

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council
held at Froxfield Village Hall on
Thursday 7th March 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr David Rymer, Cllr Teresa Brown, Cllr John Ellis, Cllr Chris Skinner, Cllr Norman Pitman, Cllr Peter Doyle, Cllr Vanessa Christie and Cllr Phoebe Hiscock. In attendance: the Clerk and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Drew and Cllr Oppenheimer
2. **Approval of the minutes** Following 2 small amendments the Minutes of 1st February 2024 were agreed and signed.
3. **Matters Arising** There were no matters arising
4. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interests**
5. **Comments from the Public or Press**
 - a) Mr Povey had asked when the signs, previously held by Richard Moss, will be displayed on the Memorial Ground. A site meeting would be arranged to choose a permanent site for the plaques.
 - b) A member of the public raised the issue of the parking at Dellfield. At present the parking spaces were being used by Abri while work has been carried out on solar panels to their houses. So many cars were being parked on the road to the extent that one resident was unable to get her car out. The concern was that the future removal of spaces for the sewage works would cause an even more serious problem. The PC would write an additional letter to the planners. Furthermore, a small hole with a drop of around 17" had appeared outside the flats opposite the shop.
6. **AutoSpeedWatch Camera Update** Cllr Pitman said that a site had been agreed for the camera, the agreements with HCC and EHDC had been signed and the PC was now in a position to purchase the 2 cameras with a subsequent refund from EHDC. The councillors agreed to the purchase costing £1178 plus delivery. The Chairman asked who would be monitoring the data. Cllr Pitman said 4-6 people had expressed an interest in helping.
7. **Grounds Maintenance: to consider Idverde's Contract** Cllr Ellis explained that Idverde's contract was coming to an end. It was agreed to enter into another contract with Idverde for one year. Rob Shepherd had offered to monitor their work and meet with them to agree the specification. It was agreed to accept his offer.
8. **Report on BOATs Meeting** Cllr Brown attended a meeting organised by the Chair of East Meon Parish Council, Susan Davenport. Representatives from a number of local parish councils also attended. Mr Jonathan Woods, Countryside Strategic Manager, Access, Planning and Wellbeing for HCC and Mr Andy Aitken, Ranger Manager for West Hampshire were also present. The purpose of the meeting was to redress the balance between residents and their representatives on Parish Councils who largely consider that their opinions are not heard by HCC.

Cllr Rymer asked where the SDNPA stood. Cllr Brown said that although permanent closures were expensive, winter TROs would be considered. He also asked what should the PC look to achieve other than it is not supportive of irresponsible behaviour. Mrs King said that illegal use of BOATS could be reported to the Rural Crimes Office.

9. **Report on Nature Recovery Meeting** Cllr Brown had attended the nature recovery workshop. Some locations for nature recovery had been identified, one of which is the River Meon at Warnford. Further workshops are being held to gather information.
10. **County Councillor's Report** Cllr Oppenheimer was not present, his monthly report had been circulated prior to the meeting
11. **District Councillor's Report** Cllr Drew was not present
12. **To consider a grant of £529 for the Village Hall** to fund a mailshot to all the residents of the parish to gather their opinions on the future of the village hall. A grant of £529 was agreed.
13. **Report on the lengthsman's work and schedule.** Cllr Skinner read out an extensive list of work for the lengthsman which would be forwarded to the cluster head.
 - a) **Wheeler's Lane** Mr and Mrs King requested a progress report regarding Wheeler's Lane. As no progress had been made it was agreed to contact Cllr Oppenheimer and Mr and Mrs King would continue to lobby him.
14. **Planning Applications**
 - a) SDNP/23/05154/HOUS 19-21 Alexanders Lane. Rear two-storey extension. Internal reconfiguration. Side pergola extension. Outbuilding demolition. New colonnade connecting programme with new vertical circulation. It was agreed to object to the application on the grounds that it was at odds with: SD4, SD5, SD8.
 - b) SDNP/24/00598/TCA Holy Trinity Church, Merepond Lane, Privett, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 3PE. Fell three Sycamore trees on the north-east corner of site (see S1, S1A, S1B on plan). Fell Ash tree and Sycamore tree on boundary with Privett Centre (see A12 & 11A on plan). Fell Sycamore tree on southern boundary (see S22A on plan). It was agreed to OBJECT to S1, S1A and S1B, to SUPPORT the felling of A12 and 11A and to OBJECT to S22A.
 - c) SDNP/24/00634/HOUS North Lodge Broadhanger, King Lane. Replacement of existing detached garage with new garage & workshop, with home office space in roof. It was agreed to NOT TO OBJECT to the application.
15. **Finances**
 - a) The financial Statement was approved
 - b) These future payments were approved

Clerk's Salary March & 2024	737
Cost to Purchase 2 AutoSpeedWatch Cameras	1178
 - c) The Financial Regulations were approved and adopted.
16. **Any Other Business** Cllr Christie briefed the councillors on a matter concerning the copper beech on the triangle close to Privett Centre, which is of historical importance to the village. Although it was eventually concluded that the tree was suffering from diseases and would have to be felled, it was felt that the way it was reported could have been more open.

Signed Dated