

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of Framfield Parish Council (PC) held at the Village Hall,
Blackboys, on Monday, 18 May 2026 at 4.30 pm.

Present	Councillors	Keith Brandon (Chairman) (KB)	David Jenner (Vice Chairman) (DJ)
		Trevor Boughton (TJB)	Maria Naylor (MN)
		Trishia Blewitt (TB)	
	Councillor Ann Newton (WDC)		
In attendance	Ann Newton - Clerk	Members of the Public – none.	
	Marie Owen - RFO		

(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).

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Penny and Robin Grainger.

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 (the AGM) – not yet available

The minutes of the meetings held on 31 March and 16 April 2026 were agreed at the previous Annual Parish Council Meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

All other items are included elsewhere in the minutes.

- Parish Streetlighting – update.
 - Progress on refurbishment programme. The refurbishment is complete.
 - Resolve to remove three concrete lamp posts and replace with steel ones. Only two posts now need to be removed (the third was done by ESCC at their cost (by accident!) previously. The total cost is £7,529 – £5,000 of which is the fee to UKPN for the disconnection and reconnection of the supply. All to be funded by CIL. The meeting agreed the work (KB/TJB).
 - Purchase lamp shields where necessary – a couple more shields have been requested.
 - A further post to be put back to vertical – this is still to be done but is in hand.
 - Progress on new energy contract – no further progress. To be taken off the agenda until any progress is made although remaining with ESCC seems a reasonable option.
- Step Up Sports – update on the survey. The Chairman reported that he had collated the information and sent back to Step Up Sports – some 73 people had responded. The meeting agreed that Step Up Sports should write the required report suitable for grant funding, at a cost of circa £300.00. The Clerk was asked to send out the collated information to all.

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.

- WDC – Extension of the Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Fouling. The Clerk reported that this covers all of the Parish recreation grounds, churchyard etc.

6. Finance and General Purposes:

- a) Blackboys play area - roundabout safety surfacing – to be replaced. Ratification of the cost (£2,773 + VAT) – to be initially funded by CIL. This was agreed (KB/MN).
- b) 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. (DJ/MN).

- c) Resolve to agree the payments/disbursements since the March 2026 meeting as detailed on the report as circulated. These were agreed and detailed at the end of the minutes. These were agreed (DJ/KB).
- d) Any other financial/general purposes matters.
 - o Framfield Allotments – future administration. This was still ongoing.

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 – since the County Council elections the PC has asked for updates from ESCC and contact now has to be made with the relevant departments within County.
 - o Lewes Road, Blackboys
 - Update on CMF – speed survey and costs. News was still awaited from ESCC/Police.
 - o High Street, Blackboys, speed limit – update. An email had been received from ESCC showing an area of the village where the Police have no initial objections to lowering the speed limit subject to the entire area having a form of traffic calming but request full consultation at the appropriate time. The area encompasses the entire village which wasn't something which had originally been discussed.
 - o Palehouse Common – lorry routing signs. No further news.
 - o Road traffic collisions – B2102/Pound Lane – with ESCC. No further news.
 - o Holly Grove – formal complaint to ESCC. The Chairman is endeavouring to contact the resident to see if he wishes further action to be taken.
 - o Speed Indication Devices. No further news other to confirm that installing any new devices now appears prohibitive due to cost and bureaucracy! With no repairs in sight of either the VAS in Blackboys or the School sign in Framfield, as any repairs are carried out on a risk basis only!
- Clerk – report on any other items not recorded elsewhere in the agenda.
 - o Etchingwood Lane – bend sign on very sharp left hand turn – with ESCC.
 - o Bridge, Brookhouse Lane – damaged – repaired.
 - o New noticeboards. Ongoing.

9. Reports from Representatives

- **WDALC** (Wealden District Association of Local Councils) – minutes to be sent out as and when received.
- **Cluster meetings – WDC Planning/Local Plan (Chairman/Clerk)** – minutes sent out as and when received.

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

- David Jenner asked if the guidepost at the junction of Palehouse Common/Pump Lane could be looked at as an arm has disappeared.
- David further commented on the overgrown footpath between Pound Hill towards Blackboys.

