

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held by Zoom on
Thursday 14th January 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present: Peter Doyle, David Rymer, John Ellis, Phoebe Hiscock, Robert Shepherd, Chris Skinner and Theresa Brown. In Attendance: The Clerk

1.9.21 Apologies for Absence Apologies were received from CC Russell Oppenheimer and DC Nick Drew

2.9.21 Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meetings of 10th December 2020. The minutes of 10th December 2020 were approved

3.9.21 Comments from the public or press No members present

4.9.21 Declarations of Interest None declared

5.9.21 Planning Applications

- a) SDNP/20/05427/FUL Hermitage Farm | Replacement turkey rearing barn. It was resolved to support the application.
- b) SDNP/20/05653/TCA Church Farm Church Hill Privett | Sycamore(T1) Multi stem Sycamore with signs of decay. Fell 3 boughs nearest the property therefore reducing the weight on the nearest the property therefore reducing the weight on the main low crown break. Remaining tree untouched. A neutral comment was submitted as insufficient information was put forward with the application.
- c) SDNP/20/05373/HOUS Flint House | Provision of tennis court with fencing 2.75 metres high within garden. It was resolved to support the application
- d) SDNP/20/05692/HOUS Newmans Cottage | Two storey extension to side, new and replacement porch and alterations to fenestration following demolition of the existing structure. It was resolved to object to the application. Voting arrived at a split decision and the Chairman used his casting vote.
- e) SDNP/20/05272/HOUS 2 Barnet Side Cottage | Two-storey extension to side. It was resolved to object to the application.

6.9.21 To agree quotes for playground repairs Chris Skinner recommended that the councillors accepted the quote for the climbing frame pole repairs of £831, the replacement swing seats at a cost of £100.76 and 2 cradle swing seats at £366.10. The councillors agreed to these repairs. Playdale's quote for the grass matting was high so Chris will look for a second supplier. Although, having had a request from a parishioner to open the playground, a decision was made to keep it closed during the present Covid-19 lockdown.

7.9.21 Bench for Brian no further communication had been received.

8.9.21 Quin Hay Farm suspected traveller site Cllr Drew, the Chairman, a resident and the Clerk had all been in communication with EHDC's Enforcement Officer. The Barrister representing EHDC had turned down an application for an injunction, but the officer served a Stop Notice as soon as he was aware that a mobile home had arrived.

9.9.21 Roads Update A formal enquiry has been raised with Highways for the area engineer to inspect Upper Bordean Farm Lane with the intention of having it resurfaced. At the same time Robert Shepherd will go through with him the problems with Wheeler's Lane. Both ends of Ivy House Lane are suffering from bad potholes especially at the junction with High

Cross Lane. Robert Shepherd will conduct a survey of this road and report it to HCC Highways as appropriate.

10.9.21 Report from County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer Cllr Oppenheimer's report was distributed before the meeting.

11.9.21 Report from District Councillor Nick Drew Cllr Drew was unable to attend the meeting

12.9.21 Finances

a) Agreeing the invoices to be paid for the month

Helen Marsh	£650.09
Mythic Beasts Website Hosting	£30

b) **Approve Accounting Statement** the statements will be distributed after the meeting.

c) **Financial Risk Assessment** The risk assessment was approved and the need for an annual maintenance inspection of all assets was noted. Theresa Brown agreed to undertake the ongoing task of carrying out these annual inspections.

13.9.21 Mechanism for co-option of new Parish Councillors David Rymer suggested that parishioners showing an interest could be sent a questionnaire to gain information on what they can bring to the Parish Council, their key objectives and their availability to commit the necessary time. This information would be requested from the candidates and then a shortlist of 2 candidates would be interviewed at or before the next meeting.

14.9.21 Correspondence Following a theft from a farm David Rymer asked if there was an appetite for setting up a crime prevention measure, to promote resistance against the thieves. Teresa Brown said the Privett WhatsApp Group had proved a successful way of communicating with the residents. Teresa and Phoebe Hiscock agreed to jointly set up a WhatsApp Group. Tria Gibbs PCSO would be invited to the February meeting.

15.9.21 Future Agenda Items Review of Standing Orders. Invitation to shortlisted prospective councillors to attend the meeting. Review of the Parish Council's Planning Process; to consider a sub-committee outside the main meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 11th February 2021 at 7.30pm. By Zoom or at Froxfield village hall if there are no Covid restrictions.