

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council
held at Froxfield Village Hall on
Thursday 12th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr David Rymer, Cllr Peter Doyle, Cllr Teresa Brown, Cllr Vanessa Christie, Cllr John Ellis and Cllr Chris Skinner. **In attendance:** District Cllr Nick Drew, 2 members of the public and the Clerk

Before the meeting commenced Megan Cledwyn, Community Engagement Ranger, Countryside Service at Hampshire County Council outlined her role managing Rights of Way. Her area covers a large area of East Hampshire. Under a grant scheme, there are funds available for RoW improvements. She is responsible for recruiting volunteers onto a scheme to help cut vegetation, repair bridges, fences, steps and gates. The volunteers meet every Wednesday for Task Days. She also organises a Path Warden Scheme where members are encouraged to report any problems with paths to the Countryside Service from the observations made while out walking their local paths.

22.9.1 Apologies for absence were received from Russell Oppenheimer and Cllr Hiscock

22.9.2 Co-option of new Councillor Norman Pitman was proposed as parish councillor by Cllr John Ellis and seconded by Cllr Chris Skinner. There being no further nominations Norman Pitman was duly elected onto the Parish Council

23.9.3 Approval of the minutes the minutes of the meeting of 8th December 2022 needed some small alterations and will be signed at the next meeting.

23.9.4 Matters Arising There were no matters arising

23.9.5 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests No declarations received

23.9.6 Comments from the Public or Press No comments made

23.9.7 Correspondence from Steep Parish Council and a resident regarding Ashford Hangers Some tree felling is in progress, close to the Shoulder of Mutton Sign. The only information recently received by the PC concerning tree felling had been received from Cllr Oppenheimer but that referred to Ash trees on the banks above and below Stoner Hill. Works on other parts of the Hangers was not included.

23.9.8 Residents concerns regarding the increasing number of power cuts the Councillors agreed to support any initiatives.

23.9.9 Report on meeting with Ian Janes regarding the Community Funded Initiative and the C18. Much discussion ensued over the merits of which of the 3 sites should take priority, High Cross Lane, C18 and Church Road, Privett. Traffic calming measures suggested by Ian Janes included slightly narrowing the C18 and remove the central lines however it was stressed that a design would be prepared by HCC appointed engineers. The focus on High Cross will be to lobby the police to give more active policing. The Church Road rat run is a priority for Privett residents. It was agreed to write to HCC to home in on the designs for the proposals.

23.9.10 Parish Council Communication Cllr Brown and Cllr Christie reported on the results of a communication survey. 10 members of the public responded to the survey. With the exception of Twitter which received the most negative comments the remaining electronic platforms were favoured equally. A magazine was still popular but with a preference for it to be in conjunction with an electronic version. The agreed outcome was to design a parish council logo, continuing to raise the profile of the PCs website which will include asking local groups to add a link on their websites to the parish council website and to start a Facebook page to accelerate publicity of carefully selected news and events. Cllr Pitman was asked for his recommendations which were to re-introduce introduction

parties for newcomers to the village. Initially, he would arrange a get together for the organisers of the many groups throughout the parish.

23.9.11 County Councillors Report Cllr Oppenheimer was unable to attend the meeting but his report had been circulated prior to the meeting and is available on the website.

23.9.12 District Councillor's Report Cllr Drew reported as follows

- a) Cllr Drew gave thanks to so many members of the community who provided feedback on the Green Program. Briefly, the feed back he received was that Solar arrays was not an effective use of land. A parishioner asked why more simple projects like solar on farm buildings and ground source heating. As a consequence, Cllr Drew has asked EHDC to put together a pack to show residents what they can do.
- b) Regarding enforcement matters: Land North of Hurst Farm Bungalows, the Judicial review supported EHDC: Quin Hay Farm Cllr Drew requested that the parish council engaged with environmental health officers:
- c) A small amount of grant money is still available.
- d) The Speeding and Noise Group Meeting is being organised by Cllr Oppenheimer. Cllr Drew is keen for an answer as to what is being done about the noise monitoring and how is the redirected traffic, by monitoring the A32, going to affect the C18 and Stoner Hill?
- e) A speed camera has been made available to Cllr Drew for free, although he appreciates how difficult it is to sign up volunteers to man the equipment.
- f) Cllr Drew has spoken to Scottish and Southern about the frequent power cuts which is affecting the whole parish. He recommended to councillors to contact him if they wish form him to take this issue to the District or County Council.

23.9.13 Privett Event Report Cllr Brown said that 2 big occasions had been organised one on 6th May 2023 in Privett Church and a Flower Festival to mark the Dawn of the New Carolean Phase which will be held in late May.

23.9.14 Planning Application SDNP/22/05056/FUL Land and Farm Building South of Gosport Road Privett will be discussed at the Planning Committee Meeting on Thursday 19th January at Privett Village Hall.

23.9.15 Finances

- a) The future payments and the financial statement were approved
- b) Financial Risk Assessment for 2022/23 was approved following minor alternations
- c) To approve the Statement of Internal Control 2022/23 will be approved at the next meeting
- d) To approve the Financial Regulations will be reviewed at a later meeting.