

FROXFIELD & PRIVETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Froxfield & Privett Parish Council held at Froxfield Village Hall on Thursday 14th February 2019

Present: Cllr P Doyle (Chairman), Cllr P Madgwick, Cllr R Moss, Cllr M Povey & Cllr D Rymer. In attendance County Cllr N Drew, the Clerk and 3 members of the public

1.7.19 Apologies for absence apologies received from Cllr Passingham, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Redding and County Cllr R Oppenheimer

2.7.19 Approval of the minutes the minutes of 10th January 2019 were approved and signed

3.7.19 Matters arising There were no matters arising

4.7.19 Declarations of Pecuniary Interests No interest declared

5.7.19 Comments from the public or press

A resident expressed her concern that the By-ways in the parish are vulnerable to damage from 4x4 vehicles. On a recent occasion the resident moved over to allow vehicles to pass in the opposite direction and eight 4x4s speed past without any consideration for the narrowness of the lane and paying no attention to the damage they were causing to the banks. She suggested that the motoring organisations should be asked to pay for the damage caused. The Chairman said that the Parish Council is committed to campaigning for banning motorised vehicles from using the by-ways but realistically this is a lengthy process and may well be difficult to achieve. Cllr Povey added that over the last month many motorbikes were using the by-ways and it was agreed that these vehicles were preventing people from enjoying these paths. The Chairman suggested that the resident should write to CC Oppenheimer. Cllr Drew recommended asking for a police presence on the by-ways.

A resident asked Cllr Drew as to why the Lambing Shed application, which had recently been approved by the planning authority, had not gone to committee although there had been 5 objections which included the parish council's. Cllr Drew had been advised that there were not enough policy reasons to remove the application from officers. He was also of the opinion that a potential, future Neighbourhood Plan would carry more weight when objecting to applications.

6.7.19 Planning and Enforcement

- a) SDNP/18/06609/FUL Greenforde Farm, Unit E, Stoner Hill Road | Change of use of B8 (storage) to Sui Generis (Canine Rehabilitation and Training Centre) Resolved **NOT TO OBJECT**

7.7.19 Planning Enforcement

- a) **General discussion about EHDC Planning and relate issues.** Topics raised in the discussion were: frustration that no decision has been made by EHDC's legal department on the Land at Hurst Lane despite repeated reminders. The matter is now in the hands of the SNDP and neither have they responded despite prompting. The Chairman is concerned that the lack of enforcement will encourage more urbanisation of farmland.

8.7.19 Road Issues During the bad weather snow had been removed from Broadway by a HCC contractor but a small layer had been left which froze overnight and had then become dangerously slippery. Tyre marks showed that the driver had been 'doughnutting' on the green at the junction with Ridge Top Lane causing significant and unnecessary damage to the green. The Clerk will notify Cllr Oppenheimer.

9.7.19 Rights of Way The Clerk was asked to check on the progress of Old Stoner.

10.7.19 Defibrillators

- a) The clerk reported that the defibrillator training session at Privett had been well attended. The trainers suggested that the defibrillator at Privett should be lowered to allow access by a wheelchair user. They also recommended putting up signs for the defibrillator and that the cabinet code should be made more widely available or removed. It was agreed all these suggestions would be adopted with the code being published in the parish magazine directory.
- b) It was agreed that the Froxfield defibrillator should be moved from the village hall to the Village Shop.

11.7.19 Correspondence No correspondence

12.7.19 Village Hall Car Park – The representative from the village hall had been unable to attend the meeting

13.7.19 Report from County Councillor Cllr Oppenheimer was absent but his report was circulated prior to the meeting.

14.7.19 Report from District Councillor Cllr Drew reported:

- a) There will be no increase in the District Council tax.
- b) A new welfare fund to help the community is available
- c) A re-generation program is looking at schemes to develop the community such as improving waste drainage and gas supplies.

15.7.19 New Parish Councillors The existing Councillors have offered to canvas new candidates and the election will be published in the parish magazine. Nomination papers are available from the Clerk.

16.7.19 Cricket Club Agreement Cllr Rymer amended the agreement and returned it for review by the cricket club committee.

17.6.19 King George V Memorial Ground

- a) **Playground inspection sheets** No issues to report
- b) **Resolution to repair or replace the 2 bay swing** The much awaited quote from a local company proved to be more expensive than Playdale’s replacement and considerably more than carrying out a repair. The Clerk was asked to check the specifications of the quote.

18.7.19 Finances

- a) The accounting statement was distributed prior to the meeting and agreed. The following cheques were agreed and signed

The Clerk	£ 520.00
Froxfield Village Hall	£ 160.00

- b) **Statement of Internal Control** To be reviewed at the next meeting.
- c) **Risk Assessment** To be reviewed at the next meeting

18.7.19 Lengthsman The Clerk will be part of the interview panel. The cluster organisers require a member of the parish council to be an intermediary between the council and the lengthsman.

19.7.19 Future Agenda Items New Parish Councillors