – The Clerk reported that she has made contact with Phil Anderson and he has given a list of prices. The Clerk as asked to request that he finishes the post opposite the end of Pound Lane once the work by Southern Water has been completed. Maria Naylor stated that she would liaise with Phil over the two posts which are behind the storage container on Framfield recreation ground – one of which belongs on the triangle near Paygate Farm. The meeting thought that the whole future of guideposts could be discussed at the Annual Assembly.

7. Any Other Business

- Community Emergency Action Plan. Felicity Groves is completing the CEAP with the assistance of the Clerk. She requires a map for the back page.

8. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 15 December 2010.

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