

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at
Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present: John Ellis (Chairman), Peter Doyle (Vice Chairman) Richard Moss, David Rymer, Philip Madgwick, Tim Passingham, Dave Redding, Cllr Drew. In attendance: Helen Marsh the Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1.10.17 Apologies for absence There were no apologies

2.10.17 Comments from the public or press

Ian Payne asked the council to pay for a mole catcher to rid the cricket pitch of moles.

A resident of Dean's Dell expressed concern that cars being parked on either side of Dellfield leave too small a gap for a fire engine to pass. He commented that when the extra houses at Dean's Dell were built no provision was made for another car park. A number of options were discussed to make improvements and the clerk was asked write to Highways, the housing associations and the district and county councillors to ask for additional parking spaces.

3.10.17 Approval of the minutes The minutes of the meeting of 24th November 2016 were agreed and signed.

4.10.17 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising

5.10.17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

6.10.17 Planning

- a) SDNP/16/05912/HOUS East Lodge, Broadhanger the council resolved to object to the application.
- b) **Planning Policy** The Planning Policy will be emailed to the councillors for their final comments, before ratification at the next meeting.

7.10.17 BOAT updates

- a) **Ridge Top Lane** The work to Ridge Top Lane has been delayed but it is expected that it will be finished by mid February.
- b) **Green Lane** Dave Rymer had approached Elliot Rowe to enquire about a Traffic Restriction Order for Green Lane. The response from Elliot Rowe outlined the enormous task involved in getting a successful TRO. A letter will be sent to Cllr Drew to ask to ask for help from the Community Policing Group.

8.10.17 Road Issues Ivy House Lane has been damaged by HGVs, over the 7.5ton weight limit, following sat navs. The Clerk will contact Highways to get the road repaired and ask for this road to be removed from satellite navigation software.

9.10.17 Post Office Several complaints have been received about the frequent absence of a postmaster at Froxfield Stores, especially during the run up to Christmas. Cllr Doyle offered to write a letter of complaint to senior people in the Post Office about the poor service provided at Froxfield and to seek prompt action.

10.10.17 Broadband Cllr Redding has successfully persuaded the superfast broadband team at HCC to accommodate a meeting with a representative from BT to fwork towards a solution to the appallingly slow broadband speeds.

11.10.17 Outdoor Learning Centre recreation ground request The request to use a small part of the recreation ground for after school activies for children from Froxfield School was considered. 7 of the 8 councillors were in favour of agreeing to a trial period subject to the two companies involved having satisfactory insurance cover. They would also be issued with a warning that the land had previously been used for the disposal of waste.

12.10.17 Village Hall Fencing Cllr Rymer will revitalise the recreation ground fencing quotes for a 30m fence around the recreation ground and fencing to obscure the bins in the village hall car park. The village hall committee suggested replacing the low fencing along the roadside with a hedge. Some concillors

favoured removing this stretch of fencing altogether as it appeared to be encouraging drivers to park their cars on the roadside, with two wheels on the kerb, causing many safety problems. These expenses will be agreed at the February meeting.

13.10.17 Warren Barn Land Registry Complaint Cllr Doyle gave an update on the complaint made by the parish council. Although keen to support Colemore and Priorsdean the parish council could not continue as the financial implications are too great and therefore the complaint would be withdrawn.

14.10.17 Report from District Councillor Cllr Drew gave an update on these items:

- a) He asked for nominations to be put forward for the Sports Awards.
- b) He was pleased to present to the Ladies Friendship Society evening in Privett

15.10.17 Report from County Councillor Cllr Clark was not in attendance

16.10.17 Report on Playground and Recreation Ground

- a) **To receive weekly playground inspection copies** The clerk received the copies.
- b) **Recreation Ground update** further to the public comment above, made by a representative of the cricket club, the clerk will arrange for a pest controller to clear the moles from the recreation ground. The councillors insisted that an agreement on the rules of engagement between the Cricket Club and the Parish Council be brought to a head. The clerk will arrange the necessary meetings.

17.10.17 Finances

- a) **Financial Statement** was distributed
- b) **Agreeing and signing cheques** Cheque numbers 300470 – 300472 were agreed and signed
- c) **Fireworks** A sum of £949 had been received from the event.
- d) **Budget 2017/18** the budget was agreed subject to figures for the year's works to be added for Green Lane and the recreation ground fencing.
- e) **Precept** The chairman explained to the clerk that the council had been annually increasing the capital reserve to purchase some land around the recreation ground if any came available. The precept was discussed and it was resolved that it would be kept at £22,500.

18.10.17 Correspondence No further correspondence

19.10.17 Future Agenda Items No additional agenda items

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.