

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council held at the Memorial Hall, Framfield, on Tuesday, 28 November 2017 at 7.30pm

Present (Councillors): Keith Brandon (Chairman) Rob Jackson
Selina Allen (Vice Chairman) Maria Naylor
Peter Friend Rob Newton
Danny Gallagher Sam Sharples

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) - part

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

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

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) – Chris reported on the following items:

- Bird in Eye Hill – the onus was still on the residents with regard to what they would like for the road before a feasibility study can be commissioned. Chris would try and confirm if any progress has been made.
- Budget – County are in the planning stages of putting together their budget for next year which would be agreed in February 2018. A further spending reduction of £21m in the revenue budget is being suggested totalling a reduction of £100m over the last six or seven years.

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) – Ann reported on the following items:

- There had been press coverage over a situation on the Bellbrook Industrial Estate whereby chemicals are being stored. If anyone had any questions, she should be the first point of contact.
- The Parish Conference was being held on 6 December 2017 where there would be update on the Local Plan etc (Sam Sharples to attend on behalf of 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).

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Jeff Goggin and Noel Mansley.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal, prejudicial and pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda. Rob Newton declared a prejudicial pecuniary interest in the items under the Finance section of the agenda relating to the Clerk, the Clerk being his wife.

3. To accept the Minutes of the last meeting (26 September 2017)

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2017, having been circulated, as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as proposed by Maria Naylor and seconded by Sam Sharples.

4. Co-option of Parish Councillors

Danny Gallagher introduced himself and gave a brief history of his life to date. He was formally nominated for co-option by Rob Newton, this was seconded by Selina and subsequently voted onto the Council unanimously. Danny duly signed the Declaration of Office and was welcomed on board.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

To receive updates or agree any further actions.

- Blackboys – B2192 – feasibility studied commissioned. The Clerk updated the meeting with the news that an email had been received from ESCC stating that the application for a feasibility study is being assessed. ESCC have stated that their speed data is out of date and as such the Council would have to fund at least three speed surveys at a cost of £400.00 each before they are able to progress the Study. Councillors agreed that a meeting needs to be held and asked Chris Dowling who should be involved.

6. Correspondence received since the last meeting

Letters for noting/discussion (Including items that have been received after this agenda has been published) – most items were from pending matters and dealt with under separate headings.

- WDC: Members' Allowances. Following discussion the meeting agreed not to implement Members' Allowances as proposed by Rob Newton, seconded by Sam Sharples and agreed by all present.
- Wealdlink – contribution for next year. The Clerk informed the Council that Framfield's contribution to the 262 Saturday bus service for the 2018/19 year, is expected to be a maximum of £640.00. This was agreed by all present (SA/SS) and would be included in the budget.
- Email from Trevor Hince, Chairman of the Framfield and Blackboys Horticultural Society. The Clerk detailed the contents of the letter inviting the Council to propose that a member be included on a small Committee to agree where any surplus funds from the Society might be spent. The meeting agreed that the Clerk or Selina would attend, whoever was available.

7. Finance and General Purposes:

- Resolve to agree the recommendations as detailed in the FGP minutes from the meeting held on 11 October 2017. The exception was with regard to the hire rates for the Memorial Hall, of which details of a further revision will have been given at the Trust update. The meeting agreed the recommendations as detailed proposed by Rob Newton and seconded by Selina Allen. The revision to the Memorial Hall hire rates was explained and again agreed unanimously. (The standard rates had not changed but the emphasis had been put on an increase on commercial/business charges to assist with subsidising the local/charity rates).
- A further FGP meeting is scheduled for 11 December 2017.
- Councillors were in receipt of the schedule of expenditure as at 31 October 2017, bank reconciliation and bank statement for October for comparison and agreement. The accounts were verified as correct by the Council. (KB/SS).
- Formal agreement of the October/November 2017 payments/disbursements – itemised below. This was agreed for payment by Peter Friend, seconded by Sam Sharples and agreed by all present.
- Any other financial matters. There were none.

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701381 – NWCTP Ltd (share of community bus service [general reserves])	121.91
701382 – D & J Greengrow (handyman March/September 2017)	2,560.00
701383 – English Woodlands Forestry Limited (tree survey [rec reserves])	912.00
701384 – HMRC; October tax and NI payments for the Clerk/RFO	496.82
701385 – The Play Inspection Company (play area inspections)	312.00
701386 – Barcombe Landscapes Ltd (grounds maintenance)	708.00
701387 – A Kinvig (tree surgery – recreation ground reserves)	1,656.00
701388 – D & J Greengrow (fencing at Framfield recreation ground – earmarked reserves [Framfield fencing], balance from general reserves)	2,515.00
701389 – Mr R Richards (cutting grass top of Becketts Way March/November)	120.00
BACS – Blackboys Trust (Hall hire)	60.00
BACS – HMRC; November tax and NI payments for the Clerk/RFO	489.20

(Staff salaries are paid by BACS net of deductions)

Barclaycard Payments

October

£410.79 (Hall expenses including new hob at Memorial Hall [£179.99])

November

£387.54 (Both halls expenses plus 200 stamps)

Bank Balances as at 31 October 2017

Current Account £17,912.98

Deposit Account £35,119.22

National Savings Account £19,278.14

8. Verbal Reports/updates from Council Members and the Clerk (if required).

- Liaison with ESCC on highway matters – Rob Jackson/Clerk. The Clerk stated that she would liaise with Rob to see what still needed to be done.
- Clerk – report on any other items not recorded elsewhere in the agenda.
 - Meeting dates for 2018 – previously circulated.

9. Reports from Representatives

- **Schools:** St Thomas à Becket Church of England Federation (Blackboys & Framfield CEP Schools) (KB). No report.
- **WDALC** (Wealden District Association of Local Councils) – minutes to be sent out as and when received.
- **Parish Planning Panel (c/o Clerk)** - minutes to be sent out as and when received. The next meeting is scheduled for 5 December 2017 (Maria Naylor to attend).

10. Items for referral by Councillors to the next appropriate Council or Committee agenda.

There was nothing further.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:
Tuesday, 30 January 2018
at the Village Hall, Blackboys.
commencing at 7.30 pm.**