

FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 10th October 2019

Present: Peter Doyle, Tim Passingham, John Ellis, Phoebe Hiscock, David Rymer, Robert Shepherd and Chris Skinner. In attendance Cllr Russell Oppenheimer, the Clerk and 3 members of the public

The parish councillors observed a minute silence for the unexpected and sad death of Cllr Richard Moss

Mike Robinson, co-ordinator of Steep Village SpeedWatch scheme, explained how a community program is conducted. He then answered questions and talked through other traffic calming measures used in Steep.

1.5.19 Apologies for absence apologies were received from Cllr Drew

2.5.19 Minutes of the meeting of 12th September 2019 will be signed on 14th November in order to make two amendments

3.5.19 Matters arising Tim Passingham said that the fibre optic had arrived in GU32 1DT but getting connected was a very lengthy process and BT are the only providers. There was concern that some parishioners were not aware that the service was now available. Robert Shepherd asked what could be done to help Privett get connected. Cllr Oppenheimer said that the community fibre partnership needs co-ordinating for Privett but to first wait for the Government's broadband Universal Service Obligation, which kicks in in the imminent future.

4.5.19 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests Robert Shepherd declared an interest in 15.5.19(c).

5.5.19 Comments from the Public or Press

- a) Tim Passingham presented his plans for his prospective planning application for an extension to his house.
- b) Robert Shepherd outlined his plans for an extension to his house to be considered by the Councillors later in the meeting.

6.5.19 The SpeedWatch Scheme Robert Shepherd suggested engaging with the parishioners to seek the level of concern regarding speeding in the parish. If there was sufficient level of concern and a sufficient number of volunteers he would then put together a parish report. When the discussion turned to other traffic calming options Russell Oppenheimer recommended the Community Funded Scheme used by Steep Village. Robert Shepherd offered to research this.

7.5.19 The Village Shop Update The councillors were given a brief update on the meeting with EHDC. Apparently as yet a lease has not been received. Tim Passingham asked if the shop owner had a business plan. Peter Doyle replied that no new plan had been developed.

8.5.19 To Agree Future By-way Works David Rymer recommended reviewing the BOATs to keep them in a reasonable state of repair. He was optimistic that there was a reduction in 4x4 usage. Selective maintenance to the larger puddles would continue and David Rymer offered to take on the responsibility of reviewing both Ridge Top and Green Lanes and produce a schedule of prospective repairs. Peter Doyle had circulated a newsletter from GLEAM (Green Lane Environmental Action Movement) directed at those interested in protecting ancient ways from the 'ravages' of recreational motor vehicles. He will ask for a report from the group's AGM on 1st November.

9.5.19 Update on Affordable Housing During the last meeting 2 potential sites in High Cross Lane had been identified and were sent on to EHDC. David Rymer received confirmation that these are being considered at EHDC and by the link officer at SDNP.

10.5.19 Roads Update In response to the issues raised at the last meeting by a parishioner from Privett Robert Shepherd had followed up with Highways the access only signs for Church Road and reported the issue of the signs on the A32 which are obstructing the view for drivers accessing the A32 from Fawley Lane. He also proposed that a link to the Highways road reporting website be added to the parish council website to make it easier for parishioners to report problems themselves.

11.5.19 Footpaths and Rights of Way report Phoebe Hiscock said that all matters were completed or in hand.

12.4.19 |Community engagement program Let's Talk This replacement to the Community Forum was welcomed. At a later date the Lets Talk road show would be asked to attend either a stand alone meeting or one to co-incide with the Drop-In Club, providing an opportunity to measure what people want.

13.5.19 County Councillor's Report HCC is launching a school governor recruitment drive and Cllr Oppenheimer was keen to encourage councillors and parishioners to volunteer for these rewarding roles. In order to make savings changes to the library service and efficiency measures are being considered. Hampshire Waste and Recycling is looking at charging to dispose of non household wood waste. A decrease in fly-tipping and littering were reported at the Ashford Hangers Consultative meeting and an assessment on ash dieback and the potential hazards is being carried out and reported to the Hampshire Countryside Service.

14.5.19 District Councillor's Report Cllr Drew was unable to attend the meeting

15.5.19 Planning and Enforcement

- a) SDNP/19/03422/HOUS Sunny Cottage Collywater Lane Single Storey kitchen extension and associated works. **Supported** with a comment to incorporate black out blinds to avoid artificial light in compliance with Policy SD8 – Dark Night Skies
- b) SDNP/19/04390/HOUS Broadway Farm Froxfield Ground floor rear extension **Support**
- c) SDNP/19/04270/HOUS Woodside Manor Floud Lane Single storey oak framed, barn style, triple carport/garage. Single storey link extension. **Support** Officers would be asked to engage with the applicant to establish if any additional or enhanced soft landscaping could be proposed.
- d) SDNP/19/03554/TCA Fawley Farm Hempland Lane Privett Ash tree - Fell, reason Ash dieback. Replant with two standard oaks in same place. **No objection**
- e) SDNP/19/04656/TCA 5-6 Well House Hempland Lane Privett Ash (Group T1) Sectional fell of 7 Ash stems to height of hedge. Significant signs of ash dieback. Cherry (T2) Removal of limb overhanging neighbours garden. Remaining crown untouched. Cherry (T3) Reduction of crown to leave a height of approx. 4m-5m and a spread of approx. 6m-7m. This will provide sufficient clearance from overhead cables. **No objection**
- f) Report on enforcement responses No action to report

16.5.19 Future Agenda Items will be included as a specific item at the end of future agendas. Robert Shepherd suggested that; 1. In future all relevant paperwork should be circulated prior to PC meetings in the interest of speeding up some items. 2. Submissions for new agenda items should be received by the Clerk at least one week before the next meeting. 3. Parish council objectives should be reviewed. It was agreed that this would be best done after engaging with parishioners at a forthcoming meeting such as "Lets Talk".

17.5.19 Finances

- a) The following cheques were agreed and signed

Helen Marsh Clerk's Salary	£ 624.00
Frank Mayell Grass Cutting	£ 750.00
Insurance	£ 734.58
Mythic Beasts Website Host Charge	£ 8.26
HALC Training	£ 342.00

- b) **The financial Statement** was circulated prior to the meeting. No issues were raised.

18.5.19 Recreation and Playground

- a) **Playground weekly Inspections** Chris Skinner will repair the gate's self-closing spring.
- b) **Cricket Club Agreement** Ian Payne agreed that the cricket club must tidy up saying it would be difficult with so few volunteers and with only a small number of players living in the village. Robert Shepherd highlighted the sticking points, which boiled down to the cricket club being unable to put away the roller even though the parish council felt this was a hazard. The Clerk will ask the insurers if the roller constituted a danger.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November 2019 at **Privett Village Hall** commencing at 7.30pm.