

**FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the SLR Meeting between Framfield Parish Council (FPC) and**  
**East Sussex County Council (ESCC) held at the ESCC Offices, The**  
**Broyle, Ringmer, on Thursday, 24 January 2019 at 9 am**

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Present            ESCC:  
Mr John Godfrey (JG) (Highways Steward)  
Mr Liam Reilly (LR) (Customer Service Manager)  
Councillor Chris Dowling (CD)

FPC:  
Councillor Danny Gallagher (DG)  
Mrs Ann Newton (AN) (Parish Clerk)

**1. Introduction and Apologies.**

Ian Johnson (IJ) (ESCC).

**2. Approve the minutes from the meeting held on 3 October 2018.**

The minutes were agreed.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes (not detailed elsewhere in the agenda).**

Item four (hedge/vegetation adjacent to Blackboys Recreation Ground [‘Mill Field’]). This has been cut. Item ten (grassed area in front of Mapleleaf Cottages, School Lane, Blackboys) – AN explained that the matter was now in the hands of Wealden District Council (WDC) who it is anticipated will have jurisdiction over the majority of the area – except for the strip next to the road.

**4. HGV’s travelling through Palehouse Common.**

LR explained that the implementation of traffic signs etc was not within his jurisdiction but would come under IJ’s team (Kelly Burr [KB]). DG stated that although the current response to the request for additional signage has not been looked upon favourably by ESCC, he believed that the road needs re-assessing due to the increase in number of units at Squires Farm Industrial Estate (plus the five houses built last year) and the completion of Enlightened Business Park. LR agreed to make contact with IJ and KB with a view to inviting them along to the next meeting ideally with what could potentially be available with costings. Community Match Funding may be available from ESCC. A query was also made about potential Section 106 or CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) contributions from Squires and Enlightened. AN agreed to look into this but thought it was unlikely.

**5. Pathway repair at the entrances to Framfield Memorial Hall.**

DG commented that it is really good to see that the pathway at one of the entrances to the Hall has been repaired but wondered the reason why the other side hasn’t been completed? JG said that there was no report of damage but he will go and have a further look. Although he can mark up faults, a more thorough repair of the whole area (as has been done on the other side) is only advisory.

CD asked if the works to the dropped kerbs etc that had been suggested during a meeting with representatives of ESCC and DG’s predecessor on the Parish Council would be progressed. It might be the case to meet with Robin Hayler and/or Samantha Neame again.

**6. Traffic hazard at the junction of The Street and Becketts Way, Framfield.**

JG reported that the pavement was repaired and a claim made to recover the cost of the work to the contractor. ESCC Enforcement deemed the parking not to be a real problem but did give an advisory word. The implementation of double yellow lines would come under IJ’s

jurisdiction but CD stated that IJ had commented to him informally that there would be no new parking restrictions put in place as there is no one to enforce them. CD suggested that the PC obtain formal confirmation of this from IJ. With regards to the 'anti-social' parking at the top of Becketts Way – social media could be used to 'name or shame' and/or Operation Crackdown, although the latter seems fairly ineffectual.

### **7. Re-surfacing work at Mount Pleasant and Pump Lane.**

CD stated that he understood that the resurfacing of Mount Pleasant, Blackboys, is on a list to be re-surfaced. The road is made of concrete on which tarmac does not sit well. It is the original surface of the road (1960's). JG said that he could only raise this as a Category Four (low status) which is advisory only. It now seems to be on a list for just jet-patching in April. CD said that he would approach Dale Poor, Contracts Manager at ESCC, as the situation has been ongoing for too long.

Pump Lane – the situation was believed to be very much the same. JG reported that he has issued a Category Three for the repairs around the entrance to Burdon Brothers. An area of about 25 metres will be re-surfaced. A road closure will be in place (April/May) following a 12-week notice period. The whole road has a Category Four but there are no plans to completely re-surface.

Discussion arose as to whereabouts of the 'list' – believed to be with the Asset Management Team – Robin Hayler/Samantha Neame. CD stated that he would speak to Dale Poor.

### **8. Potential adoption of the wildlife verge in Tickerage Lane, Blackboys.**

AN relayed the story to date on the request from ESCC to make a stretch of verge into a wildlife verge where there are already serious issues in getting a dustcart down the Lane due to overgrown foliage etc. LR/JG agreed to speak to James Newmarch (ESCC) who has made the suggestion which is strongly opposed by the Parish Council, CD, relevant residents and although not opposed, thought not to be ideal by Waste Management at WDC. LR also agreed to speak to Annabelle Harvey (ESCC).

### **9. Planned Maintenance Programme in Framfield Parish**

There is none planned to year end – 31 March 2019. Such a Programme is created from the highest priority items in the 'list' and which have been submitted and agreed by ESCC. If anything is agreed beyond March, LR agreed to provide a list going forwards for the months of April, May and June.

### **10. Next meeting – date, time and location.**

It was agreed to meet during the second half of April 2019.

*JG was given good wishes for his move away from ESCC and it was hoped to see LR again before his move at the end of May.*

*The meeting closed at 10.30 am.*