

## Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Councillor Peter Doyle, Councillor David Rymer, Councillor Teresa Brown, Councillor John Ellis, Councillor Mark Griffiths, Councillor Phoebe Hiscock, Councillor Chris Skinner and Councillor Robert Smith. In attendance: Cllr Drew and the Clerk.

**21.5.1 Apologies for Absence** were received from Cllr Oppenheimer

**21.5.2 Minutes of the Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021** were approved and signed

**21.6.3 Comments from the Public** None present

**21.6.4 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests** None declared

**21.6.5 Request from Froxfield School to use an area of the Recreation Ground for PE classes** the school was inquiring about the viability of an artificial pitch for on the Recreation Ground to hold PE classes. Cllr Rymer and Cllr Skinner will assess what can be accommodated as there could be interest in a multi-surface pitch or court. The parish councillors were insistent that school must address the parking problems.

**21.6.6 Pond at the Junction of Broadway and Floud Lane** Cllr Brown agreed to contact Hampshire Wildlife Trust. She said that locally there is good interest in resurrecting the pond. The application deadline for the SDNP renaturing grant is 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**21.6.7 Report on vehicle nuisance on all BOATs** Cllr Griffiths reported that several parishioners had attended a meeting organised by a local group named BEAM, Byways Environmental Action Group, whose aims are to unite parish councils locally and nationally to have a bigger voice on the environmental impact of vehicles using the by-ways. They are pressing the National Park to act, as a survey identified the major complaint was over motorcycles. Parish Councils were asked to collect and record data on damage done to the by-ways by vehicles including any nuisance or anti-social behaviour. Cllr Griffiths said that the By-ways were being used at night time. Cllr Rymer said that the parish council had undertaken repair works to Ridgetop Lane and Green Lane. He felt it would be good to get involved as long as everyone was in agreement. Cllr Ellis commented that any closures would be difficult to police.

**21.6.8 To consider projects for a CIL funding application.** Applications will be considered from January 2022. The Parish Council would work towards applying for CIL for the multi-surface court and renaturing of the Floud Lane pond and potentially other ponds in the parishes.

**21.6.9 County Councillor's Report** Cllr Oppenheimer was unable to attend the meeting.

**21.6.10 District Councillor's Report** Cllr Drew reported on

- a) Cllr Drew will be attending the Remembrance Service
- b) £1000 grants are available for environmental projects.
- c) SpeedWatch equipment is expensive and other councils are applying for grants towards purchasing equipment. He recommended asking a volunteer to take charge of the scheme.
- d) The recommendation from officers at EHDC is to close the Dellfield playground. Cllr Drew has asked for funding for an alternative site.
- e) Highways have now confirmed that the entrance gates to their site in Staple Ash Lane will now be painted green and some foliage will be planted.

### **21.6.11 Planning Applications**

- a) **SDNP/21/04651/HOUS** Kings Cottage Proposed conversion of the existing ground floor kitchen and utility room into an ensuite bedroom and the construction of an open plan living-

kitchen extension between the main house and annexe. The application was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

- b) **SDNP/21/04749/HOUS** The Coach House Privett Single storey rear extension. The parish council agreed to support this application
- c) **SDNP/21/04982/LDP** Paloma House Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed use – Domestic use that is to be retained and remain ancillary to the main house – Paloma House. The Parish Council raised no objection to this application.
- d) **SDNP/21/05562/APNB** Pipers Farm Application to determine if prior approval is required for a Tractor and Machinery store for Agricultural use store for Agricultural use. It was resolved to objection on the grounds that the application was at odds with SDNP Policy 39.

**21.6.12 Progress report on the Planning Committee and review the Terms of Reference** The councillors were asked to comment on the draft Terms of Reference. A request for volunteers to join the committee will be publicised.

**21.6.13 Report on the progress of the new website** the new parish council website designed by Netwise should be up and running in a month. The inclusion of a directory of local businesses was well supported.

**21.6.14 Update from Cllr Smith on Neighbourhood Plan public meeting with talk from Chris Paterson.** Chris Paterson will give a presentation at Froxfield Village Hall at 7pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December to give guidance on whether it is the right approach for the parish council and to advise on the advantages.

#### **21.6.15 Financial Statements**

- a) Agree the Financial Statement The financial statement was agreed
- b) These payments for the month were agreed

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- c) To discuss and agree the Budget for 2022/23. £2000 expenditure was added to the draft budget to cover the cost of replacing the lengthsman. It was agreed to keep £6000 in reserve for By-way repairs. Following these amendments, the budget was approved.