

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at
Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 13th July 2017, 7.30pm**

Present: Cllrs, John Ellis (Chairman), Richard Moss, David Rymer and Philip Madgwick. In attendance: District Councillor Nick Drew (from 8.15pm), Helen Marsh the Clerk and 10 members of the public

1.3.17 Apologies for absence There were received from Cllrs Peter Doyle, Dave Redding, Matt Povey, Tim Passingham and Russell Oppenheimer

2.3.17 Approval of the minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 1st June 2017 the minutes were duly signed as a true and accurate record.

3.3.17 Matters Arising There were no matters arising

4.3.17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest There were no declarations

5.3.17 Comments from the public or press

A representative of a collection of houses known as Church Farm Barns, Privett spoke on behalf these householders. The Parish Councillors were asked to object to the Church Farm Planning Application (Item 11.3.17(b)) on the grounds that the application was inaccurate, the plans incomplete and the proposed building would impact on the Grade 2 listed buildings in close proximity. The two door windows would overlook the neighboring property including the front door, the front of the house and garden.

A resident of Dellfield informed the Councillors that contractors carrying out the extensive work to Cedar House, High Cross were arriving and starting work in the very early morning including Saturdays and on Sunday mornings. Cllr Rymer informed the resident that as a condition contractors should not be working out of hours.

A member of the public thanked the parish councillors for their input into improvements to Ridge Top Lane and the Lambing Shed application as the site had now been cleared. They asked if any work was being proposed for Rings Green Lane. The Council have made commitments to repair Green Lane and potentially Old Stoner but this would be looked at in the future.

The clerk was handed a letter stating that the applicants of the Lupton House application had been advised to withdraw the application.

A Parent Governor of Froxfield School said that the Friends of Froxfield School (FOFS) were organising a festival type event on the recreation ground from 3.30 to 8.30pm on Friday 21st July. It was anticipated that there would be around 300 adults and children in attendance. A plan of where each activity would be held on the recreation ground was distributed and with the assistance of a member of the cricket club some suggestions were made as to preferred positioning of the stage and the Tug of War. It was confirmed that Church Acre would be used for car parking. It had again been reported that members of the cricket club had been intimidating the organisers of this event, the Chairman said that members of the cricket club must speak directly the parish councillors to report their concerns and not to the public.

6.3.17 The Post Office The chairman said that the application for the shop to take over the post office outreach service was moving forward. It was necessary for a professional business plan to be prepared to move the application forward as otherwise it was not anticipated that it would be approved by Christmas, The chairman proposed that the full fee of £500 for the business plan and the application to be professionally completed which would be paid in advance by the Council if the District Councillor would fund 50%. It was resolved that a £500 would be

committed as these facilities are considered of great importance to the whole village and an application for a District Councillor grant would be applied for. *In item 13 Dist Cllr Drew agreed to grant £350.*

7.3.17 Broadband Reports of the meeting with HCC and BT had been distributed prior to the meeting. Cllr Drew would be asked if the PC should approach the MP for a letter of support as it was felt that the broadband fight should be handed over to the splinter group. The Clerk would ask County Cllr Oppenheimer to write a piece for the parish magazine.

8.3.17 Rights of Way

- a) **Ridge Top Lane** A formal complaint had been made to Highways about the damage done to Ridge Top Lane by logging vehicles. Cllr Drew's suggestion of a vehicle-monitoring camera would be pursued.
- b) **Old Coach Road funding request from Steep Parish Council** Subject to a satisfactory specification being received, it was resolved that £800 would be granted to Steep PC towards the repairs of the section of the Old Coach Road that lies in Froxfield Parish. A SGS application would be applied for.

9.3.17 Roads Reports had been received that High Cross Lane is in need of repair. As Highways did not appear to be pushing this forward the Clerk would ask Cllr Oppenheimer if he could intervene.

10.3.17 Report of Playground and Recreation Ground

- a) **To receive weekly playground inspection copies** The inspection copies were received.
- b) **Cricket Club Agreement** Cllr Rymer recommended that legal advice be taken. It was agreed that a decision would be deferred until September. As the Cricket Club reported that the grass cutting outside the outfield boundary was not being cut it was agreed that the cricket club could resume cutting the edges. The chairman would check the strips.

11.3.17 Planning

- a) **DNP/17/02840/HOUS Mulberry Cottage Stoner Hill Road**, amended application to replace existing conservatory with single storey sunroom and extension to kitchen, new basement cellar room. Resolved to OBJECT
- b) **SDNP/17/02749/HOUS Church Farm Privett** Replacement garage with first floor living accommodation over. Resolved to OBJECT
- c) **SDNP/17/02866/CND Lupton House**, Variation of condition 3, basement to be used for ancillary domestic storage accommodation and no other purpose. Application withdrawn
- d) **SDNP/17/03082/LIS Guiles Broad Way** Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and the erection of a two storey extension with single storey link and associated internal alterations to provide utility room / WC. Re-roofing of the existing conservatory. Resolved to NOT OBJECT
- e) **SDNP/17/03013/CND Warren House Warren Lane** Variation of condition 2 of SDNP16/03405/HOUS to allow substitution of plans Elevations 1.0 for Elevations 1.1 and Site Plan 5.0 for Site Plan 5.1. Resolved to NOT OBJECT
- f) **SDNP/17/02936/LIS Trees, Newcut** Listed building - upgrade and repairs to stairs, removal of rear dormer, rebuilding of main chimney and removal of unused chimney stack on west elevation, replace uninsulated floor with insulated floor and DPM to floor downstairs hall, utility and toilet. New oak post and replacement oak post to support existing oak beam. Replacement oak arch set into beam, study door to be closed off and cupboards removed from utility and removal of utility partition wall, repositioning of existing partition wall and door on the first floor. Resolved to NOT OBJECT

12.3.17 Broadhanger Access The current positioning and size of the access gates had been investigated but no action can be taken at the present.

13.3.17 Report from District Councillor Cllr Drew reported on the following

- a) Steep are looking at speed control
- b) Stroud has installed gating on the A272 at either end of the village
- c) Cllr Drew suggested the parish should make comments on the South Downs National Park Plan
- d) Cllr Drew had received a request for defibrillator funding
- e) Petersfield Taro Centre Squash Club has had their court numbers reduced from 3 to 2.
- f) Cllr Drew offered a grant to the parish council of £350 towards the Post Office business plan.

A request was made for match funding for the community shop post office application. Cllr Drew agreed a donation of £350.

14.3.17 Report from County Councillor The report had been distributed prior to the meeting.

15.3.17 Finances

- a) **Monthly Financial Report and Agreeing and Signing Cheques** The financial report and the bank statement circulated prior to the meeting to all councillors were reconciled and signed by the Chairman. All cheques detailed therein were agreed and signed.
- b) **Audit Report** Where possible the clerk will comply with the recommendations. In some instances the recommendations are not practical or do not give an unambiguous alternative for the clerk to understand what improvements can be made.

16.3.17 Lengthsman Schedule Nothing further to add this month

17.3.17 Correspondence

- a) Request for funding for Community first Responder. No funding was allocated at this time.

18.3.17 Future Agenda Items Defibrillator and request for funding for Early Years to update the playground.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.