

FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 7th December 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr John Ellis (Chairman), Cllr Peter Doyle (Vice Chairman), Cllr Philip Madgwick, Cllr Richard Moss, Cllr Timothy Passingham, Cllr Dave Redding and Cllr David Rymer. In attendance, Cllr R Oppenheimer, Cllr N Drew, Helen Marsh the Clerk and 7 members of the public

1.8.17 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Povey

2.8.17 Approval of the minutes of 9th November 2017 were approved and signed

3.8.17 Matters Arising No matters arising

4.8.17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests were declared by R Moss 6(a), DRedding 6(b) and J Ellis 6(c).

5.8.17 Comments from the public or press

- a) A student resident asked if the Councillors would participate in a research survey as part of his university project. The Councillors agreed to be contacted by phone.
- b) A resident expressed his disapproval of the recent verge cutting, which was extreme, leaving the verges bare and lifeless.
- c) The applicants, of 9 Hempland Lane, applying to fell a copper beech tree, described the potential problems of having such a large tree in close proximity to their house. They hope to grow a small tree as a replacement, such as a field maple.
- d) The Lupton House applicants said that they had gone out of their way to accommodate the councillors' requests in allowing site visits but felt that there were issues. They re-iterated that the application had previously been approved but EHDC required retrospective approval.

On behalf of the applicants of 6(a) the chairman altered the order of the agenda

6.8.17 Planning

- a) SDNP/17/05141/HOUS Lupton House, retention of detached outbuilding to be used as ancillary guest accommodation. The Councillors raised no objection to the retrospective permission but unanimously OBJECTED to the ancillary guest accommodation under Policy H16. This is consistent with raising objections to all applications that breach Policy H16.
- b) SDNP/17/05542/HOUS Foxlease House Privett, use of former garage as granny annex accommodation ancillary to the main dwelling. Resolved to Object under Policy H16.
- c) SDNP/17/05774/FUL Lambing Shed Residential dwelling to replace agricultural barns Resolved to Object with a request to the district councillor that the application be considered by committee
- d) 9 Hempland Lane – Removal of 1 beech tree (TPO) Resolved not to object. With condition that the replacement tree should be of a reasonable size.
- e) **Correspondence with Compliance** Cllr Rymer will write to officers.

7.8.17 Rights of Way

- a) **Old Stoner proposed works** decision postponed until January
- b) **Green Lane proposed works** The contractor will be asked to quote for further works. An estimated figure of £5-6000 was given. An rough estimate of £3000 was suggested for further works to Ridge Top Lane, to be discussed at the next meeting.
- c) **Stiles on Footpath 29** The Clerk will take advice from ROW officers.

8.8.17 Post Office Update Cllr Doyle reported that the application was progressing with it potentially opening in February.

9.8.17 Road Issues

- a) **Verge Cutting** Councillors re-iterated the comment, above, that the verges had been over zealously cut. In some areas 3 to 4m, well beyond the 1m strip beside the road, had been cut back. It was suggested that local people should be employed rather than Highways employees, as they would carry out cutting more sensitively. Further complaints were that the vehicles were being driven too fast and a machine was cleaned leaving a pile of debris including litter. Cllr Oppenheimer offered make enquiries.
- b) Cllrs have received a number of complaints of vehicles being parked on the road and obstructing other users. They would remind residents, and their visitors, to park on the roadside considerately, leaving sufficient room for other drivers to get by.

10.8.17 Defibrillator The landlord of the Trooper Inn kindly agreed for a defibrillator to be housed outside the pub.

11.8.17 East Hampshire Sports Awards A junior will recommended for a sports award.

12.8.17 County Councillor Report Cllr Oppenheim's full report had been circulated and he highlighted these points:

- a) The broadband quote did not arrive but Glenn Peacy and Damien Hind's assistant are keeping the pressure up. There appeared to be action with broadband in Dellfield.
- b) There was nothing on Social Care in the Budget.
- c) To mark European Week for Waste Reduction, the County Council is inviting applications from local organisations for up to £5,000 to support them in delivering projects, products and services that prevent household waste.
- d) At QE Park a £2m investment program is getting underway to make improvements to the restaurant and visitor centre. A new dog activity trail, assault course and play area are nearing completion.

13.8.17 District Councillor Report Cllr Drew gave his report:

- a) The boundary changes would not directly impact Froxfield but Stroud will be moving out of the ward and Sheet in. Colemore and Priors Dean are due to join Ropley. A comment was made that it would make sense for Colemore and Priors Dean to join Froxfield. Cllr Drew said EHDC were taking comments up until the deadline of 18th December.
- b) The DC is becoming more involved in helping people suffering from domestic abuse.

14.8.17 King George V Memorial Ground

- a) **Playground Inspection** – raised no issues and the notices were handed to the clerk.

15.8.17 Finances

- a) The following cheques were agreed and signed

Clerk's Remuneration	520.00
Privett Village Hall	30.00

- b) A full accounting statement will be available at the next meeting.
- c) The budget for 2018/19 had been prepared by the clerk and distributed prior to the meeting. The budget would be updated for final approval at the next meeting.
- d) It was agreed that the Clerk could appoint Tim Light as internal auditor subject to Cllr Doyle approaching a local auditor.
- e) It was agreed that an arrangement could be made with the Village Hall Treasurer for an annual payment to save time for both parties.

16.8.17 Correspondence The PCC had written to the Council to thank them for the donation.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm.