

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 7.30pm

Present: John Ellis (Chairman), Peter Doyle (Vice Chairman) Tim Passingham, Richard Moss, David Rymer, Philip Madgwick, Cllr Drew and Cllr Clark. In attendance: Helen Marsh the Clerk and 4 members of the public.

1.11.17 Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Dave Redding and Matt Povey

2.11.17 Comments from the public or press

- a) A representative of the owner's of Quin Hay Farm gave a short presentation the council on the proposed changes. A pre-application inquiry has been lodged with the SDNP. The Council will discuss this when a full application has been lodged.
- b) On behalf of Froxfield School, Joanna Brown apologised for unintentionally leaving open the gate to the recreation ground during the School Fete. Access was required for a burger van then the gate had not been closed and as a consequence some spectators assumed that the recreation ground was available for car parking.
- c) Two members of the public brought to the councillor's attention that an incident occurred over the cars being parked on the Cricket Field during Froxfield School Fete ((b) above), when they were verbally abused by a man who is understood to be a member of the cricket club. The councillors agreed that this was inexcusable, commenting that, for some time, the actions of some of the cricket club members was unacceptable and was causing the council concern.
- d) Brenda King had obtained a further offer of a grant from a motoring club for £250 for repairs to Ridge Top Lane.

3.11.17 Approval of the minutes Some omissions in the minutes of the meeting of 12th January were highlighted. The clerk will make the amendments for the minutes to be agreed and signed at the next meeting.

4.11.17 Matters Arising

5.11.17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

6.11.17 Planning

- a) SDNP/16/06396/TCA East Brooms, Hempland Lane Privett, Tree Work. Cllr Rymer explained the details of the proposed works to 11 trees. His understanding was that 4 of the trees were outside the boundary of East Brooms. This matter would be raised in the comments submitted to the SDNP and the neighbouring landowner would be informed. NO OBJECTION
- b) SDNP/17/00037/CND Paloma House, variation of condition 4 to allow music studio to be used for 20 days per annum for non-family members. Cllr Passingham raised concern over the potential for increased traffic. It was agreed NOT TO OBJECT subject to a condition being included on highway usage.
- c) SDNP/17/00148/HOUS Maydene, Old Litten Lane, Single storey porch to front, replacement timber garage door, timber cladding to front and garage, oak pergola. NO OBJECTION

7.11.17 BOAT updates

- a) Cllr Clark had been in communication with Hampshire Police regarding policing of the by-ways because of mis-use by drivers of 4x4s who are creating more damage with excessive speeds and engine revving to create wheel-spin and thereby wearing away the surface.
- b) **Green Lane** To be put on the agenda for the next meeting to see if there was interest in repairing further areas.

8.11.17 Broadband A new resident had expressed interest in assisting with the Parish Council's campaign for improved broadband service. Cllr Doyle offered to contact Cllr Redding for an update and to discuss the best way forward.

9.11.17 Road Issues A request would be made for the salt bin on Stoner Hill Road to be filled. A letter would be written to Hampshire Highways for the pothole machine not to be used as the works done in Stoner Hill Road and Froxfield Green had lasted less than two days. The damage to Ivyhouse Lane was reported to Hampshire Highways whose response was, "No Action Required". Damage to Soalwood Lane is to be repaired. This raised the question of enforcement with regard to the Lambing Shed since the planning application had been refused. Cllr Drew would ask EHDC, although it was understood that

vehicles had been removed and some repairs carried out to the site. Complaints had been received regarding vehicles speeding near to the school. A request would be made for a police speed assessment and for community police attendance at school drop-off and pick-up times.

10.11.17 Post Office Cllr Doyle has, with some difficulty, obtained the name of the right person at the Post Office to write to. A member of the public confirmed that the postmaster had not opened the post office in the shop since before Christmas and reaffirmed that the shop owner was keen to run the post office.

11.11.17 Fire engine access through Dellfield In response to a letter written by Cllr Clark, on behalf of the Parish Council, Hampshire Highways said that the funding priority was for roads where accidents and injury had occurred. There was little concern over parked cars causing obstruction, for fire engine access, as the fire brigade would always find a way through, even if this resulted in damage being caused to parked cars. A quotation would be obtained for removing the verge and provide additional parking spaces. Ian Janes would be approached for information on what would be required to do this.

12.11.17 Outdoor Learning Centre recreation ground request A draft letter of confirmation to the After School Club had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Passingham asked the following stipulations to be added to the letter: a warning about the area having had waste dumped on it: written details of the intended activities to be carried out on the land: prior permission from the Parish Council must be gained for all vehicle access and permission would be subject to an annual review.

13.11.17 Approve Village Hall Fencing Quotes The 3 quotes were discussed with a view that overall A. Newens quote was the best value. It was agreed that work would be carried out in stages starting with the Village Hall Fence, which includes the 2 gates at a cost of £1450. Preference was shown for the foot gate to be hung separately and then the access gate would need to be increased to 4.2m.

14.11.17 Warren Barn Land Registry Update The complaint made to the Land Registry has been withdrawn. Cllr Doyle had been informed that Tim Slaney, head of the SDNP planning department has called in the original planning application thereby removing it from the planning department of EHDC.

15.11.17 Report from District Councillor Cllr Drew commented on the following

- a) EHDC is debating, on 23rd February, the Farnborough Airspace submission. He is concerned about the height of flights over Froxfield and will be raising this.
- b) He would look into helping with funding additional roadside parking places in Dellfield.
- c) He had had a request to help with funding staging for the village hall.

16.11.17 Report from County Councillor

- a) The new educational funding formula has recently been published. In East Hampshire the larger schools seem to have gained funding whilst the smaller ones have lost. The total gain for the district has been some £266k.
- b) Figures have been released on the number and size of claims made by motorists for damage caused by potholes. Hampshire has the lowest pothole claims of 8.51 per 100km of highway. Representing about £17.50 per mile.

17.11.17 Report on Playground and Recreation Ground

- a) **To receive weekly playground inspection copies** The clerk received the copies.
- b) **Playground update** Richard Moss was again asked to top up the bark.
- c) **Recreation Ground** Several members of the Council felt that consideration should be given to banning the Cricket Club from using the recreation ground. The Chairman and Cllr Rymer are working towards resolving some of the issues between the Parish Council, the Village Hall and the Cricket Club.

18.11.17 Finances

- a) **Financial Statement** was discussed and Cllr Doyle agreed them with the bank statements.
- b) **Agreeing and signing cheques** Cheque numbers 300473 – 300476 were agreed and signed
- c) **Churchar's Bolitho Way Account** The account was approved and the clerk was asked to provide a balance of the total amount the claim cost the Council.
- d) **Approval of the Risk Assessment** to be agreed at the next meeting

19.11.17 Grounds Maintenance Contract The new contract will be put out to tender once a decision has been made on the amount of grass to be cut on the recreation ground.

20.11.17 Lengthsman Ditch cleaning and chennelling work in King Lane, Wheeler's Lane, at the bottom of Broadhanger and Staple Ash Lane. Clean finger signs at Tad's crossroads.

21.11.17 Correspondence No further correspondence

22.11.17 Future Agenda Items No additional agenda items: Risk Assessment: Planning Policy: Website:

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