

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Privett Village Hall on Thursday the 14th July 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: John Ellis, Chairman, Peter Doyle, Vice Chairman, Richard Moss, Dave Rymer, Philip Madgwick, Dave Redding, Matt Povey, Tim Passingham, District Councillor Nick Drew. In attendance Helen Marsh, Clerk and two members of the public

1.5.16 Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Vaughan Clark

2.5.16 Comments from the public or press a member of the public described to the councillors her plans for an equestrian development potentially on land off Alexander's Lane to include internal stables, feed store, tack room and ménage. It was recommended that she went through the SDNP advisory process. The chairman thanked her for informing the council of her plans.

3.5.16 Approval of the minutes The minutes of the meeting of 9th June were agreed and signed. After an amendment to 1.3.16 Apologies, Cllr J Ellis (Chairman) was in attendance, the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 19th May 2016 were agreed and signed

4.5.16 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests There were no declarations

5.5.16 Report from District Councillor

Nick Drew attended the Lupton House Planning Committee Meeting the members voting 7/2 approved the application. Confirmation on this being retrospective planning permission was overlooked. The Soalwood Lane traffic survey has yet to be finished by Hampshire Highways this will be followed by a full consultation. He reminded the councillors that he was open to grant requests and was awaiting a grant application for the village shop book club. He had attended a very successful Queen's Birthday celebration.

6.5.16 Report from County Councillor Cllr Clark's report was circulated prior to the meeting.

7.5.16 Planning

a) Parish Council Planning Policy David Rymer circulated to all councillors a first draft on the council's planning policy. To allay fears of bias the councillors felt it was necessary to clarify the council's position on submitting planning application comments, to ensure consistency, follow national planning policy framework and policy delivered by SDNP.

b) Update on meeting with Leslie Wells and subsequent communication with Paula Debenham Update covered under item 12(a) below.

c) SDNP16/02976/HOUS This property is in the parish of Steep Parish. It was agreed to support Steep Parish Council's No Objection

8.5.16 Report on Playground/ Recreation Ground

a) Playground annual inspection issues update to include rocking rockette moderator. The moderator received was not the two rubber dampers ordered but a full rocking mechanism for a different type of rockette. John Ellis returned the part and re-ordered the two rubber dampers. The equipment has been temporary moderated. The lengthsman had been asked to replace a rotten post in playground fencing, as this is not a HCC matter he was unable to carry out the work. Although Alan Newmans had already quoted for this work as part of another quote, it was agreed that it was important to get

the work done immediately at a cost of up to £100. Levelling up the ground under the grass matting would be done during the winter. It was agreed that Richard Moss could top up the bark.

b) **Weekly Inspections** Richard Moss had carried out the weekly inspections but hadn't completed the records.

c) **Additional grass cutting for inclusion in the GMC.** Certain small areas of grass were not being cut around the village hall, As the parishioners were keen for these areas to be tidied up a quote had been obtained of £60 to include this in the GMC. It was resolved to accept this quotation. Not all the quotations had been received for the cricket fencing. Although some sections of the fence were wired it was felt that the 'D' rail fence would be adequate but a decision made when all the quotes had been received. A Village Hall site meeting would be arranged with Kate Allen from the Village Hall Committee to discuss the tidying up of, the fencing, bin areas and car parking spaces and then to be discussed at the next meeting.

9.5.16 Green Lane Update This has not progressed further and nothing had been heard from Andrew Gibson since the meeting with him on 15th April 2016, although Cllr Clark had been emailed about this on 3 occasions. Donations are being held on account for the repairs.

10.5.16 Road Issues Old Down Lane. The white lines in High Cross Lane and on the junction of King Lane and Soalwood Lane have been worn away. Philip Madgwick said that he had witnessed a near accident as there were no longer any white lines depicting priority at the cross roads close to Privett Village Hall. The clerk was asked to report both these to Hampshire Highways.

