

## FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Privett Village Hall on Thursday 22nd November 2018

Present: Cllr P Doyle (Chairman), Cllr J Ellis, Cllr P Madgwick, Cllr M Povey & Cllr D Rymer In attendance, County Cllr R Oppenheimer, District Cllr N Drew, the Clerk and 2 members of the public.

**1.5.18 Apologies for absence** received from Cllrs, R Moss, T Passingham and D Redding

**2.5.18 Approval of the minutes** the minutes of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were approved and signed

**3.5.18 Matters arising** There were no matters arising

**4.5.18 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** No declarations

**5.4.18 Comments from the public or press** Mr I Payne said that a further meeting between the cricket club and the parish council would be necessary to finalise the Agreement between the two parties.

**14.5.18 Report from County Councillor** Cllr Oppenheimer's report was circulated prior to the meeting and he briefed the councillors on the following topics.

**Broadband** - The Fibre to the Premises rollout to most of central Froxfield is on track for the first quarter of 2019, bringing speeds up to 1Gb. There is now more "Fibre to the Cabinet" planned which will bring superfast speeds to much of the north part of the Parish. This was new information to us and is very welcome. Hampshire is bidding for a slice of the £200m set aside for rural broadband in the Budget on 29 October 2018. It is hoped this will enable Hampshire to finish the final 2.5% and get very close to 100% superfast coverage over the coming years. **SDNP Landscapes Review** – Russell urged councillors and residents to respond to the call for evidence for the SDNP Landscapes Review by completing the online survey. **Passenger Transport Review and Street Lighting Consultation** Some reductions in timetables have been approved. Streetlights in residential areas will be switched off at night for three hours between 1am and 4am, to reduce the carbon footprint and save £240,000pa.

**15.5.18 Report from District Councilor** Cllr Drew reported on the following:

- a) Cllr Drew commented that the Remembrance Service at Froxfield had been well attended. He laid a wreath on behalf of the DC and the Chairman laid one on behalf of the PC and The British Legion.
- b) Infrastructure – The take-up on broadband had surpassed expectations, thus supporting the investments made. This success should have a knock-on effect in encouraging other infrastructure investments.
- c) He had attended, with Councilors, the planning review meeting.
- d) Cllr Drew had also received the request for facilities for older children and had made some suggestions to the resident of local activities including the RAPP play project, cricket clubs, air cadets and hockey clubs, some of which are at Bedales. He remarked that access to facilities was difficult for residents of small villages. He would look into having more activities such as an athletics club or an obstacle course around the recreation ground.

#### **6.5.18 Planning and Enforcement**

- a) **SDNP/18/05506/FUL** The Old Lodge, Privett, Conversion of garage into dwelling house<sup>[SEP]</sup> **OBJECT**
- b) **Report from the meeting with EHDC Officers, attended by 3 members of the Parish Council.** The meeting was positive and useful for making new connections. Both parties gained a better understanding of each other's approaches, but it was disappointing that there hadn't been any follow up from the EHDC officers.

#### **7.5.18 Enforcement**

- a) **Land adjacent to Hurst Lane** following a complaint that further buildings were being erected the Parish Council submitted a report to Leslie Wells. A parishioner in attendance said water was connected to the mobile home along with bottled gas. There was also concern that a new area of the field was being levelled which could potentially be the foundations of another building. The PC agreed to monitor the situation.
- b) **Lambing Shed Soalwood Lane** Cllr Rymer agreed to write to EHDC Officers regarding the bund.

**8.5.18 High Speed Broadband** The Chairman, Simeon Leiserach and Cllr Oppenheimer had another meeting with the HCC Broadband team. They were advised that much the installation for Froxfield

(GU32 postcodes) is in the process of being completed, bringing both Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) and Fibre to the Cabinet (FTTC) to the Parish. Cllr Oppenheimer offered to pursue the need for a comprehensive solution for GU34 properties in Privett. It was indicated during the meeting at HCC that, even when the new service is in place, it may take several weeks for this to be notified to residents. It was thus recommended that residents use the service checker, [www.dslchecker.bt.com](http://www.dslchecker.bt.com) to see when the fibre broadband for any particular number is in place. It should then be possible for a resident to upgrade to the new service. The Parish council will also make it known when the new service becomes available in a particular area.

**9.5.18 Defibrillator** The clerk is still waiting for a training date to be confirmed.

**10.5.18 Correspondence**

- a) Following a request for village facilities for older children, the Councillors agreed to support Cllr Drew's suggestions and to respond to the request to that effect.
- b) A complaint had been made that Footpath 7 had not been sprayed off through crops. The Clerk will contact the landowner.

**11.5.18 Road Issues** Sign at Greenforde Farm, the clerk was unable to give an update, as she had not heard back from EHDC. Cllr Madgwick had received complaints that the Honeycritch Lane road surface had been badly patched and cars had been sprayed with tarmac by the Dragon Patchers. Cllr Oppenheimer said he would take this up with Highways. He was asked to check if High Cross Lane is on the re-surfacing list.

**12.5.18 Rights of Way**

- a) **Footpath 13**, the ROW officer, having inspected the stile, found that it was not dangerous so the matter will be closed.

**13.5.18 CCTV Old Stoner** It was resolved that this type of complaint should not be pursued by the Parish Council. The Chairman had been requested to pursue a case of CCTV cameras being directed over public land. He felt that the PC should decide, as a general policy, on whether these types of matters should be handled by the PC. The decision was made that the PC should not get involved in such matters.

**16.5.18 King George V Memorial Ground**

- a) **Playground inspection sheets** As Cllr Moss was not present the Clerk was asked to contact him and check that he had carried out the inspections and that there were no problems. She was asked to write to Cllr Moss to ask him to contact her if he was unable to carry out the inspections.
- b) **Grounds Maintenance Contract** It was agreed the current 3 year agreement was still in force and Mr Mayell would continue to cut the grass and hedges.
- c) **Recreation Ground Fence replacement.** The Clerk was asked to follow up comments that the posts were rather tall.
- d) **Cricket Club Agreement** A further meeting will be required
- e) **Bonfire Event** Cllr Rymer will be re-seeding grass with fast propagating seed. The intention is to re-instate the field. If the seed doesn't take the area will be re-turfed in the spring.

**17.5.18 Finances**

- a) The accounting statement was distributed and agreed.
- b) Cheques agreed and signed

The Clerk	£ 520
F Mayell Grass Cutting	£ 700
Drop In Club Donation	£ 150
Privett Village Hall	£ 30

- c) **Budget 2019-2020** The Clerk presented the draft budget. It was agreed that the amount budgeted for ROW would be increased to cover the final stages of the works to Ridge Top Lane and Green Lane. The budget will be adjusted and signed at the next meeting.

**18.5.18 Lengthsman** Nothing to report

**19.5.18 Future Agenda Items** No further items