

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council  
held at Froxfield Village Hall on  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm**

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

**23.11.01 Apologies for absence** were received from County Cllr Russell Oppenheimer and Cllr Doyle

**23.11.02 Approval of the minutes** the minutes of the meeting of Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 and 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were approved and signed

**23.11.03 Matters Arising** There were no matters arising

**23.11.04 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** No declarations received

**23.11.05 Comments from the public or press** 2 members of the public were present to hear an update on the road schemes proposed by Ian Janes. The Chairman said that Ian Janes had written to say that due to a re-organisation of HCC's traffic team he was unsure of his future role in the team.

The representative of the members present requested feedback from Cllr Oppenheimer's conversation with Highways. As requested by Highways the residents have pinpointed some safe positions on a map where cameras could be safely sited on C18.

Cllr Drew suggested that the Speed and Noise Group ask Cllr Oppenheimer for information on the next meeting with Donna Cole and to ask her for camera van surveillance. Cllr Drew had also requested a speed watch device for the C18 and for Church Lane Privett.

**23.11.06 Consider a request for an electric charging point at the village hall.** The Chairman said that parking spaces at the village hall were already a premium. Cllr Drew said the residents had approached him and the village hall. A grant could be available for the installation.

**23.11.07 County Councillor's Report** Cllr Russell Oppenheimer's report was circulated prior to the meeting and is available on the website.

**23.11.08 District Councillors Report** Cllr Nick Drew

- a) EHDC had increased their council tax by 2% for spending on welfare, swimming lessons and Ukraine.
- b) EHDC has entered into a direct contract with Norse for bin emptying.
- c) EHDC's leader was committed to cleaning-up the district.
- d) A speed watch device was potentially available. Once the volunteer groups have been set up, he will request the device. The Police will provide full SpeedWatch training.
- e) A grant from National Litter Picker Week was available.

**23.11.09 Grounds Maintenance Contract** Cllr Ellis had contacted 3 companies for quotes, but he felt that Idverde's quote was likely to be the most competitive. On the basis of Idverde's quote, it was agreed that the final decision could be made by email.

#### 23.11.10 Cllr Pitman gave an update on

- a) Social Events: Residents would be invited to the successful village hall events.
- b) Literati – There was no objection to Councillor Pitman continue to find volunteers for this litter picking project.

23.11.11 **To Review the Cricket Club Agreement** Angela Hiscock requested that the documents be sent to her again as she was unable to open the attachments.

23.11.12 **EHAPTC Meeting Update** Cllr Christie attended the EHAPTC meeting and circulated her report to the councillors prior to this meeting. She highlighted some interesting items:

- a) SDNP and HCC will be meeting to discuss the issues on the BOATs, including lockable gates, temporary winter closures and development of online mapping showing closures to discourage use. An East Hampshire initiative was needed when BOATs in one parish were closed to prevent the problem being pushed to the next parish.
- b) Dawn Hamblet from HALC gave a presentation promoting the legal and training services provided by HALC.

23.11.13 **Update on slurry deposited on BOAT 43** Lines of communication have been opened up with Environment Health who unfortunately were only able to deal with any smell from slurry and the Rights of Way team whose scoring system put the BOAT on the green level, the lowest, category for damage. Therefore, repairs would not be carried until after the BOATs with higher scores.

23.11.14 **Progress Report on the Parish Council Logo** Cllr Christie handed out some design ideas created by a resident, a professional graphic designer. The Councillors made recommendations and the designer would be asked to go one stage further with two of the concepts. A maximum of £350 was set for the design fee.

23.11.15 **Update on the Election Process** All councillors present expressed an interest in continuing in office. The Clerk would issue, by email, the nomination packs with information on the process.

23.11.16 **Request for a donation from PCC** Cllr Ellis suggested that the church warden might like to present at the next meeting.

#### 23.11.17 Finances

- a) To approve the financial statement including future payments: The financial statement and payments were approved
- b) To approve the updated and revised Standing Orders: The 2023 Standing Orders were approved and adopted.
- c) To approve the Statement of Internal Control 2022/23: The Statement of internal Control 2022/23 was approved

23.11.18 **The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 at Froxfield Village Hall.**