11.5.16 Finances The clerk distributed a statement of transactions since the last meeting. Cheque numbers 300442 to 300446 detailed in the statement were agreed and signed.

12.5.16 Correspondence

a) **Letter from Jane Soul** distributed prior to the meeting. The letters although not addressed to the parish council referred to on-going communication with Leslie Wells and Paula Debenham. The Parish Council replied on 6th July regarding the enforcement and was awaiting a response. Cllr Drew commented that if the councillors were not happy with decisions, part of the process was to put in a complaint to the ombudsmen, recommended by Paula Debenham. He offered to set up a meeting with Natalie Meagher.

b) **Small Grant's Scheme funding.** Cllr Madgwick reported that surface had been broken up on another section of Ridge Top Lane creating a deep depression where water was collecting and repair and drainage channels were needed. Consideration was given to adding this to the lengthsman's schedule but it was viewed as too substantial. It was agreed that 2 quotations would be obtained from contractors. The clerk was asked to see if funding could be obtained from the present round of the Small Grant's Scheme. The work would need to be carried out in the summer and match funding would be required.

13.5.16 Preparation of Parish and Neighbourhood Plan Peter Doyle said that Ted Hackett would be happy to be 2nd in charge.

14.5.16 Village Shop Library Grant Cllr Drew offered to provide some funding towards the cost of running a library in the village shop. Peter Doyle agreed to complete the district councillor's grant application form.

15.5.16 Froxfield Green John Ellis asked Richard Moss to confirm what had been done about the cat problem at Froxfield Green. He responded that the Cat's Protection, St Peters' Vets and the RSPCA had dealt with the cats.

16.5.16 Village Fete The clerk was asked to write and thank Emma Nikcevic for her hard work in organising the fete. Philip Madgwick raised the issue of cars being prevented from crossing the cricket pitch, which had severely hampered the progress of the fete and embarrassed the parish council. Richard Moss was asked not to act autonomously in carrying out the wishes of the cricket club but under the guise of the parish council. It was agreed that prior to the 2017 fete a strategy meeting would be held between all parties (Village Hall, Parish Council and Cricket Club). It was noted that the Cricket Club was not represented at the fete particularly in the form of help.

17.5.16 Boundary Signs Several of the village boundary signs are in the wrong place and on C18 near Hedge Corner there is no sign at all. Clerk was asked to discuss this with Cllr Clark.

18.5.16 Email Addresses For further email addresses Peter Doyle suggested that it would be possible to go through the parish domain name but he recommended to avoid spam froxfieldandprivettparish.uk at a cost of £30 all agreed that he should go ahead with this.

19.5.16 Lengthsman's Work Schedule A new work schedule for July would include, removing the gravel on Tellywater Hill, mud from Soalwood Lane and King Lane.

- **EHAPTC Representative** – All Councillors
- **War Memorial** – Cllr Moss
- **Privett Village Hall** – Cllr Povey
- **Froxfield Village Hall** – Cllr Moss
- **Rights of Way and Highways Privett** – Cllr Redding
- **Rights of Way Froxfield** –Cllr Madgwick and Cllr Rymer
- **Highways Froxfield** – Cllr Moss and Cllr Madgwick
- **Bonfire & Firework working party** – Cllr Ellis & Cllr Rymer
- **Recreation Ground and Playground** – Cllr Moss
- **Broadband** – Cllr Redding & Cllr Doyle
- **Junctions Officer** – Cllr Doyle

21.5.16 Clerk's Contract of Employment It was unanimously agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk could finalise and sign the clerk's contract of employment.

22.5.16 Future Agenda Items

- Village Hall outside areas and potential quotation for works
- Cheryl Bezants Planning Application
- Boundary Signs
- Village Hall outside improvements and Cricket Pitch Fencing
- Planning Policy Document
- Fete / Cricket Club

Signed..... **Dated**.....
Chairman