

FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Froxfield Village Hall

On Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr John Ellis (Chairman), Cllr Peter Doyle (Vice Chairman), Cllr Richard Moss, Cllr Timothy Passingham, Cllr Matt Povey, Cllr Dave Redding and Cllr David Rymer. In attendance, Cllr R Oppenheimer, Cllr N Drew, Helen Marsh the Clerk and 1 member of the public

1.9.17 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Madgwick

2.9.17 Approval of the minutes of 8th December 2017 were approved and signed

3.9.17 Matters Arising A question was raised, regarding the approval of planning permission for Lupton House, as to why there was such a difference in opinion between EHDC's planning officers and the parish council on Policy H16. Cllr Rymer suggested that a query should only be raised after the relevant consent documents were available to view on the SDNP website.

4.9.17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests No Declarations

5.9.17 Comments from the public or press

- a) A resident reported that the stone used by Highways' engineers on Ridge Top Lane was too large. Although suitable as a base layer it should be covered by a finer layer. She offered to raise this with Highways.
- b) The same resident disagreed with objectors who had complained that the verges were cut back too hard. In her opinion it was necessary to do this every few years. She also raised the point that the posts marking wild flowers were on the wrong verges. The councillors agreed and Cllr Oppenheimer agreed to ask the Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre for a re-assessment of the RVEI (Rural Verge of Ecological Importance) designation.

6.9.17 Planning

- a) SDNP/17/06187/HOUS | Barnet Side House Froxfield | Two 2150mm high brick piers either side of two hardwood 2150mm high gates, with a hedge either side, erected 4 metres from the driveway entrance. **Resolved not to object.**

7.9.17 Rights of Way

- a) **Old Stoner proposed works** decision postponed
- b) **Green Lane proposed works** A quote would be secured for the next stage of works.
- c) **Ridge Top Lane future works.** A quote would be secured for the next stage of works. Grants will be applied for from SGS and Cllr Drew for both BOATs.
- d) **Stiles on Footpath 29** Elliott Rowe (ROW) had offered to write to the landowner.

8.9.17 Road Issues No further issues

9.9.17 Defibrillator The Clerk had received a cheque for £3254 from Howard Bevis and was asked to obtain some quotes for discussion in February.

10.9.17 County Councillor Report Cllr Oppenheim's full report will be available on the website. He highlighted these points.

- a) A follow-up meeting with Glenn Peacey and BT had been arranged for Friday 2nd February.
- b) He was pleased to announce that schools crossing patrols, community transport and household waste and recycling centres had been removed from the cost cutting.
- c) He warned that the Local Government Finance Settlement could implement an increase in the Council Tax of 6%

- d) On the night of Storm Eleanor Highways teams worked through the night clearing in excess of 50 fallen trees minimalising disruption to the transport network.

11.9.17 District Councillor Report Cllr Drew gave his report:

- a) The other parishes in his ward were not increasing their precept.
- b) Cllr Drew had received a funding request from the village shop to purchase CCTV cameras for added security for the post office.
- c) Cllr Drew advised the council that he had made a significant donation to the Rosemary Foundation.
- d) Electric car plug in points had been installed behind EHDC's offices at Penns Place.
- e) Cllr Drew had been questioned as to why EHDC were investing in property, although this has been a successful strategy, a call had been made for greater transparency in the investment portfolio.

12.9.17 King George V Memorial Ground

- a) **Playground Inspection** – the sheets will be collected at the next meeting. Cllr Moss reported that there had been a water leak on the Memorial Ground but the source had not been identified.

13.9.17 Finances

- a) The following cheques were agreed and signed

Clerk's Remuneration and expenses	554.30
St John's Ambulance	115.20
Classic Fireworks	800.00

- b) The accounting statement was agreed and cross-referenced with the bank statement.
- c) The budget for 2018/19 was approved.
- d) It was agreed that Tim Light would be appointed as internal auditor
- e) The Clerk had put a proposal to Village Hall Committee to reduce the invoicing paperwork.

14.9.17 Lengthsman The lengthsman would be asked to carry out some ditch digging outside Foxfield Green, opposite Ridge Top Farm and outside Wheeler's Farm.

15.9.17 Correspondence No further correspondence

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm.