

# FROXFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING

**HELD ON MONDAY 11<sup>h</sup> MARCH 2019 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Pat Adams (Chair) Cllr Vanya Body (Vice Chair), Cllr Tob Till, Cllr Claire Wilson, Cllr Alex Montague-Smith, Wiltshire County Cllr James Sheppard, Sarah Owens (Clerk)

The Parish Meeting began at 7.30pm.

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Steve Heppenstall & Cllr Sally Smith

**Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Till & Cllr Wilson, re planning matters

**Approval and signing of minutes from the previous meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 :** *Approved and signed by Cllr Adams*

**Matters outstanding :** None

### Planning:

**19/01664/FUL** – Froxfield Manor proposed swimming pool & plant building – Councillor Till left the room so that his planning application could be discussed at length. The committee, suggested that some changes could be made relating to the positioning of the pump room and the proposed pool in order to minimise the noise to residents near-by. Councillor Montague Smith to post views on the planning website. **AMS**

**18/11815/FUL** - Cllr Montague-Smith said he had been notified there was an amendment for the temporary park home at Green Farm, but he couldn't find any details on WCC planning portal for this. Cllr Sheppard stated that, if in the future permission was sought for a permanent residence, the owners who have to submit 3 years' worth of accounts to prove the business was financially viable before any permission would be granted.

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### 6. Finance:

a) Present financial position: <u>Parish Account @ 9th March 2019</u>	<b>£4,140.74</b>
b) Payments	
WCC – Topographic surveys x3 (retro)	£569.00
Steve Parker – tree surgeon (retro)	£2800.00
C) Receipts None	
a) Present financial position: <u>Community Account @ 9th March 2019</u>	<b>£12,146.64</b>
b) Payments - None	
c) Receipts - Interest	£3.92
d) Bank reconciliation Cllr Adams signed off balance as at 9th March 2019.	

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**7. Website** – Clerk Sarah Owens stated the new Froxfield website is now live and was being actively publicised to residents

**8. Update on Cat G meeting:** Clerk Sarah Owens stated the money had been paid for the topographic surveys and they took place a fortnight ago. There has been no further news from Steve Hine as yet.

**9. Update on the Water Meadow:** Cllr Adams stated that Anna Forbes from ARK said that the concerns raised by the Environment Agency over the lack of a flood risk assessment should be able to overcome with a change to the wording in the planning application. A decision on the planning is due early April. Cllr Adams was delighted to report that the Pocket Parks application had been successful and FPC have been granted £5500.00. £500 of this is for an obligatory assessment in a year's time of how the money has been spent.

**10. Community Speedwatch:** Clerk Sarah Owens stated that she had signed Froxfield up to the Community Speedwatch and had completed the on-line training and was waiting to hear back with the next steps. An email has gone out requesting volunteers but she reported there had been a very limited response so far.

**11. Best Kept Village Competition:** Clerk Sarah Owens stated she had received an entry form from Wiltshire Council which needs to be returned by **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**. Judging is to take place in May. Cllr Adams proposed that FPC pay £500 towards the cost of plants/planters/tidying up the village. Cllr Body seconded and agreed by all. There will be a community clean up weekend to be announced nearer to the judging day when litter picking, a tidy up of verges, hedges, signs etc takes place.

**12. AOB: Proposed boundary changes.** Froxfield Parish Council have been alarmed to learn that The Local Boundary Commission for England are proposing to change the boundaries for Froxfield in an effort to even up the numbers each County Councillor represents. If agreed, we would fall under the newly-named Pewsey Vale East. Cllr Body stated that Froxfield Parish Council are completely against this proposal for many reasons. We are in the Diocese of Salisbury, as part of the Whitton Benefice, which also includes the parishes of Ramsbury, Axford, Chilton Foliat, Baydon and Aldbourne. This proposed move will sever the connection between our historic parish administrative and church parochial boundaries and to these villages, as well as the other northern Wiltshire villages which make up the Marlborough area. We would lose Cllr Sheppard and potentially jeopardize all the hard work done over recent years to get us to the top of the Marlborough CATG list for traffic calming measures. Recently we have worked closely with Ramsbury to plant a WW1 memorial wood and commemorative stone in Burnt Wood so would lose the connection under the new proposals.

Cllr Sheppard stated he was opposed to the plans and said a full planning meeting would be taking place on 25<sup>th</sup> March and urged residents to submit comments on the portal - <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>

**Overgrown hedges on the farm land.** Despite numerous requests, Mr Cartilage the new owner of John Savages farm land has still not cut back the overgrown hedges bordering his land. Cllr Adams requested Clerk Sarah Owens to write a formal letter of request. Cllr Sheppard stated that if this has no effect, then Wiltshire Council could insist he cuts them back. Cllr Till supplied the contact details for Mr Cartilage. **SO**

**Dog mess.** There seems to be an increase in the amount of dog mess found around the village due to Irresponsible dog owners who are not bagging and binning. Cllr Adams stated if dogs continued to foul on the green, a ban may have to be considered in future. Emails and Facebook messages will be sent out and some signs put up around the village. Cllr Till stated he was happy to produce and deliver some flyers around the village. **TT**

**13. Public Forum** – no comments.

*There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.*

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Signed..... Chairman Date.....