**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at**

**Privett Village Hall on Thursday 9th March 2017at 7.30pm**

Present: John Ellis (Chairman), Peter Doyle (Vice Chairman) Tim Passingham, David Redding, Richard Moss, David Rymer, Philip Madgwick and Cllr Clark. In attendance: Helen Marsh the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

**1.12.17 Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Cllr Drew

**2.12.17 Comments from the public or press** Kate Allen spoke on behalf of the 3 public attendees. She asked if the meeting had been set with BT and HCC as slow broadband speed in and around Froxfield Green is significantly affecting the 3 businesses and residents. She offered their support along with other concerned parishioners as a team of parish representatives to reinforce the Parish Council in their bid to BT. Cllr Redding confirmed he had been in communication with all the residents mentioned and he was waiting for the meeting date to be set. Cllr Clark added that as Hampshire’s take up of fibreoptic broadband had well exceed the 20% requirement for BT to now feed back money into broadband.

**3.12.17 Approval of the minutes** the amended minutes of the 12th January were agreed and signed. The minutes of 9th February were agreed and signed after the words ‘cricket field’ were replaced by recreation ground.

**4.12.17 Matters Arising** no matters arising

**5.12.17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** Cllr Redding declared an interest in 6.12.17(a)

**6.12.17 Planning**

1. SDNP/17/00781/HOUS East Lodge, Broadhanger. To create a new vehicular access and car park for one car. Councillors objected as the development there is already adequate parking within the gates of the estate, which has historically been used for the same purpose, it will have a significant impact on the visual amenity of neighbouring property and is not in keeping with the Froxfield Local Landscape Character Assessment.
2. SDNP/17/0070/FUL Froxfield School. Yurt and cedar clad library building. No objection but comments that: Further expansion adds to the street parking issues and wear and tear to the village hall car park. In the last 4 years the school has already increased from 34 pupils to 93. The positioning of the library building in relation to the time capsule.
3. Planning Policy – Comments made by Cllr Passingham had been included in the document. Subject to a final read through the Policy was approved.

**7.12.17 Administration**

1. Approval of the Financial Risk Assessment – (Circulated prior to the meeting) Cllr Passingham reviewed and updated the Financial Risk Assessment, his modifications were agreed and the Financial Risk Assessment was approved.
2. Approval of Financial Regulations – (Circulated at the meeting) The updates to the Financial Regulations were agreed and approved.
3. Standing Orders – Cllr Doyle and the Clerk have been updating the Standing Orders. The full draft document will be finalised and distributed for comments in good time for adopting at the next meeting.

**8.12.17 BOAT Updates**

* 1. The recent phase of work to Ridge Top Lane has been completed. The contractor will return when the weather improves to address the slightly spongy surface. Cllr Rymer has obtained an indicated cost of £3500 to improve the drainage and repair the surface along a 140m stretch of Green Lane. The councillors were in favour of continuing repairs. Cllr Rymer will get a full quotation and the Clerk will submit an application for funding.
  2. The Community Police Officer and a colleague had patrolled Ridge Top Lane. He reported that the12, 4x4s and some motorbikes using the lane were being driven considerately and not in an anti-social manner. He spoke to both groups and explained he had been asked by the Parish Council to patrol Ridge Top and Green Lane to reduce anti-social behaviour from further damaging the BOATs. Cllr Clark said that all wilful damage to the BOATs should be reported via 101.

**9.12.17 Feedback and agreement of discussions with Village Hall and Cricket Club** Cllrs Ellis, Rymer (chairing the meeting) and Moss met with members of the Village Hall Committee and the Cricket Club. Discussions took place on divergence from the agreement between the PC and the CC, the maintenance, including mapping out the grass cutting, of the recreation ground and the behaviour of some of the members of the cricket club. The PC stipulated certain requirements to bring the CC into line with current insurance and health and safety requirements. Organisers of events will be asked to identify the areas they wish to use and make good damage to the recreation ground. Cllr Rymer will draw up a new agreement and approval was given to progress with a further meeting.

Several councillors re-iterated that the entire recreation ground, which includes the cricket pitch, is for the enjoyment of the whole village and not just the Cricket Club.

**10.12.17 Grounds Maintenance Contract** the clerk was asked to put out to tender the grounds maintenance contract.

**11.12.17 Broadband** Nothing further to add to 2.12.17

**12.12.17 Road Issues** The clerk asked PC Tripp for a speed assessment to be carried out on High Cross Road during school pick up and collection times. No response had been received.

**13.12.17 Post Office** Cllr Doyle understood from communication with the postmaster at Droxford that Howard Beavis’ application to have the equipment and to run a post office in Froxfield shop was moving slowly in the right direction.

**14.12.17 Dellfield Parking** Cllr Rymer and Madgwick visited Dellifield with a view to the PC potentially funding the removal of the verge to increase on street parking. They noted that although there were at least 12 parking spaces available in the car park, cars were parked on both sides of the road. An explanatory note received from HCC traffic management stated that the highway authority only permits authorised contractors to carry out work, making it prohibitively expensive for the PC. It was deemed that the PC neither the power to carry out the works nor is it their responsibility. Parking restrictions would be investigated, EH traffic wardens would be asked to patrol and issue tickets to dangerously parked vehicles and Radian would be approached to add a clause in the tenancies to only allow 2 cars per household to park outside a house.

**15.12.17 Website** it was agreed that modifications to the website were not necessary at this point. Cllr Doyle will discuss with the Webmaster releasing the domain name FroxfieldwithPrivett.

**16.12.17 Report from District Councillor** Cllr Drew was not in attendance.

**17.12.17 Report from County Councillor** Cllr Clark highlighted these points from his report:

* Local unemployment rate continues to move downwards.
* The contract to repair and maintain Hampshire Highways has been awarded to Skanska.
* There will be some extra investment for charging points for electric vehicles.
* From May some 900 buses in Hampshire will be fitted with contactless payment technology.
* Recent calculations of the number of those aged 85 and over indicate a 36% rise by 2021.

**18.12.17 Report on Playground and Recreation Ground**

1. The clerk received the weekly playground inspection sheets.
2. Cllr Moss was asked to remove any potentially hazardous fencing from the recreation ground. It was agreed that Cllr Moss would be reimbursed the sum of £50 for the sacks of bark he purchased to top up the playground and that a further £100 could be spent to top up other areas.
3. **Recreation Ground Fencing** The additional work to increase the gate sizes and to hang them individually was quoted at £510 making the total cost of the work £2160. This further amount was agreed.

**19.12.17 Finances**

1. **Agreeing and signing cheques** Cheque numbers 300477 – 300481 where agreed and signed. An additional cheque was made to Cllr Moss as reimbursement for the purchase of sacks of bark to top up the playground as agreed above.

**20.12.17 Lengthsman** Ditch clearing work has not yet been carried out. The Clerk will chase this up. Drainage in Soalwood Lane would be added.

**21.12.17 Correspondence** The Clerk had received correspondence from 3 parishioners.

1. The issue in the minutes of the implied ownership of the recreation ground had been addressed.
2. The issue in the minutes regarding fire engine access was deemed as being minuted correctly as reported. Cllr Ellis would address the second item regarding litter.
3. Footpath 1 had been raised with Elliott Rowe of the Countryside Service at HCC.

**22.12.17 Future Agenda Items** No additional items.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm.