

Minutes of the Annual Assembly of Framfield Parish held at the Village Hall, Blackboys, on Tuesday, 28 April 2015 at 8 pm

Present : Cllrs Jeff Goggin (Chairman) Peter Friend
Selina Allen Maria Naylor
Keith Brandon Rob Newton

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)
PCSO Tony Moore

In attendance

Ann Newton - Clerk

Members of the public - five

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) was invited to report relevant ESCC topics:

- Council Tax – there had been a 1.9% raise in Council Tax this year due to the ongoing cuts from central government and the need to maintain services.
- Children’s Department – there had been an excellent Ofsted report on safeguarding issues.
- Library Service - £15m has been allocated to library provision – two new libraries have been built in Seaford and Newhaven and ESCC are working hard to build a new library in Hastings.

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) – due to the impending elections Ann only commented on the two CPR sessions which she is organising urging people to put their names forward.

PCSO Tony Moore stated that there were no real problems within the Parish but he is always available, preferably on his mobile number.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Sue Newman.

2. Minutes of the Annual Assembly held on 27 May 2014

It was agreed that the minutes from the Annual Assembly held on 27 May 2014 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

3. Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Jeff Goggin as Chairman of the Council reported on the following items:

Firstly the sad loss of Ian Paisley who had served the residents of the Parish on the Council for over 20 years. Also, the news that Myran Eade is unwell and wished him well.

- Play areas – these have now been refurbished and only good reports have been received.
- Guideposts – three have now been replaced and are in the ownership of the Council which means they are insured. A further programme of works will be put together for subsequent years.
- The Memorial Hall Refurbishment – the work has now commenced with the initial redecoration of the main hall. This is to be followed in the summer holidays by more work.
- Framfield School – two flashing signs are to be installed in The Street in the vicinity of the School. These will be activated for a short period at school start and finish times.
- Village Market – the Council took this over at the beginning of 2014 and seems to be doing well raising funds for the refurbishment of the Hall.

4. Any Other Parish Business and Questions

- Trevor Clarke asked if the traffic calming measures had been completed at the eastern end of the High Street, Blackboys, as he felt that they had had no effect in slowing down traffic speeds. He mentioned in particular that he thought that a double white line had been suggested for the middle of the road.

- Mr Clarke further commented on the refurbishment of the guideposts and was given an explanation as to why some could be replaced and not others in line with ESCC policy.
- Mr Clarke concluded by stating that he thought the Annual Parish Meeting should be more widely advertised. Again, he was given an explanation that the meeting had become somewhat superfluous as residents no longer have to wait a year to air their view on Parish matters because they can have their say prior to the commencement of each full Council meeting.
- David Jenner thanked the Council for the new lighting on the stage at the Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chairman.....

Date