

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council (PC) held at the Village Hall,
Blackboys, on Tuesday, 31 May 2022 at 5.30 pm.

Present (Councillors): Keith Brandon (Chairman) Maria Naylor
Peter Friend
Councillor Ann Newton (WDC)
Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC)

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

(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).

Councillor Chris Dowling (ESCC) [CD] made the following report:

Lewes Road

- CD understood that the PC would be making an application for a feasibility study.
- The additional works on the B2192 funded by ESCC will commence shortly with the Lewes to Halland section being done first.

Parish Streetlighting – CD was still receiving comments from residents on the streetlighting and understood that reports are still awaited from ESCC who carry out the maintenance on behalf of the Parish Council. This was agreed.

Councillor Ann Newton (WDC) [AN] made a short report:

- AN reported that she now been elected as Leader of the Council at the May Full Council meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Tony Hall (Vice Chairman).

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors to give notice of declarations of personal, prejudicial and pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda. There were none.

3. To accept the Minutes of the last meeting (29 March 2022)

It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2022, having been circulated, as a true and accurate record of the meeting as proposed by Keith Brandon and seconded by Maria Naylor.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes To receive updates or agree any further actions – all detailed elsewhere on the agenda.

- Parish streetlighting – the Clerk stated following on from a meeting with ESCC news was still awaited from ESCC on an action plan. Clerk to chase.
- Replacement trees – recreation grounds. A benefactor had come forward to discuss the provision of some trees. A meeting would take place in late summer.
- Memorial Hall, Framfield – insurance claim. The Clerk reported that Hiscox were not prepared to cover the cost of the root wall but would pay up to the total cost of the tree felling. All other remedial repair works are covered. They have been asked to obtain a quote for the works which is still ongoing.

5. 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.

- Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance – letter of thanks.
- WDC: Parish Conference – 22 June 2022 – Peter Friend to attend.

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- a) Ratification of the agreement to finance the cost of a feasibility study to be conducted by ESCC Highways of the section of the B2192, Lewes Road, which runs through Blackboys village – southern end of Stonebridge Lane to Brownings Farm. This was agreed.
- b) Resolve to agree a quote received to erect a ramp to meet requirements for disability access at Blackboys Pavilion. To decide whether this should be funded by CIL payments. This was agreed. The Chairman has some queries. Clerk to run past WDC Building Control. CIL funds to be used to cover the costs.
- c) In line with legislation, resolve to agree that both the Clerk and Groundsman can enter the designated pension scheme. Clerk's gratuity to cease at the same time. Work to be conducted by payroll company. This was agreed.
- d) Bank reconciliation, balances and accounts – all Councillors were in receipt of a copy of the financial sheets for comparison and agreement. The accounts were verified as correct by the Council. (MN/KB).
- e) Resolve to agree the since the March 2022 meeting the payments/disbursements as detailed on the report as circulated. These were agreed and detailed at the end of the minutes. These were agreed (PF/MN).
- f) Any other financial matters: there were none.
 - VAT claims – the meeting also agreed that now that VAT claims have to be made digitally via a software package, the payroll company could be contracted to do this work. A claim only has to be made once a year although more often if necessary.

7. Planning Committee.

- The minutes/delegated comments since the last Parish Council meeting were agreed as read.

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

- Liaison with ESCC on highway matters:
 - HGV's in Palehouse Common – the works to provide designs and prices could be available in September 2022.
 - Lewes Road/High Street, Blackboys – report on a meeting held with ESCC Officers. The meeting agreed that a feasibility study should go ahead at a cost of £500.00 reduced due to the fact that ESCC have already obtained the speed data. Clerk to apply. This would enable the PC to apply for Community Match Funding once the details were known of what works are required to reduce the speed limit to 40 mph.
 - Pathways, Blackboys – much more works have been carried out and commissioned by ESCC in Blackboys to rectify maintenance issues with the roads/pavements.
 - Speedwatch is now active but looking for more volunteers.
 - SLR meetings – none have been held.
- Clerk – report on any other items not recorded elsewhere in the agenda.
 - WDC: Resolution to ask Wealden District Council to consider reducing the number of Parish Councillors on Framfield Parish Council to 9. This was agreed (KB/MN). Clerk to send minute onto WDC.

9. Reports from Representatives

- **WDALC** (Wealden District Association of Local Councils) – minutes to be sent out as and when received.
- **Parish Planning Panel (c/o Clerk/Tony Hall)** - minutes to be sent out as and when received.
- **CSAG – Police (Chairman/Clerk)** – the Chairman and Clerk attend the meetings.
- **Cluster meetings – WDC Planning/Local Plan (Chairman/Clerk).**

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.50 pm.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, 26 July 2022
commencing at 5 pm
to be held in the Village Hall, Blackboys.

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Income and Expenditure April/May 2022

| Invoice | Income/Exp | Item Heading | Payment | Comments | Pre VAT | VAT (£) | TOTAL (£) |
|--------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------|
| 03/05/2022 | Inc | VAT Income | OLB | VAT Rebate | | 4,424.99 | 4,424.99 |
| 21/04/2022 | Inc | Precept | OLB | Wealden DC | 34,350.00 | | 34,350.00 |
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| Invoice Date | Income/Exp | Item Heading | Payment Ref | Comments | Pre VAT VALUE (£) | VAT (£) | TOTAL (£) |
| 12/05/2022 | exp | subscriptions | OLB | ICO | 40.00 | | 40.00 |
| 09/05/2022 | exp | general | OLB | Drakes Plumbing | 13.92 | 2.78 | 16.70 |
| 18/04/2022 | exp | NI & Paye | OLB | WG Accounting | 1,479.22 | | 1,479.22 |
| 21/04/2022 | exp | I A Fee/GDPR | OLB | Mulberry & Co | 198.36 | | 198.36 |
| 25/04/2022 | exp | Staff Costs | OLB | Staff Costs | 3,578.40 | | 3,578.40 |
| 25/04/2022 | exp | general | OLB | Mole Country Store | 13.86 | | 13.86 |
| 01/04/2022 | exp | Bus Service | OLB | North Wealdon CTP | 130.97 | | 130.97 |
| 01/04/2022 | exp | Bus Service | OLB | North Wealdon CTP | 110.37 | | 110.37 |
| 06/04/2022 | exp | subscriptions | OLB | ESALC Ltd | 604.58 | | 604.58 |
| 01/04/2022 | exp | urban Grass Cutting | OLB | East Sussex County Council | 838.00 | 167.60 | 1,005.60 |
| 01/04/2022 | exp | Hall Hire | OLB | BBT | 20.00 | | 20.00 |
| 04/04/2022 | exp | Stationery/Copying | OLB | Amazon | 9.59 | 1.92 | 11.51 |
| 04/04/2022 | exp | Loan Interest | OLB | Public Works Loan | 2,914.21 | | 2,914.21 |
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