

Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 14th October 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Peter Doyle, Councillor David Rymer, Councillor Teresa Brown, Councillor John Ellis, Councillor Phoebe Hiscock, Councillor Chris Skinner and Councillor Robert Smith. In attendance: County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, the Clerk and 4 members of the public

21.5.1 Apologies for Absence were received from Councillor Griffiths and Councillor Drew

21.5.2 Minutes of the Meeting of 9th September 2021 were approved and signed

21.5.3 Comments from the Public or Press The applicants for planning application item no 21.5.11(a) were offered a chance to speak but declined.

21.5.4 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests None declared

21.5.5 Roads Update

- a) **Condition of Wheeler's Lane** Mr and Mrs King gave a presentation on the extremely poor state of Wheeler's Lane. On receipt of a letter of request from the Parish Council, Councillor Oppenheimer would make enquiries with representatives of Hampshire Highways.
- b) The Clerk was asked to write to the owners of an overgrown hedge.

21.5.6 Verge Cutting Contract Update Councillor Brown continues to work closely with Hampshire Highways. The A32, A272, and the C18 will continue to be cut by HH along with the lanes adjoining these roads. The Parish Council will be in charge of cutting the rest of the parish. This includes the visibility swathes, cutting the verges on the lanes including a deep cut every other year. HH will hand over an equivalent sum that would usually be spent with contractors and provide additional maps. Cllr Brown suggested setting up a verge watch made up of parishioners, as 2 such persons had already volunteered. The Verge Watch Scheme was approved. Councillor Oppenheimer thanked Councillor Brown and Richard Bristow for pushing this forward and kindly offered a grant of £1000 to get the scheme underway. This was gratefully accepted by the Councillors.

21.5.7 The Pond at the Junction of Broadway and Floud Lane is overgrown and hardly recognisable as a pond. A survey and plan of works will be carried out by the Parish Council. Councillor Oppenheimer will inform Highways the landowners. Cllr Brown suggested applying for funding from the SDNP and for labour from local groups such as Young Farmers.

21.5.8 Report on Vehicle Nuisance on BOATs Nothing further to report

21.5.9 County Councillor's Report

- a) Cllr Oppenheim apologised for the unannounced closure of High Cross Lane for works to repair a leak being carried out by South East Water. He reminded the parish that there would be a further closure on 25th October for telegraph pole testing.
- b) Due to HCC needing make savings of £80m he was pleased to report that funding for school crossing patrols and the Waste and Recycling Centres will be retained but unfortunately the lengthsman scheme will no longer continue from the end of 2022. Cllr Oppenheimer thought it was unlikely there would be Hampshire Highways funding available for the Verge Cutting Scheme.
- c) Waste and recycling restriction on visit per week will be lifted but the booking system will remain.
- d) A twin recycling scheme is to be adopted where paper and card will be collected from a separate bin to the rest of the recycling.

21.5.10 District Councillor's Report Cllr Drew was unable to attend the meeting

21.5.11 Planning Applications

- a) **SDNP/21/04209/HOUS** | 23 Dellfield | Single storey rear extension to provide new accessible bedroom. The Parish Council resolved to support the proposals

- b) **SDNP/21/04647/TCA** | Staple Ash House| Copper Beech (T1)- Reduction of laterals by 3m, reduction of top by approx 2.5- 3m. Leaving a crown spread of approx 6-7m and height of approx 7m. Maintain shape, improve light and aspect. Reduce leaf litter. 3x Cherry (Group T2) Reduction of laterals road side by approx 1-2m. Reduction of laterals house side by 1m. Reduction in height of approx 1m for each. Leaving a crown spread of approx 4-5m and a height of approx 3.5-4.5m. Maintain shape and screening, improve light and aspect. Reduce leaf litter. The Parish Council raised no objection.
- c) **SDNP/21/04427/HOUS** | Valentine Cottage 5 Trooper Bottom |Detached single storey garden room. It was resolved to **OBJECT** to the proposal on the basis that it is at odds with Policies SD 4 and SD 5 of the SDNP Local Plan.
- d) **SDNP/21/04485/HOUS** | Winnow Barn, Claypit Lane | New wood burner flue to south roof slope, new wood burner flue to north roof slope, new rear glazed door with fixed side panel, 2 no. new timber shed outbuildings and existing carport to have 1 no. set of hand made solid natural oak doors with strap hinges. It was resolved to **SUPPORT** the proposal.
- e) **SDNP/21/03674/FUL** | Cedar House | Stable building and associated access and hardstanding (as amended by plans received 13/09/2021). It was resolved to **OBJECT** to the revised proposal on the basis that it is at odds with Policies SD4, SD5 and SD24 of the SDNP Local Plan.

21.5.12 Update on Website Nothing further to report

21.5.13 Philip Madgwick memorial bench. The wording to be engraved on the bench was agreed so the bench can now be ordered.

21.5.14 Update on Tree Work in the dell on the Recreation Ground Councillor Skinner had received the risk assessment and work will now proceed over a weekend. Notices will be placed on the notice board and website warning of the works.

21.5.15 Update from Councillor Skinner with quotations for improvements to the basketball area of the recreation ground. Sawscapes had provided a quote for extensive improvements to the basketball area of 8x8m or 16x10m. As it was understood that the school was making enquiries into adding play equipment to the Recreation Ground Cllr Skinner would verify this with the Head

21.5.16 Update from Cllr Smith on Neighbourhood Plan It was agreed that Chris Paterson would be asked to give a talk at the next meeting which would potentially start a little earlier.

21.5.17 Financial Statements were agreed. All documents were circulated prior to the meeting

- a) The **Financial Statement** to 1st October 2021 was agreed
- b) These payments were approved for the month

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- c) The **Financial Risk Assessment** for the year 2021/22 was approved