

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council
held at Froxfield Village Hall on
Thursday 3rd August 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present: Cllr David Rymer, Cllr Teresa Brown, Cllr John Ellis, Cllr Peter Doyle, Cllr Norman Pitman and Cllr Chris Skinner. In attendance: District Cllr Nick Drew, the Clerk and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Christie and Cllr Hiscock
2. Approval of the minutes of Thursday 6th July 2023
3. Matters Arising
4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interests Cllr Skinner declared an interest in 13a, and Cllr Rymer declared an interest in 13c.
5. Comments from the Public or Press

A spokesperson for the C18 Road Group advised that they were collecting short video clips of vehicles being driven at speed. Police Inspector Tester has been invited to review the video. Residents have noticed an increase in traffic on the C18 since the introduction of the average speed cameras on the A272 and A32. Cllr Drew suggested focusing on the stretch between the top of Stoner Hill to Barnetside and Quin Hay. The residents were also concerned about the planning application for the West Meon pub car park.

Mr Eddy Tyrwhitt-Drake spoke enthusiastically on his vision for the Pub with No Name, having recently taken on the tenancy. He said improvement works on behalf of the brewery owners should start shortly and he was hopeful that the pub would open at the beginning of October but, he emphasised that the bars would stay the same and he had no intention of filling in the pond although he felt there was room for improvement to the outdoor seating area and the car park. The Chairman explained the Parish Council's position following the receipt of letters from concerned parishioners. He said that it had been agreed at the previous meeting to start the process to register the pub as an Asset of Community Value and to List the property with English Heritage.

6. To approve the Terms of Reference for the SpeedWatch Working Group. The Terms of Reference were approved. Cllr Pitman would convene the initial meeting.
7. To approve the Community Funded Initiative High Cross Lane and C18. Cllr Rymer had gone back to the design engineer asking for the location sign to read Froxfield and not Barnetside as there was no such place. This was approved by Highways. He also followed up on a request to move the 30mph sign in Privett Lane a few yards further out of the village to the start of the housing and on a parallel with High Cross Lane. The response was that this would be subject to a statutory consultation process taking 6-12 months. It was agreed to not to proceed with this.
8. To consider the action to take regarding the regular power cuts. Cllr Brown said the power cut in July extended over a period of 12 hours with the most recent cut was 5th this year where the complaints on the Privett WhatsApp Group numbered 56. She requested that the previous decision to be followed up with a letter being sent to SSE. In addition, it was noted that there would be a Planned Outage on 15th September for the first stage of improvement works between Privett Village Hall and Bailey Green. Cllr Brown suggested that both Privett & Froxfield Village Halls apply to SEE for grants for generators to use at the village halls to safeguard against power cuts.

9. Report on the Parish Forum on Motorbike Noise and Nuisance. Cllr Rymer said he was encouraged by the content of the Forum. The average speed cameras were making a difference. He felt that there should be a distinction between the Road nuisance and the Byway problems and split the forums into two. Cllr Drew agreed and would discuss the matter further with Cllr Oppenheimer. Both Cllr Drew and Cllr Rymer reminded all members that the forums offered an ability for all members of the public to express an interest and speak about their individual concerns. Cllr Drew recommended reporting any BOAT issues to Damian Hinds MP as he had shown an interest in the byway problems; Other areas had had success with closing BOATs and clearly the parish should be trying to do the same and apply for TROs. Cllr Pitman expressed concern that moves to restrict access to Byways in general. but in particular by motorised vehicles, would appear to be targeting specific groups such as off-road motorcyclists. Cllr Rymer reminded members that BOATS are used by many people most in a responsible manner, but certain users appear determined to act irresponsibly and cause a nuisance and potentially damage. He added that over the years the parish council had spent considerable sums repairing the BOATs and a winter TRO might give them protection from damage.

11. County Councillor's Report Cllr Oppenheimer Cllr Oppenheimer was not present, and he had purposely not produced a report for August.

12. District Councillor's Report Cllr Drew said
 - a) He would be taking part in the litter picking on Stoner Hill the following Sunday.
 - b) EHDC awarded a grant to the Village Hall to carry out Green Initiatives which was being used to undertake improvement works on the electrical and plumbing installations to save on costs and energy. EHDC had to approve the proposed spend.
 - c) He had received reports that heavy vehicles in the form of construction lorries were using Stoner Hill and there is a lack of enforcement of the weight limit.
 - d) As the houses on Honeycritch Lane have no fast broadband he suggested emailing Russell to advise him that part of the parish still doesn't have superfast broadband.

13. Planning Applications
 - a) SDNP/23/02699/HOUS Four Winds Petersfield Road Froxfield Replace the existing double garage / outbuilding with a detached annexe providing ancillary accommodation to the dwelling. As this is policy compliant it was resolved to SUPPORT the application.
 - b) SDNP/23/02983/TPO Gownfold Farm High Cross Lane T1 - Lime - Reduce height by 6 meters. Reduce width by 3.5 meters. It was resolved NOT TO OBJECT to this application
 - c) SDNP/23/02857/HOUS Broadwood Farm, King Lane Ground floor rear extension, replacement front door. Cllr Brown chaired this item. It was resolved to SUPPORT the application.

14. Future Meeting Dates Cllr Drew had requested moving the parish council meetings to the first Thursday in the month to avoid a clash of meetings for him and Cllr Oppenheimer. This was agreed.

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