

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held by Zoom on
Thursday 11th February 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present: Peter Doyle, David Rymer, John Ellis, Phoebe Hiscock, Chris Skinner and Theresa Brown. In Attendance: County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer, District Councillor Nick Drew, the Clerk and 2 members of the public

1.10.21 Apologies for Absence No apologies received

2.10.21 The minutes of the Parish Council Meetings of 14th January 2021 were approved

3.10.21 Comments from the public or press No comments

4.10.21 Declarations of Interest None declared

5.10.21 Planning Applications

- a) SDNP/20/05779/HOUS Old Wheatsheaf Filmore Hill Lane | Two storey extension to side and single storey extension to rear. The Councillors supported the proposals
- b) SDNP/21/00210/HOUS Bird Song House Garden shed The Councillors supported the proposals but were of the opinion that it would be preferable for the shed to be located much closer to the host dwelling and detached garage to avoid a “scattering “of development in the immediate surrounds and landscape which is at odds with the main purpose of the National Park.
- c) 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. (Further information received 3/2/21 and 4/2/21. Design and access statement available to view). The Councillors resolved to object to the Design and Access Statement added by the applicants.

6.10.21 Reconsider the revised quotes for the playground equipment repairs Kingston Landscape Group quoted £2998 plus VAT for the grass matting in comparison to the quote from Playdale of £3632. Chris Skinner is waiting for a re-quote from Playdale for the climbing frame repairs and swing seats. It was agreed that once all the information was available a decision could be made by email.

7.10.21 To discuss how the Parish Council might be able help the shop following its recent closure because of Covid. Cllr Drew would continue engaging with officers to help find what support might be possible from Government, County, District or outside agencies.

8.10.21 Roads Update Nothing further to report

9.10.21 Report from County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer His monthly report was distributed prior to the meeting. Councillor Oppenheimer added:

- a) The County elections will be going ahead in May
- b) HCC is spending £27m to upgrade schools with solar (PV) panels.
- c) HCC is consulting on a new Local Transport Plan (LTP4) and are keen to engage and would welcome parish councillors’ views.
- d) Highways teams have been carrying out round the clock salting during the freezing weather. As well as main roads, the teams are treating roads leading to Covid vaccination and testing centres.
- e) Councillor Oppenheim has been campaigning for 3 years to have the BOATs reclassified as restricted byways. In his opinion the BOATs in East Hampshire are regularly damaged by dirt bikes and 4x4s. The clay soil and chalk substrata can result in the damage being acute in winter. This issue of vehicles using the BOATs for sport therefore restricts access to the National Park, damages the natural environment and causes noise nuisance and air pollution for residents and visitors.

10.10.21 Report from District Councillor Nick Drew

- a) In conjunction with the Salvation Army EHDC had distributed many Christmas hampers throughout the district, receiving very positive feedback.
- b) Cllr Drew suggested reporting any litter issues to the council
- c) Likewise, he recommended reporting any street cleaning issues.
- d) Residents are urged to contact SDNP if there are any issues with vehicles on BOATs
- e) Compliance officers had attended the traveller site on the C18 and served a Stop Notice.
- f) Planning Officers are in communication with Cllr Drew regarding Hurst Lane application.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Drew for the work he does for the community.

11.10.21 Finances

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

Helen Marsh	£716.39
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- b) **Approve Accounting Statement** the statement was approved.

12.10.21 To consider and approve any recommended alterations to the Standing Orders To be revisited at a later date.

13.10.21 Approve the updated Statement of Internal Control Subject to a small alteration the Statement of Internal Control was approved.

14.10.21 Review of Financial Regulations the Financial Regulations will be reviewed during the next financial year.

15.10.21 To consider a motion to form a planning committee to be put on hold pending further consideration.

16.10.21 To consider quotes to repair the Notice Board and Map Board at Privett Teresa Brown on inspecting the map board concluded that at this stage it only required cleaning and treating with preservative. As could the map board at Froxfield. The Clerk will ask for a requote for the Notice Board at Privett.

17.10.21 To discuss and approve an update of Parish Council Assets All the Parish Council Assets have been inspected by Teresa Brown. The repairs to items highlighted in her report will be addressed. The playground was not included as it is inspected internally weekly and externally annually. The search for a stone mason to inspect the war memorial will continue.

18.10.21 How to respond to articles in the parish magazine the councillors felt it was unreasonable that articles relating to the Parish Council were printed in the Parish Magazine without verification. The lack of redress does not put forward a balanced view and undoes the good work of the Parish Council. The Chairman would write to the editors.

19.10.21 Correspondence

- a) A concerned parishioner had written about the large size of lorries coming in and out of High Cross Lane, which are causing damage to the verges and the road edges. The Councillors felt that there was little they could do, but would pass on the letter to HCC.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11th March 2021 at 7.30pm. By Zoom.