

FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Privett Village Hall on Thursday 11th July 2019

Present: Peter Doyle, Tim Passingham, Richard Moss, Phoebe Hiscock, David Rymer, Robert Shepherd and Chris Skinner. In attendance Cllr N Drew, the Clerk and 2 members of the public

1.3.19 Apologies for absence was received from Russell Oppenheimer

2.2.19 Approval of the minutes The minutes of the meeting of 13th June 2019 were approved and signed

3.3.19 Matters arising Phoebe Hiscock checked if the Clerk had spoken to the owners about the state of Footpath 7. She undertook to speak to them as the Clerk had not. 3 other overgrown footpaths were discussed and again Cllr Hiscock would address the problems.

4.3.19 Motion to Amend the Minutes of the meeting of 9th May 2019 Subsequent to the minutes being signed at the meeting on 13th June, it was concluded that minute 17.1.19(c) did not accurately reflect Cllr Drew's comments made at the time. It was resolved that the minute would be amended to:

May 9th 2019 17.1.19(c) Cllr Drew said it is clear that people in the community want to stay in the area and want 2/3 bed homes.

5.3.19 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests None declared

6.3.19 Comments from the Public or Press

a) An incident occurred at the end of Dean's Dell gardens where a large tree branch had broken off and fallen into the gardens, smashed the fence and left a significant amount of debris. Thankfully no one was injured. The owner's had not been forthcoming with making safe the other trees. Chris Skinner undertook to see what the PC could do to help.

b) The Parish Council was asked what they were doing about supporting CANs regarding the motorbikes on the roads. The Council being unaware of CANs asked the resident to provide more information about the group and an update on their campaign.

c) The PC was questioned on how it was helping the residents that were not being included in the fibre optic roll out? Peter Doyle had just communicated with Russell Oppenheimer regarding the excluded properties and were both pushing for an affordable option. The resident explained that cabling was being put along the A32 close to many of these properties, but BT was not showing any signs of connecting these houses. Peter Doyle will take this up with Russell.

7.3.19 Road Issues

a) Robert Shepherd had report to HCC 6 potholes and 3 on Stoner Hill one of which needed a drain cover repairing. He had located where the more urgent matters could be reported.

b) The general area of the parish had not had any roadside grass cutting carried out which he also reported. He understood that EHDC carried out cuts twice a year. He would continue to follow these up.

8.3.19 County Councillor's Report Cllr Oppenheimer's report was circulated prior to the meeting. Robert Shepherd thought that it contained some inaccurate information on broadband and he would take this up with Russell. It was regretted that Russell had not attended many recent meetings but understood that on this occasion he was unwell.

9.3.19 District Councillor's Report

a) Subsequent to previous comments regarding affordable housing Cllr Drew asked the parish council to consider undertaking a housing need survey.

b) Cllr Drew commented that in respect of affordable housing he had been made aware that two landowners would be prepared to offer land for free.

c) A large amount of residents want action on speeding vehicles and he asked what the PC was doing. Steep PC is prepared to share their speed awareness and management

initiative. Cllr Rymer asked what specific roads had been identified? Cllr Drew responded that the 2 core areas were –

- C18 from the Pub with No Name to the Trooper
- Church Lane

Comments had been made about Stoner Hill Road and High Cross Lane. It was agreed that speeding traffic would be put on the agenda for the next meeting and communication would be made with Steep Parish Council.

