

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at
Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday the 8th September 2016 at 7.30pm**

Present: John Ellis (Chairman), Richard Moss, Dave Rymer, Philip Madgwick, Dave Redding and Matt Povey, In attendance Helen Marsh the Clerk and six members of the public.

1.7.16 Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Peter Doyle, Tim Passingham and Nick Drew

2.7.16 Comments from the public or press

Following complaints about the poor broadband speeds the council invited Glenn Peacey (who could not attend the meeting) and District Councillor Rob Mocatta to provide some information on potential solutions to the problem. Cllr Mocatta made these recommendations. Although fibre optic is to be rolled out across the country by 2020 there is some scepticism to it improving speeds to properties that are some distance from an exchange. This is particularly poignant to the parish as the 3 exchanges are outside the villages. The wireless trial at Cheriton is showing positive results although other trials were problematic. The point-to-point system requires a clear sightline between repeaters, uninterrupted by buildings or trees. There are 3 potential suppliers of this system. The chairman thanked Cllr Mocatta for taking the time to come and talk to the meeting.

Cllr Redding noted that the wireless system from Call Flow Solutions had a cost of £44 to £49 per month with a minimum contract period of 18 months. He also commented that the number of mature trees in the parish and the line of sight requirement would likely result in the actual speed for many residents falling short of the 30 Mbps peak. He suggested that broadband based on mobile 4G services might work better for some residents. Vodafone and O2 already have coverage in some areas and he is planning to trial the service that EE are due to launch around November. He will report back with the results.

The parish council will hold a register of households interested in participating in schemes from all providers to establish which works best in which areas such that the information can then be shared in response to future questions from residents.

There were no further questions as all members of the public present had come to listen to the talk.

3.7.16 Approval of the minutes The minutes of the meeting of 11th August were agreed and signed.

4.7.16 Matters Arising – there were no matters arising

5.7.16 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests There were no declarations

6.7.16 Broadband, discussed above

7.7.16 Report from District Councillor Cllr Drew was not present but the clerk read out his summary.

1. Still awaiting highways decision on Lambing Sheds
2. No feedback from EHDC officers on next planning and compliance meeting request
3. Request for grant for church group
4. Probably unable to support Froxfield Shop grant for this year
5. Request to anyone interested in running and coaching Petersfield Athletics Club to contact me.
6. Broadband still an issue - thank you to Robert in attending meeting.

8.7.16 Report from County Councillor Cllr Clark was not in attendance

9.7.16 Planning

- a) **SDNP/16/03654/HOUS Cedar House** Cllr Rymer outlined the proposed property stating that the applicant had acted on the pre-planning advice. The same materials, vertical clad timber would be used and would mimic much of the existing property. The proposal to open up a

second entrance leaving the first open was discussed. With the proviso that the builders did not park on the road and removal of the permitted development rights, all agreed NO OBJECTION.

- b) **SDNP/16/04252/DINPP** No need to be discussed by the parish council
- c) **SDNP16/04082/DCOND** No need to be discussed by the parish council
- d) **Planning Policy** to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- e) **Compliance** Cllr Rymer expressed his frustration that the officers at EHDC completely ignored all correspondence. A further request would be made to Cllr Drew to get a response.

10.7.16 Report on Playground/ Recreation Ground

- a) **Playground works and issues update** Cllr Moss reported that the post had been replaced but the top of it was sharp. Cllr Rymer would check and advise the contractor.
- b) **To receive weekly playground inspection copies** the copies were duly received
- c) **Hedge Cutting Quote** Several new quotes would be obtained by the next meeting

11.7.16 BOAT Updates

- a) **Green Lane** Cllr Rymer confirmed that the Green Lane works had been completed, residual materials removed but he would ask for some further tidying up to be done. He recommended that the invoice be authorised. The repairs had been well received including being used by some riders who were following the Edward Thomas route. The clerk was asked to approach riding clubs and societies for funding for a notice board for this historic path.
- b) **Ridge Top Lane** The application for funds was successful and a decision would be made before the next meeting as to the best time to carry out the work.

12.7.16 Road Issues

- a) **Stoner Hill Road Closure** Cllr Doyle will be writing to Hampshire Highways
- b) **Hedge Cutting** A list of roadside hedges would be compiled by the next meeting
- c) **Potholes** HCC to be asked to repair of potholes between High Cross Lane and Stoner Hill Road

13.7.16 Finances

- a) **Financial Statement including agreeing and signing cheques** Cheque numbers 300451 and 300453– 300457 were agreed and signed. The clerk was asked to question again the amount charged by Wicksteed, even with the credit note the invoice total was still above the original quote.
- b) **Insurance Renewal** The clerk proposed the parish council renew the policy with the current insurer. All agreed.
- c) **Grounds Maintenance Contract** for the start of the next season all grass and hedges to be cut would be specified on a plan.
- d) **Budget Setting training course** it was agreed that the clerk could attend a budget setting course if she saw fit.
- e) **Charity Gift** the clerk was hopeful that the cheque would be cleared by the Charity Aid Foundation

14.7.16 Correspondence

- a) Hedge cutting request for Dellfield car park. The hedge is the responsibility of Radian Housing Association, the clerk will write to the resident to explain this.

15.7.16 Future Agenda Items

No additional agenda items

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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