

FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 9th January 2020

Present: Peter Doyle, John Ellis, Philip Madgwick, David Rymer and Robert Shepherd and Chris Skinner. In attendance Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, the Clerk and 1 member of the public

- 1.7.20 Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Passingham and Cllr Hiscock
- 2.7.20 the minutes** of the meeting of 14th November 2019 were approved and signed
- 3.7.20 Matters Arising** No matters arising
- 4.7.20 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** Cllr Skinner declared an interest in 13(a) and 13(c)
- 5.7.20 Comments from the Public or Press** See item 9 below
- 6.7.20 Repairs to Green Lane and Ridgetop Lane** Cllr Rymer will report at the next meeting and the works will include a 3rd lane 501.
- 7.7.20 Let's Talk** Cllr Shepherd had been in communication with various group representatives but as yet a convenient date has not been settled on. The Clerk suggested the Annual Parish Meeting in April as a date.
- 8.7.20 Road Improvements** Comments from the previous meeting were sent to Ian Janes at HCC. The matter is in progress but nothing further to report at this time. In addition it was reported that parking outside the shop, particularly on Sundays, was becoming impossible due to some Radian residents parking their cars outside the shop rather than in the parking places provided. The Clerk will write to Radian.
- 9.7.20 Tree Planting Recreation Ground** A representative from the Little Adventurers Club described where the club hoped to plant trees. All councillors were in favour of the tree planting and approved the scheme. The councillors stipulated that proper advice on the type of trees and where they should be positioned should be taken, then, that information should be brought back to the next meeting for approval. It was agreed that the After School Club's could continue to use the end of the Recreation Ground. This will be reviewed in 12 months time.
- 10.7.20 Basket Ball Area** Cllr Skinner presented two new options for multi surface courts. Cllr Rymer asked about the potential extent of the maintenance and general cleaning. Cllr Skinner explained most parts were easily replaceable and were reasonably inexpensive. He was asked to research the target audience and carryout more research on the courts and funding availability.
- 11.7.20 County Councillor's Report** The report had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Oppenheimer added that he had been asked to shorten the closure time of High Cross Lane for Openreach works. He stressed that it was important for all households to register their vehicles, on the county council website, to continue to use the facility free of charge. A comment was made to Cllr Oppenheimer that repairing potholes on C18 was a waste of money where smaller lanes in the parish were extremely damaged with poor surfaces.
- 12.7.20 District Councillor's Report** Cllr Drew was not at the meeting
- 13.7.20 Recreation and Playground**
- a) **Soft Areas around Playground Equipment** Cllr Rymer would compare the quotes.
 - b) **Repairs to small swing and the climbing Frame** Cllr Rymer had meticulously probed the posts of these two pieces of equipment and recommended leaving them for the time being.
 - c) **Discuss quotes and agree repairs to playground Fencing.** Cllr Rymer would provide a comparison for the next meeting
 - d) **Fencing Adjacent to the Storage Container** a second quote would be sought.

e) **Ground Maintenance Contract** Cllr Shepherd had met with Dugg Budd, who maintains Petersfield Town Council's grounds. He was asked to quote for the entire grass cutting but a specialist company would be approached for the grass treatment.

f) **Cricket Club Agreement Update** David Rymer had called for a meeting with Ian Payne

14.7.20 Finances

a) **Financial summary** and the Bank Statement were approved having been distributed prior to the meeting

b) Cheques signed at the Meeting

Helen Marsh	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£644
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c) **Precept 2020/21** It was agreed to set the precept at £25,000 for the 2020/21 financial year

15.7.20 Updating Website Cllr Shepherd had researched companies that would produce and manage a website for the Parish Council. He would now supply them with the parish council's web services requirements and obtain a price. It was agreed that a new website would be cohesive and modern.

16.7.20 Agenda Format and Structure Cllr Shepherd felt that the parish council would benefit from the objectives and decisions being specified on the agenda. There was concern that flexibility could be lost and decisions would be constrained to the exact wording. It was agreed to follow the suggestions, in part, in order to add some clarity.

17.7.20 Future Agenda Items No further items to add

18.7.20 The next meeting will be held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 13th February at 7.30pm.