

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council  
held at Froxfield Village Hall on  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 7.30pm**

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

**23.1.01 Apologies for absence** were received from County Cllr Russell Oppenheimer and Cllr Phoebe Hiscock

**23.1.02** The Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023 were approved and signed

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

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

**23.1.05 Comments from the public or press** the residents present requested further information on

- a) Cllr Oppenheimer's Motorbike Noise and Nuisance Forum The Chairman provided background information on C18 noise and safety issues caused by motorbikes and information on the problems of motorbikes and 4x4s on the BOATs. The residents commented on the increase in motorcycles, with larger groups described as coming in packs, on Old Stoner and Ridge Top Lane. Bikes are driven up the sides of the old lanes causing damage.
- b) The possibility of an electronic copy of the Parish Magazine. Cllr Ellis explained that the magazine was not run by the Parish Council but by the Parochial Church Council, members of the PCC are due to speak at the Parish Council's July Meeting and the discussion will include whether an electronic copy would be feasible.

**23.1.06 Councillor Oppenheimer's Parish Forum: Motorbike Noise and Nuisance** Friday 14/07/2023 15:00 - 16:20. Cllr Drew commented that the C18 was much worse since the introduction of the Average Speed Cameras on A272 and A32.

**23.1.07 Update on Verge Cutting** Following the receipt of a letter from a resident concerned about poor visibility on a junction with C18. Cllr Brown said the C18 visibility cuts are the responsibility of HCC who are due to start cutting shortly. Richard Hoare will continue cutting the grass at the same cost but there will be a slight increase to the cost of the RVEIs and the visibility cuts. This amounts to £442.21 plus some extras requested by Cllr Brown. The visibility cuts will be carried out as soon as possible. Plantlife guidelines were to make the first cut between the end of August and September. This year the verges are due a full cut as opposed to 1m swathe, the price quoted for this is £6033.15. This sum was approved. Cllr Brown has applied for £1000 County Councillor grant. She had received some very positive comments on last year's cutting.

**23.1.08 County Councillor's Report** Cllr Russell Oppenheimer's report was circulated prior to the meeting and posted on the website. The Chairman outlined to the meeting the main points contained therein. An email had been sent by the PC re-iterating concerns regarding the large tracks left by the vehicles working on the ash trees on Stoner Hill. Cllr Drew said he had received many complaints on this matter but, as the Hangers were never natural growth he felt they should be replanted. He had offered EHDC funding for this. Cllr Doyle commented that any repair work carried out would do more damage than leaving the Hanger alone.

**23.1.09 District Councillors Report** Cllr Drew's comments were as follows:

- a) He is pleased that Cllr Oppenheimer is running the Forum again as residents are waiting for results. He hopes that more councillors will attend the forum.
- b) Cllr Drew had tried to purchase one of the noise ‘cameras’ but they will not be available for commercial purchases for another year. He would support this device with funding.
- c) He is keen to get litter picking volunteering days up and running and is happy to support with funding. Cllr Pitman questioned why the application submitted in the last financial year had not been honoured. Cllr Drew’s replied that a new application would need to be submitted.
- d) EHDC has made an offer to HCC to take on the repairs of all the potholes in the East Hants District.
- e) Cllr Drew had chased up the reinstatement of the bottle bank as he felt it was sensible to have one in a village in the country. Some debate ensued about the necessity of having this facility in the village. This question would be put to the residents by way of a piece in the parish magazine.
- f) He had received representation from residents regarding access to Soulwood Pond with comments that the vegetation planted was not suitable for wildlife with further planting on the far side making it more enclosed. The pond belongs to HCC.
- g) Residents had commented that planning applicants can keep on adding comments to their applications well after the submission deadline whereas residents were unable to add further comments or have any further form of recourse.

**23.1.10 Update on Logo** Cllr Christie said the logo was showing a white background which she will need to take up with Philip Chung.

**23.1.11 SDNP/23/01817/FUL Vinnells Farm Broad Way** Extension to a modern agricultural barn. Cllr Rymer said that this application had been moved to the full council meeting as there had been no offer of attendance by councillors for the planning meeting. It was resolved to submit a neutral comment on the basis that the application would appear to be policy compliant. The majority of members know the applicant therefore it was deemed inappropriate to support. Officers were asked to consider 3 conditions being included if an approval was granted.

- a) The proposed barn extension be used solely for the purpose of the storage of farm machinery and feed
- b) Proposals for internal and external lighting to be submitted and discharged prior to commencement of the development
- c) That no further development including hard standings to be constructed with planning permission

**23.1.12 Finances**

- a) The financial statement was approved as were the following payments

Philip Chung Logo	250.00
Petersfield Town Council	48.00
H Marsh June 23	737.00

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