

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
FROXFIELD AND PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL  
held at Froxfield Village Hall on  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Teresa Brown, Cllr David Rymer, Cllr John Ellis, Cllr Vanessa Christie, Cllr Hiscock, Cllr Pitman, Cllr Doyle and Cllr Skinner. In attendance: Cllr Oppenheimer, Cllr Drew, 4 members of the public and the clerk

**24.5.1 Apologies for absence** All present

**24.5.2 The Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024** were approved and signed

**24.5.3 Matters Arising from the Minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024** Cllr Christie submitted comments on-line to the SDNP Local Plan Review

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

**24.5.5 Comments from the public or press** Mr and Mrs King thanked the Parish Council for arranging for the lengthsman to clear the winter debris off Wheeler's Lane. At recent SDNP Access Forum, which Mr and Mrs King attended, the Parish Partnership Fund (previously the Small Grant's Scheme) was being publicised.

**24.5.6 Parking Restrictions High Cross Lane Yellow Lines** Cllr Oppenheimer said he was horrified that the Parish Council had not been informed of the installation and apologised on behalf of the County Council. Further comments were that the signs were on the wrong side of the road, were unsightly and unnecessary and should be removed. The County Council should make an assessment on the parking situation at drop off and collection times. The school would be consulted to agree a solution.

**24.5.7 To report on the progress of the school yellow flashing signs.** Cllr Brown said that the signs were in but, as yet didn't appear to be working.

**24.5.8 To report on the progress of the AutoSpeedWatch** Cllr Pitman said that the camera was in position and as from today it was recording data. The second sign isn't being used as no other area in the parish had a speed restriction. Enquiries would be made as to whether it would be possible to use the camera on private land beside C18 where it comes under the national speed limit.

**24.5.9 Report on road junction finger signposts** Cllr Brown said that many sign posts were in need of some repair. Cllr Oppenheimer agreed to make enquiries at county as to the department that deals with this. Where the posts are an issue, it was agreed that a local blacksmith would be used to carry out repairs. Councillor Christie was going to contact St Mary Bourne PC to see how they went about their fingerpost project.

**24.5.10 County Councillor's Report** In addition to Cllr Oppenheimer's published report he made these comments:

- a) Cllr Oppenheimer met with officers to discuss the Village Hall who are potentially about to engage with the trustees although this could be a slow process.
- b) He had discussed with the Executive Member about vehicle speeding on C18.
- c) He has returned to the Cabinet as Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing.
- d) There is a new Community Flooding Toolkit
- e) The A32 will be closed until 11<sup>th</sup> October for resurfacing.

- f) HCC is consulting schools and colleges on its proposal to terminate the in-house school meal service in 2026.
- g) The County Council responded to the Government's new housing consultation in support of driving forward with growth, but robustly warned against the standard where constraints such as National Park designations, make the increased housing numbers for Hampshire seem excessive and undeliverable.
- h) Cllr Mocatta fought successfully against the closure of Petersfield Tip.

**24.5.11 District Councillor's Report** Cllr Drew's report was:

- a) It was a massive result for HCC to agree to keep the tip open.
- b) He has received much correspondence about the school banner on Stoner Hill.
- c) He thanked the farmers for clearing the rubbish in fields.
- d) A local charitable event had caused concern, but it was fully licenced.
- e) More frequent bottle collections were replacing the village bottle banks.

**24.5.12 Approve the installation of 2 Static poles for event advertising banners outside the village hall.** The general consensus was that poles would be unsightly and the preference would be to continue putting signs against the hedge.

**24.5.13 Planning Applications**

- a) **SDNP/24/03717/FUL Land North of Barnet Side Cottage, Barnet Side Lane, Froxfield, Petersfield, Hampshire,** Change of use for the stationing of a temporary mobile home for a period of three years **to be used in** conjunction with the charcoal making and forestry business. It was resolved to SUPPORT the application
- b) **SDNP/24/02880/TCA Holy Trinity Privett** Three self seeded sycamore trees - Fell. Yew Tree 1 - Crown Reduction - Existing height 8 metres, proposed height 8 metres. Existing spread 5 metres proposed spread 4 metres. Yew Tree 2 - Crown Reduction Existing height 6 metres, proposed height 6 metres. Existing spread 3 metres, proposed spread 2 metres. It was resolved to OBJECT to the proposals

**24.5.14 Finances**

The payments and the financial summary were approved

**24.5.15 Future Agenda Items (1)** To review the Grounds Maintenance Contract

Signed ..... Chairman

Dated: .....