

Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 10th February 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillor Peter Doyle, Councillor David Rymer, Councillor Phoebe Hiscock, Councillor John Ellis, Councillor Teresa Brown, Councillor Mark Griffiths, Councillor Chris Skinner and Councillor Robert Smith. In attendance: District Councillor Nick Drew and the Clerk.

- 22.9.1 Apologies for absence** were received from County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer
- 22.9.2 Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday 6th January 2022** were approved and signed
- 22.9.3 Comments from the Public or Press** No public or press present
- 22.9.4 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** None declared
- 22.9.5 Update on Floud Lane Pond** Councillor Brown had filed an Expression of Interest with SDNP and been in contact with the Wildlife Trust and FWAG (Farming and Wildlife Group) for advice. Cllr Rymer said that a member of the public was keen to help work on the pond. A working party date would be set.
- 22.9.6 Update on Verge Cutting and to discuss HCC's Draft Licence** the Licence had not been received in time for thorough scrutiny, although Councillor Brown highlighted some errors. She had also received complaints that the verges were already being cut in Privett at 8pm at night.
- 22.9.7 Report from Privett** Councillor Brown briefed councillors on the sale of the Privett Centre. Users of the church would be affected as the church has few facilities. A meeting open to all was to be held at 11am on Saturday 12th February in the churchyard at Privett.
- 22.9.8 To progress with the Community Funded Initiative (CFI)** Councillors had been informed that £10,000 had been awarded by SDNP to the parish through HCC for the Community Funded Initiative. Councillor Griffiths agreed to follow through the road improvement scheme that had been set in motion by Councillor Shepherd.
- 22.9.9 Update on the potential New Sports Facility on the Recreation Ground** Councillor Skinner had made inquiries about a full sized 5-a-side multi-sport astro turf pitch with tennis court and a 15 x 30m option. He agreed to look into funding. The project would be presented to the parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting on 14th April 2022.
- 22.9.10 County Councillor's Report** Councillor Oppenheimer's report raised the importance of the Government's response to the Glover Review of Protected Landscapes. Of particular interest to the area relates to the protection of Green Lanes in National parks. The response says that the Government will consider giving National Park Authorities enhanced powers to make Traffic Regulation Orders and Public Protection Orders. Cllr Oppenheimer urges parishioners and parish councillors to respond to the consultation <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/future-landscapes-strategy/government-response-to-the-landscapes-review/>

Councillor Rymer advised that the Glover Report refers to how the landscape should be managed and for the control of the use of motorised recreational vehicles. **The Parish Council encourages all parishioners to take part in the consultation.** The Clerk will include this in the Parish Magazine and on the website. It was agreed that 2 Councillors could attend the SDNP Parish Workshop on behalf of the Parish Council and offer their support to motions to be agreed during the meeting. Councillor Rymer also expressed his disappointment that 4x4s had caused significant damage to Ridge Top Lane and had

deliberately driven through a dew pond, damaging it and causing untold destruction of pond life.

Councillor Griffiths commented on Cllr Oppenheimer's report on the two sets of average speed cameras to be placed on the A272 and A32. He is concerned that to avoid the cameras motorists will seek to use other roads such as the C18 and Stoner Hill.

22.9.11 District Councillor's Report Councillor Drew gave this report

- a) Other parish councils have shown interest in noise measures set out by the Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner to reduce the noise caused by motorbikes. There was disappointment as the measures were concentrated around Loomies Café.
- b) Cllr Drew had followed up a request from the parish council to enforce the Dark Night Sky's Policy but unfortunately compliance has limited powers of enforcement in this area. It was agreed that the parish council would write to Tim Slaney.
- c) Cllr Drew had raised the question of the Dellfield Playground with the new sports development officer at EHDC who had agreed to a site meeting.

22.9.12 Progress report on the Planning Committee Councillor Rymer reported that interest had been shown in joining the committee by 5 parishioners and he will arrange a meeting with those interested. Councillor Griffiths offered to sit on the committee.

22.9.13 Footpath Issues Following a letter from a landowner regarding problems with footpath 29 it was re-iterated that landowners are responsible for footpath maintenance and the parish council would continue to provide landowners with maintenance information.

22.9.14 Update on the website Councillor Griffiths urged more businesses from the parish to provide brief details of their business which would be included in a parish directory on the website.

22.9.15 Decision whether to progress Neighbourhood Plan or identify specific planning related subjects to progress such as Affordable Housing. The Neighbourhood Plan and Affordable Housing would be put to the parish at the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 14th April. Councillor Smith will make an announcement in the parish magazine.

22.9.16 Financial Statements

- a) Agree the Financial Statement. The financial statement was approved
 - b) Agree payments for the month. The payments for the month were approved
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| H Marsh Salary December & January | £1,404.00 |
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- c) The fixed Asset Register was approved