10.3.19 Planning and Enforcement

a) **SDNP/19/02361/HOUS 2 High Cross Froxfield** Installation of solar photovoltaic panels to roof (as amended by plan and email received 21/06/2019). The Parish Council SUPPORT the application however members would ask officers to further engage with the applicant to encourage the installation of panels only on one side of the roof so as to mitigate the visual impact and it being at odds with Policy SD51 of the SDNP Local Plan. It is appreciated why panels are proposed for both sides of the roof therefore it should be questioned as to whether the orientation of the property is a suitable host dwelling

b) **SDNP/19/02603/HOUS 3 Stoner Hill House**, the Old Dairy. Timber carport (as amended by Baseline Assessment Checklist and supporting letter received 19/06/2019). The Parish Council SUPPORTS the application but to ask that Officers consider a pre commencement condition concerning the submission of materials (particularly clay roof tiles which should be a close match to roof tiles on the host dwelling)

c) **SDNP/19/02160/HOUS Barnet Side House** Ground floor and first floor extension following demolition of existing double garage (as amended by plan and email received 18/06/2019) It was resolved to SUPPORT the application but ask that Officers still consider observations made by the Parish Council in respect of the initial application.

d) Dave Rymer and Robert Shepherd reported that they had recently attended a presentation by HARA (Hampshire Alliance for Rural Affordable Housing). Bearing in mind the apparent need for such housing the organisation could be used to assist in furthering local proposals. In the first instance they could be contacted to meet with the parish council and then to arrange for a housing needs survey to be undertaken. It was resolved that contact would be made for a meeting to be arranged.

11.3.19 Co-option of new councillor Following the resignation of Howard Bevis, electoral services at EHDC have been informed and the vacancy advertising process commenced. Peter Doyle said that John Ellis would be happy to come back onto the Council.

12.2.19 Finances

a) The financial statement was distributed prior to the meeting and the cheques identified were agreed and signed.

Cardiac Science Defibrillator	£1818.00
Mythic Beasts Website Hosting	£8.26
EHDC Administration of Elections	£119.60
Petersfield Town Council	£48.00
Frank Mayell Grounds Maintenance	£750.00
Helen Marsh Salary, backdated, expenses	£1692.31

b) The Clerk advised that the PC should resume affiliation of HALC as there was now a new Chairman and this was agreed.

c) Tim Passingham is reviewing the insurance, in relation to the fixed assets, to obtain quotes via the brokers Came and Company.

13.3.19 Recreation and Playground

a) Chris Skinner had carried out the weekly inspections and ran through an extensive list of items that need minor attention. It was agreed to get a costing and a decision made by email for: new fencing around the playground, a basketball net, replacing the wooden surround on the slide and for b) and c) below.

- b) The Annie Adie Bench is in need of repair. The Clerk to action.
- c) It was agreed to buy a waste bin for the playground.
- d) Chris Skinner will add the Recreation maintenance supervision to his councillor's responsibilities.
- e) Chris Skinner had kindly dug out and removed all the old wire fencing from the Rec and had trimmed around the posts. It was agreed that an extra £50 per month would be paid to Frank Mayell for cutting the grass up to and beyond the new posts so that they can be seen.
- f) Phoebe Hiscock has been liaising with, and given instructions on the documentary requirements of the parish council, to the organisers the Friends of Froxfield School Fete.

14.3.19 Modification to the agenda for Parish Council meetings Tim Passingham asked for sub headings to be added to the agenda to cut down on lengthy discussions. Peter Doyle pointed out that this would remove the opportunity to bring something new up.

15.3.19 Creation of 'Management Group' within the Parish Council It was proposed that a working party or group be set up to look at the Parish Council's aims and objectives, to come up with terms of reference and to give a framework to the processes and the job that the Councillors do. Tim Passingham, Dave Rymer and Robert Shepherd will put together a program of objectives.

16.3.19 Lengthsmen Chris Skinner has taken control of organising the lengthsmen who have been issued with a list of works. The Clerk will check the charging structure with the cluster organiser.

17.3.19 Froxfield Stores Peter Doyle reported on the imminent danger of the closure of the shop. After much discussion it was concluded that there was no immediate solution to the problem. It was agreed that the Parish Council's concerns would continue to be raised with the leaseholders, EHDC, and that awareness would be raised within the community. A suggestion was put forward to set up a 'Save the Village Shop' Group. Peter Doyle agreed to continue to pursue the issue.