

## FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

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

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr John Ellis (Chairman), Cllr Peter Doyle (Vice Chairman), Cllr Richard Moss, Cllr Philip Madgwick, Cllr David Rymer, Cllr David Redding and Cllr Matthew Povey. In attendance, Cllr N Drew and Helen Marsh the Clerk

**1.10.18 Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Passingham

**2.10.18 Approval of the minutes** the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were approved and signed

**3.10.18 Matters Arising** Cllr Doyle queried the decision made not to pursue additional signage on Warren Lane. After further discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should speak to the Highways Engineer to enquire about improvements to the existing signs.

**4.10.18 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** No Declarations

**5.10.18 Comments from the public or press** No Comments

#### 6.10.18 Planning

a) **SDNP/18/00459/HOUS Cedar House** High Cross Lane<sup>[SEP]</sup> Single storey annex and garage following demolition of the existing garage and stable block (as amended by plans received 27.02.2018 - annex relocated) **OBJECT**

b) **Enforcement** – Approve letter to Compliance, circulated prior to the meeting - Additional buildings off Hurst Lane. The draft letter, highlighting the Parish Councillor's concerns that continual development of the land is taking place without any form of consent was unanimously approved.

#### 7.10.18 Rights of Way

a) **Green Lane proposed works** quotations circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to accept a quotation of £3880 plus VAT from Chris Budd, the preferred contractor, to carry out repair works to an overall length of 544m to the Green Lane surface. This does not include the area at the Ragmore Farm end of the lane. The clerk will apply for a grant.

b) **Ridge Top Lane** Quotations for repair works to the surface of Ridge Top lane were circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed to accept the quotation of £2525 plus VAT from the same contractor to carry out repair works to an overall length of 173m. The Clerk will apply for a grant.

**8.10.18 Road Issues** The recent repair to the potholes at the junction of High Cross Lane with Stoner Hill had already popped out. Several Councillors made the comment that the whole of High Cross lane should be resurfaced. The same comment was made about Stoney Lane, which does not attract the attention of Highways. Cllr Oppenheimer offered to take this up with Highways on behalf of the parish council.

**9.10.18 Defibrillator** Two defibrillators had arrived and quotations for installation received. The quotation of £130 for the installation was approved for the defibrillator to be sited at Froxfield Village Hall. The Councillors felt the best position for the Privett defibrillator should be at Privett Village Hall, although the choice of the most central point with an electrical supply in Privett isn't immediately obvious so it was agreed that the residents' opinion should be sought via the parish magazine.

**10.11.18 Broadband** Cllr Oppenheimer had now received the long awaited quotations for the Community Fibre Partnership. Frustratingly, again the information contained anomalies. He suggested checking the website of [www.callflow.co.uk](http://www.callflow.co.uk) for radio broadband speeds.

**11.11.18 County Councillor Report** Cllr Oppenheim's full report was distributed prior to the meeting. He highlighted these points: From April 2018 the Council Tax will rise by 5.99%. He reminded the meeting that Council Tax was frozen for 5 years from 2010-2015 and the level of Council Tax in Hampshire is still lower in real terms than it was 8 years ago: He went on to thank the farming community for working alongside Hampshire Highways during the recent snow. It was pointed out to Cllr Oppenheimer that the farmers were not volunteers and that some of the equipment was too wide, damaging the small lanes: Good news on school places. Of the applicants applying for a September 2018 Year 7 place in Hampshire secondary schools, 98 percent have been offered a school of their choice, 92% being allocated a place at their preferred first choice.

**11.10.18 District Councillor Report** Cllr Drew gave this report:

- a) His grant for this financial years has been fully allocated
- b) There will no longer be a cabinet grant program.
- c) EHDC will be issuing press releases in advance of the Froxfield Post Office opening.
- d) Steep PC will be running a Community Speedwatch scheme coupled with the painting of road edge with white lines to reduce vehicle speeds.
- e) EHDC have frozen Council Tax.
- f) £20m is being spent on a new Leisure Centre at Alton.

**12.10.18 King George V Memorial Ground**

- a) **Playground Inspection** – Cllr Moss had reported mole damage to the Memorial Ground. It was agreed for a mole catcher to be employed.
- b) **Replacement climbing frame net** It was resolved to replace the climbing net and the rope ladder at a cost of £1243.33 plus VAT. A cheque for £1492 was signed. Cllr Moss made a request for Playdale to carryout the playground inspection this year. The clerk will obtain a quote.
- c) **Memorial Ground Perimeter Fence** It was agreed to install posts in preference to a fence along the western perimeter of the Memorial Ground. Quotes would be obtained and a grant application made to Cllr Drew.

**13.10.18 Finances**

- a) The following cheques were agreed and signed

Helen Marsh	£520
Cardiac Science Defibrillators	£3618
Ray Street Website Management	£75
Playdale Playgrounds	£1942

- b) The accounting statement was agreed and cross-referenced with the bank statement.

**14.10.18 Lengthsman** The lengthsman is to be asked to clear the ditches on the High Cross Lane Junction with Privett Road and Tads Lane. He will also be asked to clean the road signs on Warren Lane.

**15.10.18 Correspondence** No correspondence

**16.10.18 Future Agenda Items** School Parking

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm.