

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting

During the Annual Parish Council Meeting Cllr Peter Doyle stood down as Chairman. Peter has been a councillor for many years and during that time has stood as Chairman or Vice Chairman on numerous occasions.

Notably during this time Peter has headed up or overseen a number of prominent projects including the introduction of superfast broadband and latterly assisted Cllr Teresa Brown with the verge cutting contract. As Chairman there is usually an abundance of matters that require skilful handling. The "behind the scenes" work is time consuming and at times stressful therefore he has thoroughly earned a rest from office, but he remains a member of the PC.

Cllr David Rymer was nominated and accepted the post of chairman. Cllr Mark Griffiths was nominated and accepted the position of Vice Chairman.

Planning Committee

Many excellent candidates have put themselves forward to join the Planning Committee. The establishment of the committee has taken time to set up and members met for the first time this month. Fortunately, the number of applications received has been far less than would normally be expected at this time of year.

Councillor Vacancy

A Parish Councillor has submitted an intention to resign from the PC. Subject to the finalisation of formalities the resignation will mean that a new Councillor will be required.

Residents of Froxfield or Privett Parish interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council should contact The Clerk Helen Marsh, Clerk to the Parish Council at clerk.froxfield@parish.hants.gov.uk

As a new initiative The Parish Council is currently actively working alongside other organisations within the Parish to explore new community based initiatives hence existing members are looking for suitable candidates that have a passion for the area in which they live and who are willing to give up their time to make change happen

PARISH VERGES UPDATE June 2022

Written by Councillor Teresa Brown

Since my report in the Parish Magazine about the Parish Council taking over the responsibility of cutting our verges from HCC Highways, and after much negotiation we will at last be using our own Contractors. The main cut will be at the end of July. Hopefully, most flowers should have seeded by then. The RVEIs (Road Verges of Environment Interest) will be treated separately as to their special requirements.

We do still have to adhere to many of the HCC Highways specifications. That said, this is a pilot scheme and subject to annual review.

We will be working, as much as we can with advice from PlantLife, and gathering information on our special plants on our RVEIs. We will also be working closely with the South Downs National Park with their renaturing project.

As we will be cutting later we would like your help with the following:-

- reporting any visibility problems on junctions and bends. Please could you contact Helen, our Parish clerk clerk.froxfield@parish.hants.gov.uk or 07555 062065 or myself - teresa.mbrown2011@gmail.com with exact locations and details, so that we can make arrangements for a safety cut to be carried out as soon as possible.

And for your own interests please note that:-

- *under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980, it is an offence to block, obstruct or damage road verges. This includes rocks, posts, A-boards etc. If someone is injured or damages their vehicle on rocks or posts etc, legal action could be taken against you as the homeowner if you have placed these items on the verges.*

It will take a few years for our area to regain the old habitat which has been gradually disappearing, caused by the damage of the early cutting over the years.

It would prove useful if you could advise me of any new or returning wild flowers and creatures that you see on our verges, and become part of the 'VergeWatch' team. It would be a great help for the progress of this project to have a record of our flora and fauna including any photos.