

FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 12th October 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr John Ellis (Chairman), Cllr Peter Doyle (Vice Chairman), Cllr David Rymer, Cllr Philip Madgwick, Cllr Timothy Passingham and Cllr Matt Povey. In attendance - Helen Marsh the Clerk and 9 members of the public

1.6.17 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Oppenheimer and Cllr Moss

2.6.17 Approval of the minutes The minutes of the meeting of 14th September 2017 were duly approved

3.6.17 Matters Arising No matters arising

4.6.17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests Cllr Ellis declared an interest in 6(a)

5.6.17 Comments from the public or press

- a) A representative of the landowner whose land borders the Old Stoner By-way read out a statement regarding the proposed works to the By-way.
- b) Mr Bevis said that he anticipated raising £3000 for village defibrillators. This would be sufficient to buy 3 defibrillators and assumed one would be placed at Froxfield Village Hall and one at Privett Village Hall. He asked the Parish Councillors to decide where the 3rd should be positioned, he suggested The Trooper Inn as a central point to the houses west of the C18.
- c) The Councillors were asked if they wished to accept £200 donated by the Witley Motor Club.
- d) A parishioner expressed his surprise that the Parish Council had objected to the sale of the Land at Dean's Dell to a developer. He emphasised the need for affordable homes in the village and explained that the land was not mown or kept free of rubbish by EHDC.

The chairman exercised his right to change the order of the agenda.

7.6.17 Rights of Way

- a) **Old Stoner proposed works** Cllr Rymer had had a site visit with the contractor where he had been provided with a full specification of the works quoted at a cost of £800. The final decision on whether to go agree to the works would be made at the next meeting after Cllr Rymer had communicated with the adjacent landowner. The £200 donation offered by the Witley Motor Club was gratefully accepted
- b) **Green Lane proposed works** The SGS grant of £1790 had been received. Due to the rising cost of materials the contractor required an extra £140 to cover the costs. Cllr Rymer having done some research agreed that there was an increase in the cost of the materials. It was resolved to accept the increase of £140.
- c) **Stiles on Footpath 29** It had been reported that the stiles were in need of repair. It was suggested that as the land was used for arable farming there was no need for stiles. Cllr Ellis and Cllr Povey would speak to the landowners to ask them to remove the stiles.

6.6.17 Planning

- a) **SDNP/17/04249/FUL The Lambing Shed, Froxfield** Dwelling to replace redundant agricultural barns. Resolved to **OBJECT**
- b) **SDNP/17/03386/HOUS Hemplands, Privett** Two storey rear extension (amended proposal) Resolved to **OBJECT**
- c) **SDNP/17/04732/TCA Well House, 5-6 Hempland Lane Privett** Felling and reduction in height of trees. Already approved by SDNP
- d) **Compliance** The Compliance Officer asked for time to carry out further research before putting his findings in writing.

8.6.17 Request for funding from Froxfield Choir A donation of £250 was agreed

9.6.17/10.6.17 Hedges and Car Parking Froxfield School A complaint had been received from the bus company that collects children for TPS, that overgrown hedges and vehicles being illegally parked by parents, on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school, are impeding access along High Cross lane. Cllr Madgwick will ask the owner to cut back the hedge. The Clerk will write a letter to parents for the school to put in the children's school bags. Vehicles being driven to the school have also been the subject of complaints about speeding. Cllr Oppenheim will be asked to involve the police.

11.6.17 Post Office Update Cllr Doyle and the Clerk will jointly write a letter to Cllr Millard at EHDC to move forward the Post Office Outreach application this is becoming urgent, as the Post Office has set a deadline.

12.6.17 Village Green Proposal It was decided against applying for village green status for the Land at Dean's Dell. EHDC will be asked to cut and maintain the land.

13.6.17 Report from District Councillor Cllr Drew was not present

14.6.17 Report from County Councillor Cllr Russell Oppenheimer was not present but his report had been distributed prior to the meeting.

15.6.17 Defibrillator It was agreed that Cllr Redding would approach the landlord of the Trooper Inn to ask if he would be prepared to house the 3rd defibrillator.

16.6.17 Road Issues The Clerk was asked to see if the small approach lanes could be removed from Satellite Navigation Systems to prevent lorries getting stuck.

17.6.17 King George V Memorial Ground

- a) **Playground Inspection** - No issues had been reported. Due to Cllr Moss's absence, the inspection sheets will be collected at the next meeting.
- b) **Cricket Club** - A separate meeting would be convened. The Clerk was asked to reply to the request for the funding from the PC. The Clerk will write and inform the Cricket Club that the money had been withheld, as the club had been unable to complete the grass cutting.
- c) The Clerk had spoken to the insurance company regarding the inspection works and was waiting for a written response.

18.6.17 Finances

a) The following cheques were agreed and signed

Frank Mayell August Grass Cutting		-700.00
Frank Mayell Hedge cutting		-992.00
Helen Marsh		-520.00
Village Hall		-31.00
Froxfield Choir		-250.00

b) The accounting statement was approved, agreed with the bank statement and signed. Both statements were distributed to the councillors before the meeting.

19.6.17 Correspondence The CAB had requested funding. The Clerk will ask if residents of the parish use the service.

19.6.18 Next Meeting the next meeting will be held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 9th November at 7.30pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm