

## FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Present: Peter Doyle, John Ellis, Phoebe Hiscock, Philip Madgwick, David Rymer and Robert Shepherd and Chris Skinner. In attendance Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, Councillor Nick Drew and the Clerk

- 1.8.20 Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Passingham
- 2.8.20 the minutes** of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were approved and signed
- 3.8.20 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** John Ellis declared an interest in 11(b) and 13
- 4.8.20 Comments from the Public or Press** No comments
- 5.8.20 Little Adventurers Club** No action taken, the club representative was not present
- 7.8.20 Multi Use Court** Cllr Skinner will provide full costings for discussion at the next meeting and to prepare some material to present at the APM. He suggested a number of good funding resources. Following a recommendation from Cllr Drew, Cllr Skinner would contact the communities' team at EHDC for their advice on funding opportunities.
- 8.8.20 Green Lane** Cllr Rymer said the previous work was holding up well but proposed the work for this year should be concentrated on the worst areas towards Ragmore Farm, where significant work was required. **Ridge Top Lane** Cllr Rymer recommended repairing the holes between Greys and Wheeler's Farm. On receipt of firm quotations decisions will be made at the next meeting on the amount of repairs to both lanes and **BOAT 501**.
- 9.8.20 County Councillor's Report** In addition to his previously circulated report Cllr Oppenheimer was keen to make it known that: The process for appointing 5 new Secretary of State Members to the South Downs National Park has commenced. They are looking for people with a wide range of expertise: The 230 broadband installations completed was a good result for Froxfield and he will pass on the details of the new scheme for Privett when they become available: The County Council has received an extra £2m for potholes: An extra £2 for climate change: The Council Tax precept will be increased to the maximum of 4%. Cllr Oppenheimer was asked if the National Park entry signs were worth the money? His response was that they increased awareness and he genuinely believed that it would help the statutory purpose.
- 10.8.20 District Councillor's Report** Cllr Drew reported on the following: EHDC cycle route paper is under consultation: Council tax increase, solely for welfare, will be 2% this year: Sports Awards are open for nominations, he stressed that helpers and organiser were included: A scheme to plant 120 to 130 thousand new trees is under way with funding to pay for the trees available for public bodies and major landowners: National Grid are updating the overhead power lines. Cllr Shepherd had attended the meeting on cable replacement and the Chairman was keen to have the cables underground: Cllr Drew expressed his thanks to the Friends of Froxfield shop and for the efforts of individuals:
- 11.8.20 Planning Applications**
- a. **SDNP/19/05832/FUL** 23 Dellfield Installation of a vehicular access across the existing kerb line and the existing grass verge to allow access for a disabled person. The works also include removing a section of the existing rear hedge along the rear boundary and fitting double gates to secure the garden. The application was supported with a vote of 6/7 councillors in agreement.
  - b. **SDNP/20/00543/OHL** Additional pole and stay for the purposes of distributing electricity adjacent Ragmore Farm, Ragmore Lane, Froxfield. The Council agreed to object as it appears to be at odds with policies SD 44 of the SDNP Local Plan
- 12.8.20 Recreation and Playground**
- a) Following an inspection Cllr Skinner repaired some broken panels.
  - b) **Soft Areas around Playground Equipment** Item deferred to the next meeting.

- c) **Repairs to small swing and the Climbing Frame** as (d) below
- d) **Discuss quotes and agree repairs to playground Fencing.** Cllr Skinner to add these works and (c) above to the original quote for Cllr Rymer to compare
- e) **Rocking Rockette** the repairs are in progress

**13.8.20 Grounds Maintenance Contract** Cllr Shepherd circulated and presented a detailed comparison of two quotations. It was agreed to accept the lower quote from ID Verde.

**14.8.20 Website** Cllr Shepherd is progressing with several alternatives

**15.8.20 Let's Talk Residents' meeting / Annual Parish Meeting** An alternative date in May is to be considered. It is anticipated that the meeting will contain presentations on the works and investments carried out by the Parish Council and will include ideas on Speedwatch, Community Funded proposals, By-Ways, Footpaths, Grounds Maintenance, Broadband support, Privett Gigabit Voucher Scheme and a summary of planning applications.

**16.8.20 Condition of Empty House next to the chicken sheds in Privett Road.** Cllr Doyle will speak to the owner.

**17.8.20 Finances** the financial summary and the following cheques for the month were agree.

Helen Marsh	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£624
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**18.8.20 Future Agenda Items**