

**Annual Parish Council Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at
Froxfield Village Hall on
Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr Peter Doyle, Cllr David Rymer, Cllr John Ellis, Cllr Chris Skinner and Cllr Mark Griffiths. In attendance; the Clerk and Cllr Nick Drew

22.2.1 Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brown and Cllr Hiscock

22.2.2 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr David Rymer was proposed by Cllr Doyle and seconded by Cllr Ellis, Cllr Rymer was duly elected Chairman. Cllr Mark Griffiths was proposed by Cllr Rymer and seconded by Cllr Ellis. Cllr Griffiths was duly elected Vice Chairman. The declarations of acceptance of office were duly signed. Cllr Rymer thanked Peter Doyle for his hard work as chairman and carrying the parish council through a number of changes of councillors.

22.2.3 Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday 14th April 2022 were approved and signed

22.2.4 Matters Arising no matters arising

22.2.5 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest None Declared

22.2.6 Comments from the Public or Press No members of the public or press present

22.2.7 Update on Verge Cutting Contract

22.2.8 County Councillor's Report Cllr Oppenheimer was not present but his monthly report was circulated prior to the meeting.

22.2.9 District Councillor's Report

Cllr Drew opened by thanking Cllr Doyle and all the councillors as this community would not move forward without them. He went on to say:

- a) With EHDC's commitment to plant 100,000 trees, Cllr Drew is keen to support any green initiatives. He has agreed to a grant of £500 in response to a request from a number of Councils on behalf of PECAN. He would like to give a grant to support the Floud Lane Pond project and for it to involve the school children
- b) A grant has been requested from Froxfield School for the Queen's Jubilee
- c) He intends to make available £400 for the Queen's Jubilee Celebrations at Froxfield
- d) In discussions with EHDC Officers regarding the Dellfield Playground an official decision has not been made yet but they would consider a parish community group taking over the playground

22.2.10 Finances

All documents referred to below were distributed to the councillors prior to the meeting.

- a) To approve and sign the Year End Accounts 2021/2022 - The Receipts and Payments account showing the bank reconciliation were approved and signed
- b) To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement – The Annual Governance Statement was approved and signed
- c) To approve and sign the Annual Return – The Annual Return Statement of Accounts was approved and signed
- d) Approve the Internal Audit Report – The Report was approved

- e) Recording the date for the period of Exercise the Public Rights and the date of the announcement. The dates set for the period of Exercise of Public Rights is Monday 13th June 2022 to Friday 22nd July 2022. The date for the announcement was set as Friday 10th June 2022
- f) Approve the Asset Register for 2022 – The Asset Register had been agreed by Cllr Brown and was approved at the meeting.
- g) To agree the subscriptions – All affiliation fees below were agreed
- h) To approve future payments – Future payments below were approved

HALC Affiliation Fees	364.53
Parish On-line Mapping	48.00
H Marsh	702.00
Jubilee Celebration Fund	750.00
T Light Internal Audit	395.00
Idverde	556.34

22.2.11 Update on Recreation Ground grass cutting Cllr Rymer had met with the chairman of the cricket club to discuss the grass cutting but, had been unable to meet with Sharon Watson of Idverde. Cllr Ellis agreed to take over this responsibility from Cllr Rymer and communicate with Sharon. It was agreed that the vertidrain works were not necessary this year. Strimming around the boundary marker post would be included in the cutting contract. The cricket club would again be asked to repair the fencing around the container or they must be asked to remove any hazardous machinery.

22.2.12 Formation of a Planning Committee and election of Chairman Cllr Rymer was proposed as chairman by Cllr Griffiths and seconded by Cllr Doyle. Cllr Rymer was duly elected. The Terms of Reference were agreed with a Planning Committee being formed. 5 prospective members. had attended a meeting with Cllr Rymer. Cllr Drew raised his concern that members should follow the Chatham House Rules.

22.2.13 Allocation of Areas on Responsibilities this item was postponed to the June meeting.

22.2.14 Planning Applications

- a) SDNP/22/01013/LDP Land North of Hurst Farm Bungalows. Lawful development certificate proposed - grazing of livestock including horses/ponies, siting of mobile field shelters and stationing of a non-residential mobile home as a welfare unit. Comment would be made on the grounds of the original objection.

22.2.15 MUGA Multi use Games Area Cllr Skinner reported that the space by the basketball net wouldn't be large enough for a tennis court. After some discussion it was agreed in the first instance hold a meeting with all the interested parties, the Parish Councillors, the School Governors, the School Head, representatives from the village hall and the cricket club to discuss the proposal for a multi-use games area. Then public opinion would be consulted on the project.