11. Exclusion of the Public:

To give consideration under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 100 (A)(4), to the public being excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Act.

This was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by David Jenner.

12. Legal advice.

The meeting agreed that further legal advice should be sought. The Chairman was to have another meeting the following day.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5 pm.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, 28 July 2026 commencing at 3.45 pm in the Memorial Hall, Framfield.

Income and Expenditure April & May 2026

Invoice Date	Income/Exp	Item Heading	Payment	Comments	Pre VAT	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
30/04/2026	Inc	Interest	OLB	Redwood Interest	246.61		246.61
07/04/2026	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Ceri Stenner	32.00		32.00
01/04/2026	Inc	Income-Parish Mag	OLB	Optimal Stra	150.00		150.00
08/05/2026	Inc	Other	OLB	John Dunn	8.30		8.30
27/04/2026	Inc	Other	OLB	CIL 11	75895.03		75,895.03
27/04/2026	Inc	Precept	OLB	Wealden DC	44000.00		44,000.00
15/04/2026	Inc	Other	OLB	Grimwade Grasscutting	75.00		75.00
14/04/2026	Inc	Other	OLB	Saunders Grasscutting	75.00		75.00
09/04/2026	Inc	Other	OLB	Richards Grasscutting	75.00		75.00
09/04/2026	Inc	Other	OLB	Lottery	14.00		14.00
09/04/2026	Inc	Other	OLB	Geer Grasscutting	75.00		75.00
08/04/2026	Inc	Other	OLB	Bradford Grasscutting	75.00		75.00
08/04/2026	Inc	VAT Income	OLB	VAT Refund		12,806.28	12,806.28
Invoice Date	Income/Exp	Item Heading	Payment	Comments	Pre VAT	VAT (£)	TOTAL (£)
			Ref		VALUE (£)		
06/05/2026	Exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Post Office	24.98		24.98
06/05/2026	Exp	General	OLB	Trans FFT	-5.75		(5.75)
06/05/2026	Exp	General	OLB	Amazon	5.75		5.75
06/05/2026	Tfr	To ****6278	OLB	Bank Transfer	50000.00		50,000.00
27/04/2026	Exp	General	OLB	Agrifactors	5395.00	1,079.00	6,474.00
27/04/2026	Exp	General	OLB	Agrifactors	7150.00	1,430.00	8,580.00
27/04/2026	Exp	General	OLB	Agrifactors	14298.00	2,859.60	17,157.60
01/05/2026	Exp	Cleaning and Estate Manag	OLB	Tap Cleaning	935.69		935.69
28/04/2026	Exp	Website	OLB	Ionos	35.31	7.06	42.37
19/04/2026	Exp	NI & Paye	OLB	WG Accounting	829.73		829.73
24/04/2026	Exp	Staff Costs	OLB	Staff Costs	2593.88		2,593.88
22/04/2026	Exp	Subscriptions	OLB	ICO	52.00		52.00
01/04/2026	Exp	Subscriptions	OLB	ESALC Ltd	773.89		773.89
08/04/2026	Exp	Streetlighting	OLB	ESCC	1509.52	301.90	1,811.42
14/04/2026	Exp	Streetlighting	OLB	Streetlights	1241.62	248.32	1,489.94
15/04/2026	Exp	General	OLB	Fuzion Ltd	2771.75	554.35	3,326.10
17/04/2026	Exp	Pension	OLB	NEST	219.87		219.87
13/04/2026	Exp	General	OLB	Amazon	78.54		78.54
07/04/2026	Exp	Urban Grass Cutting	OLB	ESCC	1807.30	361.46	2,168.76
07/04/2026	Exp	General	OLB	Amazon refund	-105.50		(105.50)
07/04/2026	Exp	Loan Interest	OLB	PWLB	2914.21		2,914.21
05/04/2026	Exp	Stationery/Copying	OLB	Amazon	6.66	1.33	7.99
01/04/2026	Exp	Website	OLB	Ionos	35.31	7.06	42.37

Signed

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Date