

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held by Zoom on Thursday 10th December 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Peter Doyle, David Rymer, John Ellis, Phoebe Hiscock, Robert Shepherd Chris Skinner. In Attendance CC Russell Oppenheimer, DC Nick Drew, Teresa Brown, 3 members of the public and the Clerk

1.8.20 Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from John Ellis

2.8.20 Approval of the minutes of the parish Council Meetings of 8th October and 12th November 2020. Following an amendment to the minutes of 12th November both sets were approved.

3.8.20 Comments from the public or press An objection was raised to the planning application 6(a) below. The spokesperson outlined many areas of concern including giving in detail the background of the creeping development of the equestrian centre. It was brought to the attention of the councillors the numerous contraventions of SDNP planning policies with further areas of concern being the burning of waste, the dumping of horse muck along the hedgerows, the dumping of white goods in a chalk pit, the damage to the land caused by 15 horses turned out on a small area which are far in excess of recommendations by the British Horse Society and all detrimental to the natural beauty of the area.

4.8.20 Co-option of a new councillor the Chairman proposed Teresa Brown seconded by Robert shepherd. There being no other nominees Teresa Brown was duly elected.

5.8.20 Declarations of Interest None declared

6.8.20 Roads Update Robert Shepard reported: Opposite Slade Cottage, in High Cross Lane, a short length of pavement has been removed, but the reduction of the other pavement will take time to materialise but he will continue to push for it: Upper Bordean Farm Lane has been re-patched, but he will continue to push for the lane to be resurfaced: The installation of the shop sign has been pushed back to February as 'Winter' has taken priority: He is also following up on the report of damage to Old Litten and Honeycritch Lanes.

7.8.20 Report from County Councillor Cllr Oppenheimer's report was circulated prior to the meeting. He added: On 26 October, 2 weeks before the government Hampshire moved early to ensure that free school meals would be available throughout half-term and the holidays: Traffic management training will be extended to the parish lengthsman to enable them to carry out work on the highway: the transport team has been asked to look at the implications to the highway of an equestrian establishment on Hurst Lane: The County Botanist is satisfied that the new verge cutting regime seems to be successful. Peter Doyle was disappointed that the verges were cut just as the wild garlic was about the flower. Cllr Oppenheimer would take this up with the county botanist.

8.8.20 District Councillor Nick Drew began his report by paying a tribute to Philip Madgwick saying that he would be sorely missed. Cllr Drew asked if the parish council could focus on the dangers of speeding motorcyclists as residents had raised their concerns with him. He thanked the councillors for their continued diligence in their approach to the planning applications, where there has been a huge increase. EHDC is interested in supporting rural mobility by putting money aside for bicycles and electric bikes for people wanting to get to jobs. Nick Drew has funding for the Trees and Environment Strategy but has spent his budget for this year. Following the recent announcement from EHDC stating that they are unable to invest in new playgrounds. In respect of the Dean's Dell playground he will continue to persuade EHDC to change their mind. At the Highways depot near Froxfield Green there is no sign of screening being planting or having the gates painted green to match the fencing.

9.8.20 Planning Applications

a) **SDNP/20/04927/FUL Land North of Hurst Farm** Bungalows Change of use from grazing of horses to equestrian and the change of use of two of the existing larger mobile field shelters to permanent stabling with associated works. The councillors voted unanimously to object to the proposal.

b) **SDNP/20/04979/TCA Taverne Cottage** Hempland Ln Privett Ash (T1)- Reduction of crown to approx height of 11-12m. Ash (T2)- Reduction of crown to approx height of 11-12m and a spread of 3-4m. Ash spread of 3-4m. (T3)- Reduction of crown to approx height of 11-12m and a and a spread of 3- 4m. The councillors resolved not to object to the application.

c) **SDNP/20/04977/TCA 5-6 Well House Ash** (T1) Reduction of crown to leave a height of approx 11-12m, and a spread of approx 3-4m. Ash (T2) Reduction of crown to leave a height of approx 11-12m, and a spread of approx 3-4m. Ash (T3) Fell. Ash (T4) Fell. Ash (T5) Reduction of crown to leave a height of approx 11-12m, and a spread of approx 3-4m. Ash (T6) Twin stem Ash, Reduction of crown to leave a height of approx 11-12m, and a spread of approx 3-4m. The councillors resolved not to object to the application.

d) **SDNP/20/05083/HOUS The Old Barn, Barnetside** Erection of Garden shed. There was no reason to object. It was resolved to support the application

e) **SDNP/20/04886/HOUS Ivy House** Installation of below ground septic tank with associated manholes and vent pipe. The councillors raised no objection. It was resolved to support the application

10.8.20 Memorial Benches the Councillors agreed to the request that a bench could be sited next to the scoreboard on the Memorial Ground in commemoration of Brian Brown. More communication with Ronald Graham-Clarke's family was required regarding his commemorative bench.

12.8.20 Playground Annual Inspection Report Chris Skinner ran through the areas that need to be addressed. He will request quotes from Playdale to make good the equipment. He would also research to find a local ROSPA inspector.

13.8.20 Finances

a) Approval of accounting statement. The clerk apologised that due to computer failure she was unable to produce a statement.

b) The budget expenditure was altered to a more sustainable figure, by a reduction to the amount spent on BOATs and a slight increase in the insurance. It was resolved that the precept would remain the same for 2021/22 at £25,000.

c) The clerk's salary had been reviewed by the Chairman which was duly agreed by the other councillors.

d) The invoices to be paid for the month are

Helen Marsh	£650.09
Froxfield Village Hall Hire	£80

14.8.20 The Clerk had received 7 letters of complaint regarding motorcyclist on the BOATs and roads covering their speeding, noise and concerns for the safety of children.

15.8.20 The next meeting of the parish council will be held on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 7.30. At Froxfield village hall if there are no Covid restrictions.