

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF FROXFIELD AND PRIVETT

HELD ON THURSDAY 11TH APRIL 2019 AT 7.30PM AT FROXFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Present: Members of the Parish Council Cllr P Doyle (Chairman), Cllr T Passingham (Vice Chairman), Cllr J Ellis, Cllr R Moss, Cllr D Rymer, Cllr D Redding and Cllr M Povey. In attendance, County Cllr Russell Oppenheimer, District Councillor Nick Drew, Mrs H Marsh (Clerk) and 4 members of the public. **Guest Speakers:** Mr Tony Causton, Rosemary Foundation and Mr Martin Luke, representative of the Caulfeild Bequest and Love's Charity

1.18 Welcome & Apologies: The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. **Apologies** were received from Cllr Madgwick

2.19 Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday the 12th of April 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3.19 Report on the Caulfeild Bequest and the Love and Beckford Charity. Mr Martin Luke gave a report on the accounts of the Caulfeild Bequest and the Love and Beckford Charity (Appendix A & B on Pages 4 & 5.) Charlotte Bevis and Joanna Farrell had offered to continue as trustees of the Caulfeild Bequest and were duly proposed seconded and re-elected. The Chairman thanked Mr Luke.

4.19 Speaker Tony Causton, a trustee of the Rosemary Foundation, gave an interesting insight in to the Foundation, which provides end of life care at home and also bereavement services. 18 paid medical staff and many volunteers on whom they rely provide these. On a regular basis there can be between 20 and 30 volunteers are working in any one week. They operate 24/7 and work closely with Macmillan Nurses, District Nurses, Rowans Hospice and St Wilfred's. The Chairman thanked Mr Causton for taking the time to come and talk particularly at short notice.

5.19 Chairman's Report

Planning The Parish Council averaged about 4 new planning applications per meeting and accompanied by, attempting to get enforcement carried out where needed. The objectives are to try to maintain the character of this wonderful area. In the last year, there have been two separate meetings with EHDC planners and we wait to see if this ultimately brings results.

Broadband With the help of Simeon Leiserach supported by Russell Oppenheimer excellent progress has been made and much of Froxfield is now on high speed broadband.

Recreation Ground/ Playground New fencing has been installed around the recreation ground. The wooden supports for the swing have rotted and are in the process of being replaced. The Rocking Rockette supports have also perished and a decision will be made later on whether to repair it or replace it with something more sturdy.

Roads We are frequently working to improve the surface and have potholes removed.

Defibrillators have been installed both in Privett and here in the Parish Hall. We have, additionally, been offered money to buy a further unit, which may be installed outside Froxfield Stores.

Lengthsman We share with other parishes a HCC funded lengthsman (2 lengthsman as from 1st April). The purpose is to deal with minor matters around the parish such as ditches, cleaning road signs and clearing paths.

Lizzie Allen was nominated for a **Sports Award** and we are pleased that she was a joint winner. The Parish Council funded a replacement roof on the **Dellfield bus shelter**. We remain in negotiation with the **cricket club** to devise a formal and legal agreement to cover their use of the Recreation Ground

Peter thanked his hard working fellow councillors. John Ellis and Philip Madgwick are leaving having both been councillors for more than 20 years and with Matt Povey going it sadly means that we have no farmers on the PC any more. Thanks to Dave Redding, who is moving out of the area, for his early endeavours in getting superfast broadband to the parish. Of those that remain Richard has been a Councillor for 50 years. He thanked Tim Passingham as his excellent deputy and special thanks went to Dave Rymer for his considerable hard work, not only on Planning but also on many recreation ground activities such as the Firework Display, working with the cricket club and dealing with the playground equipment.

Parish Finances The year end financial summary was distributed to all present. Subject to the Clerk checking the 17/18 affiliation fees the Income and Expenditure Account was agreed and signed.

6.19 County Councillor's Annual Report – Cllr Russell Oppenheimer gave a brief update on HCC matters: HCC have achieved £140m of annual savings on a 1bn budget. The opening of a new relief road brings the new town into reality and eases congestion through the High Street. Exam results in the summer were substantially above the nation average. HCC on-boarded 3 London boroughs to the shared services platform, making HCC the largest public sector provider of shared services, which brings welcome revenue to HCC. The £4m visitor centre at QE Country Park is nearing completion and will be ready for the summer season. A new Recreation and Heritage Community Fund of over £500,000 has been set up to support projects that provide community benefit. More than 4,500 families have been helped during phase two of the Supporting Families Programme. The South Downs Local Plan was found to be 'sound' during the examination process. His full report is available on the parish council website.

7.19 District Councillor's Report Cllr Drew thanked the Rosemary Foundation for their good works and the Parish Council for supporting the grant he gave them. He thanked Russell for his broadband endeavours. He individually thanked the councillors that were standing down. John Ellis for his numerous charitable acts, Philip Madgwick for passionately about the village and the community, Matt Povey for looking after the interests of Privett and Dave Redding for initiating the push for broadband and using his expertise in this field. It is clear that people in the community want to stay in the area and want 2/3 bedroom homes. He expressed concern that cars on C28 and in Privett are going too fast.

Community Spirit Successes It is a great benefit that the shop has been kept open with grants from the PC and work carried out by Peter Doyle. Thanks go to Joanna Farrell for the increase in uptake at the drop-in centre enabling people to get to know each other. The success of the fireworks event was due to being supported by the Village Hall and many volunteers. The 'Litter Gang' made up of volunteers is another positive contribution from the village.

Nick thanked the Parish Council.

8.19 Open Forum No questions raised

The meeting ended at 8.30pm

Signed by the Chairman of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council

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