

**Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council
held at Froxfield Village Hall on
Thursday 5th October 2023 at 7.30pm**

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

1. **Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Cllr Ellis, Cllr Doyle, Cllr Oppenheimer and Cllr Drew
2. **Approval of the minutes of Thursday 21st September** the minutes will be signed at the next meeting as members had insufficient time, prior to the meeting, to read through an amended report concerning Soal Pond on King Lane
3. **Matters Arising** There were no matters arising
4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** None declared
5. **Comments from the Public or Press**
 - a. Members of the C18 Road Group reported that they had met with Hampshire Constabulary who confirmed that they were aware that traffic appears to have shifted onto other roads away from the roads with speed cameras. Constable Ben White said the C18 would be patrolled with the intention of checking for speeding and noisy vehicles and to find a suitable location for a speed camera van.
6. **To agree a site for a memorial bench for Richard and Margaret Moss** designed by their son, subject to receipt of the residents' feedback from Cllr Hiscock. Cllr Hiscock had emailed a survey to the Froxfield Green residents and had received positive replies from 4. Cllr Hiscock was asked to use a WhatsApp group to gain further opinions and to contact the Church wardens to establish if the bench could be put in the graveyard.
7. **Review the parking situation on Dellfield Estate during the proposed sewage works following the residents receiving a letter from Abri.** Cllr Skinner said the residents of the Dellfield Estate had received a letter from Abri stating that the car park would be used in part to accommodate the planned new sewage treatment plant and to facilitate construction. Cllr Skinner stated that this would not be acceptable. Residents will have no alternative but to park on the narrow road causing safety concerns and potentially blocking access for fire engines. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to EHDC and Abri to express concerns and that the residents should be encouraged to raise their concerns in writing to Abri. Cllr Rymer asked whether local residents could be encouraged to come together as an action group to express their concerns and front up further discussion with Abri and EHDC.
8. **Consider actions to take regarding School Parking on High Cross Lane** Cllr Skinner raised the problem of school children's parents parking their cars on High Cross Lane. Photos circulated on Facebook in July clearly showed a disregard to other road users and local farmers had complained that they were unable to get through at school run times. This also could be a fire engine access issue. Vicky Farrow will be contacted to raise concerns and ask that the school considers how the problem might be addressed and to ask her to come up with some proposals. Cllr Rymer asked whether the local constabulary could be contacted to establish whether any periodic visits could be arranged to remind parents of their responsibilities. A Police Officer will be asked to visit the school at drop-off or collection time.
9. **County Councillor's Report** Cllr Oppenheimer's report had been circulated.

10. **District Councillor’s Report** Cllr Drew had sent his apologies

11. **Any Other Business**

- a. Cllr Christie was one of 60 attendees at the SDNP parish workshop. The presentation on landscape contained information on solar and wind power and the planning presentation highlighted an improvement in tackling the compliance issues.

12. **Finances**

- a) **The Financial Statement** and the following payments were approved

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