

## **Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held by Zoom on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Peter Doyle, David Rymer, John Ellis, Phoebe Hiscock, Chris Skinner and Theresa Brown. In Attendance: District Councillor Nick Drew, Robert Smith, the Clerk and 4 members of the public

**1.11.21 Apologies for Absence** All Councillors present

**2.11.21 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021** were approved.

**3.11.21 Comments from the public or press** the applicants of 7.11.21 (c) Blue Bell Cottage talked through their revised application. The applicant of 7.11.21(a) described planned alterations and answered questions from the Councillors

**4.11.21 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest** John Ellis declared an interest in 7.11.21 (e)

**5.11.21 Co-option of Councillors** the Chairman proposed that Robert Smith be co-opted as parish councillor, as there were no other nominations he was duly elected. The second councillor vacancy had been advertised, if there was not call for an election by midnight the councillors agreed to co-opt Mark Griffiths at the next meeting.

### **6.11.21 Report from Meeting with HCC representatives regarding verge cutting**

**The objections raised by the parish council and parishioners were:** Cutting between April – June is not suitable as this destroys the natural habitat and affects the wildlife and pollinators: Froxfield, being the highest village in Hampshire has a different climate and cannot be treated in general terms with the rest of Hampshire, therefore, different cutting procedures should be applied: Road safety cannot be used as a reason for an early cut as much of the growth comes later in the year. Early cutting is a waste of money. There were no objections to a late cut after July and cuts to maintain junction safety.

**Suggested Actions:** The parish only requires a late cut in August or September and for junction safety slightly earlier: HCC representatives to discuss and report back any possible changes to the cutting regime for the parish; Current cutting route to be sent to Russell Oppenheimer and the parish council to identify the places that require a safety cut: Parish Council to consider opting out and taking on the responsibility of verge cutting: Meet again with HCC, Plantlife and HCC Botanist.

### **7.11.21 Planning Applications**

- a) SDNP/21/00251/HOUS Soal Pond Cottage Single storey extension to rear, removal of existing clay roof tiles and reinstatement of thatched covering, demolition and re-build of the east wing, repositioning the front entrance door, new oak framed outbuilding, following demolition of single storey extension and garage. It was resolved to support the application. It was acknowledged that the proposed development exceeds the recognised uplift guide of 30% additional internal floor area. However, Councillors felt that as a number of concessions were being made by the applicants that digression should be applied.
- b) SDNP/21/00243/HOUS The Cottage Cockshott Lane Erection of single lane cricket nets and artificial surface. The councillors resolved to support the application
- c) SDNP/21/00498/HOUS Blue Bell Cottage Broad Way Two storey side extension to existing dwellinghouse. Replacement garage, workshop and home office (detached from existing main dwellinghouse). New vehicular access to north east corner of application site. It was resolved to object to the application on the basis that it appears at odds with a number of Policies.

- d) SDNP/21/00612/HOUS 25-Mar 25 Bailey Green Stocks Lane Porch to side elevation, alteration to existing windows, new dormer window to rear, detached outbuilding to rear, air source heat pump following demolition of garage
- e) SDNP/21/01131/APNR 16-Mar Bensgreen Farm Application to determine if prior approval is required for the formation of a private way for agricultural use. The Councillors supported the application. Members considered the proposals to be fortuitous as a number of complaints had recently been received concerning large vehicle movements on roads adjacent to the application site hence should the development be undertaken it should alleviate the vehicle impact on the immediate surrounds.
- f) SDNP/21/00513/HEDG STREET RECORD High Cross Lane Removal of 10m hedge either side of tower
- g) SDNP/21/00519/HEDG STREET RECORD High Cross Lane Hedge removal 15m either side of the tower
- h) SDNP/21/00518/HEDG STREET RECORD High Cross Lane Removal of 10m hedge either side of tower

**8.11.21 Roads Update** John Ellis offered to support the Clerk with road issues. Chris Skinner reported the poor state of High Cross Lane near the junction with Stoner Hill and the junction with Ivy House Lane and High Cross Lane.

**9.11.21 Report from County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer** Unfortunately Cllr Oppenheimer was unable to attend the meeting. His report was distributed before the meeting.

**10.11.21 Report from District Councillor Nick Drew**

- a) Cllr Drew had followed up on a number of compliance requests, but said officers are not carrying out site visits but they are still physically issuing statutory notices. Building control officers are carrying out site visits. David Rymer asked if there was any indication as to when the position is to be reversed and site visits resumed. Cllr Drew didn't know when the direction would be reversed.
- b) County, District Councillor and Police and Crime Commissioner elections will be held in May along with the Police and Crime Commissioner elections.
- c) 2 sites in Privett occupied by travellers are under review with officers being pro-active. He went on to say that the National Park is very good at setting up permanent traveller sites.
- d) Chris Skinner asked for an update on the playground in Dean's Dell. Cllr Drew was actively pushing EHDC to re-instate the playground as he felt there was a duty of care to our children to give them something to do.

**11.11.21 Finances**

- a) Agreeing the invoices to be paid for the month. Invoices were approved:

Helen Marsh including Zoom Subscription £14.39	716.39
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- b) The monthly accounting statement was approved.

**12.11.21 To consider the revised quote to repair the notice board at Privett** the Clerk requested further time to discuss the repairs with Teresa Brown.

**13.11.21 Reconsider the revised quotes for the playground equipment repairs** Chris Skinner announced that the playground was now open and being used. With the exception of the safety modifications to the Rocking Rockette all repairs were approved.

**14.11.21 To consider the War Memorial report** as yet no report had been received.

**15.11.21 Correspondence** No correspondence

**16.11.21 Future Agenda Items** To follow up the suggestion of planting 2 trees in memory of Richard and Philip.