

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Framfield Parish held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 29 May 2012 at 8 pm

Present : Cllrs Maria Naylor (Chairman) Felicity Groves
Selina Allen John Mordaunt
Myran Eade Rob Newton (Vice Chair)
Peter Friend Ian Paisley
Jeff Goggin
Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)

In attendance Ann Newton - Clerk Members of the public - none

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) reported that he would be having a meeting shortly with ESCC Officers to discuss the (lack of) progress on the proposals for Blackboys High Street. He was still receiving from residents reservations about the re-alignment of the junction of the B2192/B2102. He would also be discussing what could be put in place to slow traffic down on the B2192 in general, particularly bearing in mind the recent fatality. The Clerk mentioned that EHWHPC were also pursuing a lower speed limit at the Halland end of the road.

1. Apologies for Absence

There were none.

2. Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 5 April 2011

It was agreed that the minutes from the Annual Assembly held on 5 April 2011 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Maria Naylor thanked all Parish Councillors for their efforts on behalf of the Parish and welcomed Jeff Goggin from Framfield – the only new member this year.

Following the re-organisation of all the administrative processes last year, this year had been a year of bedding in and everything seemed to be working well.

The only other alteration which could be considered is reducing the number of full Parish Council meetings in a year. As there are now regular Trust meetings which cover a large percentage of the Council's remit, a reduction in PC meetings would be appropriate.

It was felt that the Council with its many assets and liabilities had a large amount of ongoing administration but not necessarily the need or indeed time to start any new projects. Of course Selina Allen was endeavouring to find a funding avenue to renew the play equipment on Framfield area and there were the two refurbishment projects of the Blackboys Pavilion and Memorial Hall.

4. Parish Reports

- **Environment**
 - **Guideposts** – the meeting discussed the future guideposts versus the lack of funds available to repair/replace many that are dilapidated. Also as to how high up the list of priorities this should be. They belong to ESCC who don't have the funds for their upkeep and will be replaced with metal signs if necessary. There was a benefactor who would be doing his own works.
- **Finance & General Purposes**
 - **Precept in future years** – the meeting discussed the potential need to increase the precept in future years as the reserves are dangerously low. Compared to other Council's Framfield seemed to charge each household considerably less than many. The meeting agreed that an article should be put in a relevant Parish Magazine detailing reasons for an increase and the potential increase in money terms not percentages as this can be deceptive.
- **Planning.** Maria Naylor reported that she felt it had been a quiet year.

5. Any Other Parish Business and Questions

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Chairman.....

Date