

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at
Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 11th May 2017 at 7.30pm**

Present: John Ellis (Chairman), Peter Doyle (Vice Chairman), Tim Passingham, Philip Madgwick, Richard Moss, David Rymer, District Cllr Nick Drew and County Cllr Russell Oppenheimer. In attendance: Helen Marsh the Clerk and 1 member of the public

1.1.17 Apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Povey and Cllr Redding

2.1.17 Election of Chairman Cllr Madgwick proposed Cllr John Ellis who agreed to stand again as Chairman, seconded by Cllr Passingham. Cllr Ellis was duly re-elected and signed the declaration of acceptance of office.

3.1.17 Election of Vice Chairman Cllr Ellis proposed Cllr Doyle who agreed to stand again as vice chairman, seconded by Cllr Moss. Cllr Doyle was duly re-elected

4.1.17 Parish Councillor Responsibilities the councillors present agreed to continue with the same responsibilities.

- **EHAPTC Representative** – All Councillors
- **War Memorial** – Cllr Moss
- **Privett Village Hall** – Cllr Povey
- **Froxfield Village Hall** – Cllr Moss
- **Rights of Way and Highways Privett** – Cllr Povey
- **Rights of Way and Highways Froxfield** – Cllr Madgwick, Cllr Rymer and Cllr Moss
- **Planning** - Cllr Rymer assisted by Cllr Passingham
- **Recreation Ground and Playground** – Cllr Ellis and Cllr Moss
- **Broadband** – Cllr Redding and Cllr Doyle
- **Junctions Officer** – Cllr Doyle
- **Tree Warden** – Cllr Rymer was newly appointed as tree warden

5.1.17. Approval of the minutes the minutes of the meeting of 6th April 2017 were agreed and signed

6.1.17 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest There were no declarations

7.1.17 County Councillor's Welcome – The chairman welcomed Councillor Russell Oppenheimer as the recently elected County Councillor.

8.1.17 Comments from the public or press Ian Payne asked if the councillors had any comments on the risk assessment and health and safety document produced by the cricket club. Cllr Rymer responded that the documents appeared detailed but they would be discussed at the next meeting with the cricket club. The chairman asked for the rubbish around the container to be removed. He offered to provide a trailer for the cricket club to use to load with the rubbish.

9.1.17 Planning

- a) **SDNP/17/01770/HOUS Honeycritch Farm Bungalow** Single storey extension to rear and storage cellar below ground. Resolved to OBJECT. The Clerk will write to Cllr Drew for him to ask Environment Health to check the land for contamination where there has been years of accumulated rubbish.
- b) **Vehicles parked on Stoner Hill Road outside Lupton House** Many complaints had been received regarding the damage being done to the verge and ditch by vehicles trying to pass the parked construction cars and vans outside Lupton House. Cllr Drew would check that there is a condition of the planning permission in place to make good the verge.
- c) **Increased number of vehicles parked at land north of Hurst Farm** further complaints had been received regarding a horsebox parked on the site and the burning of thatching waste. The clerk was asked to write to EHDC compliance team.

10.1.17 Rights of Way and Roads

- a) Cllr Madwick reported that Highways had carried out extensive repairs to Ridge Top Lane.
- b) **Green Lane** an application had been submitted to the Small Grant's Scheme for funding for another section of repairs.

11.1.17 Report from District Councillor Cllr Drew District Council had reduced the council tax charges and they were committed to continue reducing the charge. The situation at TAG Farnborough is being

monitored and the District Council will continue to argue against it. Cllr Drew has a new budget available for grant funding and he has been approached for a grant for the Post Office. The lack of post office is now a great concern and inconvenience to the village. Froxfield Stores has submitted an application to take over the post office service but progress is extremely slow. It is frustrating that it is not possible to find a senior person to communicate with within the Post Office. The clerk was asked to try and find a name and to ask the Member of Parliament if he would add his support to the application.

12.1.17 Report from County Councillor Cllr Oppenheimer reported that: His priorities were broadband and supporting local schools and clubs: HCC has £30m to roll out superfast broadband and a new connection is being run to Froxfield Green: HCC has a financial commitment to improving, adult social care to allow for the increase in the elderly population, and to improving roads: Ropley and Tisted have been incorporated into his division.

13.1.17 Report on Playground and Recreation Ground

- a) The clerk received the weekly playground inspections and it was noted that there was temporary fencing around a manhole in the playground. Cllr Moss will check with the school, the reason for this and to ask for it to be removed as soon as possible. The clerk reported that Nick Adams had forgotten to inspect the playground but would chase this up with some urgency.
- b) The chairman had filled in the holes in the Dell. The after school club had moved from the Dell to another site as it had been suggested that they had been made to feel uncomfortable by members of the Cricket Club and had been unable to access the Dell as the gate had been locked. Cllr Rymer will review the Cricket Club Agreement and another meeting will be arranged. The chairman will speak to Kevin Hiscock to ask him to unlock the gate.

14.1.17 Finances

- a) The monthly financial statement was distributed and discussed
- b) The following cheques were approved for payment. It was agreed that the HR and the SLCC subscription would be discontinued

Cheque No	Payee	Service	Amount £
300484	PCC	Parish Magazine	10.00
300490	Frank Mayell	Grass Cutting	700.00
300485	Froxfield Village Hall	Room Hire	48.00
300491	Chris Budd	Ridge Top Lane Repair	2964.00
300489	Hampshire Playing Fields Assoc	Affiliation Fees	40.00
300468	HALC	Affiliation Fees	306.00
300483	Helen Marsh	Clerk's salary 2 months	1040.00
300483	Helen Marsh Expenses	New Printer	215.55
300487	Parish Online Mapping	Annual Subscription	33.60
300488	Alan Newens	Recreation ground fencing	2592.00

15.1.17 Meeting Dates Due to the general election the next meeting will be brought forward to Thursday 1st June. The dates for the next 13 months were agreed.

16.1.17 Lengthsman Schedule To strim the grass at all the junctions off C18.

17.1.17 Correspondence

- a) The clerk had received a letter regarding a van being badly parked outside Slade Cottage, Privett. The community police officer would be asked if he could have a word with the owner.

18.1.17 Future Agenda Items – Post Office

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.