

## FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held At Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Councillors Peter Doyle, David Rymer, John Ellis, Phoebe Hiscock, Philip Madgwick, Robert Shepherd, Chris Skinner and the Clerk

#### **1.7.20 Apologies for Absence**

**2.7.20 Minutes of the meeting** of 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020 were approved and signed

**3.7.20 Comments from the public or press** No members of the press or public in attendance

**4.7.20 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** Cllr Skinner declared an interest in 9.7.20.

**5.7.20 Co-option of new councillor** To be considered at the next meeting

#### **6.7.20 Roads Update**

a) **Slade Cottage/High Cross Lane** Robert Shepherd reported that correspondence has been ongoing with Andrew Wood at HCC Highways regarding the pavement reduction to the east of Slade cottage, the solution to the road edge drainage and verge by the wall and the future narrowing of the pavement to the west of Slade Cottage, up to Dellfield. It was agreed that Highways could truncate the 8m stretch of pavement from the layby in an easterly direction towards Stoner Hill. It was also agreed to pursue the narrowing of the pavement from the layby towards the post office. A request would be made to Andrew Wood to ask the owner's of Slade Cottage to refrain from parking in the layby.

b) **Upper Bordean Farm Lane** A meeting took place between Robert Shepherd and Kevin Pettet, the Highways Engineer, to review the problems along the whole length of the road, from the triangles below Froxfield Green to the A272. A dragon patcher has been used to fill some potholes and some larger repairs, but it was clear that the operator had not completed all that should have been. Kevin will ensure that the contractor returns to complete the works, including those to the bell mouth at the junction with the A272. He has also asked for this junction to be repaired and resurfaced, having been shown the significant potholes and wear to this surface, representing a danger to users. In addition, it was agreed that the patching doesn't bring the road surface to an acceptable condition and that, in fact, the whole road needs resurfacing. Kevin has now asked for a submission to be made for these works to be completed in the 2020-21 financial year.

c) **Shop Signage** the councillors had approved the revised HCC quote of 2 signs instead of 3 at a cost of £698.92 to potentially include the HCC design fee of £525 totalling £1223.92, if the traffic calming works under the Community Funded Initiative does not go ahead.

d) **Community Funded Initiative Proposals** The design proposals and costings prepared by Highways had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors commented that the costs were high. Robert Shepherd has started looking for funding and has approached the SDNP. In his opinion there was still a need to consult the village. Cllrs were asked to take a look through the proposals.

**7.7.20 Report from County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer** Cllr Oppenheimer's report was circulated prior to the meeting

**8.7.20 Report from District Councillor Nick Drew** Cllr Drew's report was circulated.

**9.7.20 Playground fence and surface repairs** Chris Skinner left the meeting. Robert Shepherd had prepared and circulated a spreadsheet of the quotes received. There were quotes for metal fencing but it had previously been agreed that wooden was more in keeping with the rural surrounds. Cllr Shepherd recommended accepting the lowest price of £5050 from Meon Valley

Meadows subject to him reviewing a sample of the fencing. If this proved to be insubstantial the second quote from 3 Counties of £6636.13 would be accepted. It was resolved to approve these quotes.

#### **10.7.20 Planning Applications**

- a) SDNP/20/03822/FUL Edward Barnsley Cockshot Lane Alterations to and change of use of the building to utilise the cottage for residential purposes. SDNP/20/03823/LIS Edward Barnsley Educational Trust Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations including the installation of a kitchen and first floor bathroom, new loft staircase, enlargement of reception area, opening up of archway and reinstatement of partition walls to create bedrooms. External alterations including changes to windows and doors, replacing roof lights and front door, Creation of a fire escape door from basement and blocking up of opening adjacent to front door. It was resolved to support the application
- b) DNP/20/03982/TCA Church Farm Cottage Privett Fell 3 Ash trees - (Sycamore Tree - fell if deemed to be unsafe once ash trees have been felled) The parish council resolved to support the application. A comment would be added suggesting replacement trees.
- c) SDNP/20/03947/TCA 69 Venthams Farm Cottages Silver Birch (T1) Fell 2x Ash (T2) Fell - These are the 2 southern most trees in the row of Ash. It was resolved that as the application was not supported by sufficient information that the parish council would rely upon the Tree and Conservation Officers to determine the application. Councillors hoped that the loss of trees would be addressed.
- d) SDNP/20/03339/HOUS Bird Song House Installation of two small domestic external split air conditioning/heat pump units at ground level on the East elevation. The Councillors resolved to object to the application.
- e) SDNP/20/03984/FUL Fawley Farm Conversion of Old Dairy to shop (E Use Class) on the ground floor for Fawley Farm Feeds and cafe (E Use Class) on the first floor plus associated vehicle parking. Including demolition of the existing tower to be replaced with a similar lift tower and removal of the existing lattice steel truss and profiled sheet roof to be replaced with a timber and Slate roof. It was resolved to support the proposals.
- f) SDNP/20/03998/HOUS Spencers Barn High Cross Lane Installation of a 5 panel solar photovoltaic system to the front roof pitch. It was resolved to support the proposals.

**11.7.20 To discuss a proposal to move the flagpole on the recreation ground** It was established that the flagpole was within the boundary of village hall, therefore no further discussion took place.

**12.7.20 Website Review** Robert Shepherd had prepared and circulated a review prior to the meeting. The Chairman's preference was for a company to take on the onerous task of updating the website. It was agreed to follow this up with the preferred supplier Eyelid Productions Ltd.

**13.7.20 Confirmation of Insurance Renewal** It had been agreed to accept the recommendation from Came and Company of Penn Underwriting Ltd's 1-year premium of £873.83.

#### **14.7.20 Finances**

- a) Agreeing the invoices to be paid for the month

Helen Marsh September	£ 624.00
Idverde August Grass Cut	£ 365.91

- b) The Accounting Statement was approved having been circulated with the bank statement prior to the meeting.
- c) The Quarterly Payments Schedule was approved having been circulated previously.

#### **15.7.20 Future Agenda Items**