

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council  
held at Privett Village Hall on  
Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm**

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

**23.3.01 Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Drew, Cllr Pitman and Cllr Hiscock

**23.3.02** The Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 were approved and signed

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

**23.3.04 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** There were no declarations.

**23.3.05 Comments from the public or press** Comments made by the members of public present are reported under item 11.

**23.3.06 To gauge whether to support registering the Pub with No Name (White Horse), Priors Dean, as an Asset of Community Value and/or whether to apply to Historic England to protect the pub through Listing.** As there was sufficient support it was resolved to start the process of completing forms to register it as an Asset of Community Value and to apply to Historic England to List the Pub with Historic England.

**23.3.07 To discuss a funding request from Froxfield Village Hall** An application had been received requesting a grant of £1000 to help with the urgent repairs to the village hall. Robert Shepherd explained that the joints have opened in the wooden floor in the main hall, the nails have lifted and the finish has worn away. The Councillors agreed to provide a grant of £1000. The work will start during the school holidays.

**23.3.08 Update on Verge Cutting** There was nothing to report on this item.

**23.3.09 County Councillor's Report** Cllr Oppenheimer reported from the County Council on the following:

- a) He confirmed that Soal Pond did not belong to Hampshire Highways but following receipt of some background history provided by the councillors he agreed to make further enquiries.
- b) Stoner Hill will be closed again for re-instatement works and to level out garlic corner. Cllr Ellis asked if the hedges could be trimmed when the road is shut to carry out these works.
- c) An extra £7.5m will be spent on repairing potholes in Hampshire
- d) Cllr Oppenheimer said that it is important to complete the Pulens Lane traffic calming project as it was a partnership between HCC and EHDC.
- e) Cllr Oppenheimer reminded all present that the Budget Consultation was open to the Parish Council and individuals.
- f) The Average Speed Cameras on A272 and A31) had already had a beneficial impact on the speed of the traffic. Councillors commented that the traffic had been pushed onto C18. Cllr Oppenheimer said that this was a fair objection, but the PC needs to get on to the Police Commissioner.
- g) He supports the Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire as a nature recovery is important.
- h) The SDNPA has launched a new scheme which gives corporations a significant opportunity to get involved with nature recovery and staff volunteering in the great outdoors. The South Downs Protector scheme is inviting corporate partners to support the South Downs National Park with a £10,000 contribution.

**23.3.10 District Councillor's Report** Cllr Drew was not present, but the Chairman had been given this short report on his behalf:

- a) The grant for the litter picking team had been approved
- b) The compliance activity in the parish was good.
- c) He requested the item Faster Broadband for Honeycritch be put on the next agenda
- d) Cllr Drew would be attending the Garden's Open Day

**23.3.11 Report from PCC on the parish magazine about supplying a digital version.** The spokesperson from the PCC said the Parish Magazine cost £3500 to produce 250/260 copies. The sole income was from the £12 per household subscription. The parish councillors were asked what they saw as a way forward for the magazine. The response was that a digital version would reach the wider community, advertising would provide additional revenue and could provide enough income for the parish magazine to be delivered free to every household and a trade directory would be a useful tool. It was concluded that the next step would be to talk to the editors about a way forward. The spokesperson thanked the councillors for their comments.

**23.3.12 Planning Applications**

- a) **SDNP/23/02644/TCA 66 Staple Ash Lane Froxfield**, Removal of 3 x ASH trees marked on enclosed plan. 2 x hedgerow trees - remove to ground level. Garden tree - remove all crown leaving remaining trunk standing to a height of approximately 3 metres. Replant with 3 x field maple It was resolved to RAISE NO OBJECTION to this application.
- b) **SDNP/23/02550/CEP Barrowpoint Warren Lane Froxfield** Environmental Permit Application - EPR/LP3629SA – Barrowpoint Following on from Cllr Drews comment the parish council resolved to not submit a comment.
- c) **Report on Compliance Issues** Cllr Drew would be asked to provide an update on Land at Hurst Lane.

**23.2.13 Finances**

- a) The financial statement and the future payments were approved.

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