

FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held At Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 9th September 2020 at 7.30pm

Present: Peter Doyle, David Rymer, Phoebe Hiscock, Robert Shepherd, Chris Skinner, District Council Nick Drew and the Clerk

1.6.20 Apologies for Absence were received from P Madgwick, J Ellis and R Oppenheimer

2.6.20 Election of Chairman Cllr Rymer proposed Cllr Peter Doyle as chairman. There were no other nominations and Cllr Peter Doyle was duly elected, approved by all present

3.6.20 Election of Vice Chairman Cllr Peter Doyle proposed Cllr David Rymer as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations and Cllr David Rymer was duly elected, approved by all present.

4.6.20 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 13th August 2020 were approved. It was noted that Cllr Skinner did not agree to £4204 being spent on the cricket pitch

5.6.20 Comments from the public or press. The clerk had received a number of emails concerning the playground in Dean's Dell. The Parish Council responded by email saying that the play area is the property of EHDC and its closure was their decision, to which the parish council objected. A decision from EHDC's is awaited on the action they intend to take. An update would be obtained from EHDC and then the residents informed of the current position.

6.6.20 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest No declarations

7.6.20 Update on playground opening Cllr Skinner had circulated a draft risk assessment, which was accepted. The annual external inspection had been delayed by 12 weeks due to lockdown. Councillors agreed that a once a week clean of all the equipment would be necessary and they gratefully accepted Cllr Skinner's offer to do this with Cllr Hiscock's help. Cllr Skinner will remove 2 swings and a toddler swing for safe distancing.

8.6.20 District Councillor's Report Cllr Drew reported on several points

- a) The infrastructure put in place was successful in keeping the District council running. Almost all officers were working from home and 93% of grants put through were approved and planning and compliance continued. Full Council meetings were being conducted by video platform. In defence of a letter objecting to the Council being undemocratic and lacking a Covid and Green strategy. He reported that, the website contains clear advice on coronavirus and is being updated regularly, the Green Strategy is also available on the website and Cllr Drew's own grant for the planting of 1000 new trees had been approved.
- b) EHDC are reviewing all playgrounds and he has personally spoken to officers to ensure that playgrounds are not lost. As the Dellfield playground is under review he re-iterated his suggestion to set up an awareness group and to send a clear message that the PC are in favour of replacing the playground. He was emphatic that he does not support intimidation or bullying of councillors, adding that he would withdraw his support if this were the case.
- c) He confirmed that the motorcycle remote meeting was to be on 2nd October. He stressed that most motorcyclists were sensible and playing within the rules.

- d) The Government's announcement on devolution is being supported by HCC but Cllr Drew commented that democracy works with local decision making.
- e) His opinion was that the newly repainted fencing at HCC Highways depot near Froxfield Green would look better if the gates had been painted too.
- f) With so many people using the paths an increased amount of litter and dog waste was being left. ND suggested that the PC make a comment to the SDNP.

Cllr Rymer commented to Cllr Drew that Surrey CC was conducting noise monitoring of road bikes at some popular sites. He also drew Cllr Drew's attention to the large number of objections to the piggery application in Privett.

9.6.20 Planning Applications

- a) SDNP/20/02835/FUL | Change of use to the raising of rare breed weaner pigs, with the siting of a temporary mobile home for 3 years and Retention of existing shipping containers to be used for storage | Land and Farm Building South of Gosport Road Privett. The councillors resolved to object

10.6.20 Finances

- a) The invoices itemised in the accounting statement were approved
- b) Accounting Statement was approved as an accurate record.

11.6.20 Insurance Renewal Review Cllr Shepherd is in the process of conducting a review and will shortly circulate the documents flagging any issues or areas of concern. It was agreed that the final decision could be made remotely.

12.6.20 Future Agenda Items

- a) Co-option of a new councillor
- b) The Chairman will continue updating the website but is keen to have a contractor engaged, without delay, to deal with this on a commercial basis.
- c) Resiting of the flagpole on the Recreation Ground