

FROXFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Pat Adams (Chair) Cllr Vanya Body (Vice Chair), Cllr Claire Wilson, Cllr Steve Heppenstall, Cllr Toby Till, County Cllr James Shepperd, Sarah Whatley (Clerk)

The Parish Meeting began at 7.30pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Smith (holiday)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 1st July 2019:** Cllr Adams approved and signed.
4. **Water Meadow:** A presentation by Anna Forbes and Charlotte Hitchmough ARK (Action for the River Kennet) was given explaining that diggers will be arriving on the water meadow on 30th September to begin the work to create the dipping pond and clear a path for the boardwalk. Once done, there will be a community planting day on 20th October when villagers can be involved. There are plans to plant a hedge along the road side of the water meadow and it was suggested that putting down a membrane would help to control the nettles that currently proliferate.
5. **Matters Outstanding:** None
6. **Planning:** None
7. **Finance:** Councillors reviewed the invoices recently paid and raised no objections. Chairman Adams approved the bank reconciliation for both accounts.
8. **Cat G meeting** – Cllr Body stated there still was no firm date for the installation of the gates and traffic island at the OKA end but said there was a CATG meeting coming up where she would push for a date. County Councillor James Shepperd was also keen that work does not get pushed back into 2020 and begins before the end of this year. He stated he would also be at the meeting next week in the hope of getting an agreed date. **VB/SH/JS**
9. **Community Speedwatch** – Clerk Whatley reported that she had been sent details about an 'Auto speedwatch' device which automatically records number plates of vehicles doing in excess of a set speed (ie over 48 mph in a 40 zone) which would cost £295 each. Councillors stated it did seem a good device but the council needed to be sure it was fully endorsed by Wiltshire Police before we could consider buying two for the village. **SW** to make further enquiries
10. **Update on Land registration of the Water Meadow:** Cllr Adams stated that Land Registration of the water meadow is now complete and that a letter will be drafted regarding the fence that has been illegally erected by Mr Bailey on part of the land.

- 11. **Parking on the village green:** Cllr Smith asked that the matter be raised in her absence: She is concerned that as residents are parking their cars partly on the edge of the green, damage is being caused to the grass and kerbstones. It was noted by other councillors there isn't any current damage to the grass or kerb and as there has been previous damage to cars from tractors and lorries, it wouldn't be reasonable to expect them to move. It was agreed that the situation would be monitored over the winter months.

- 12. **Any other business** – Two letters asking for donations have been received. One from St John's Ambulance and the other from Wiltshire Search and Rescue. It was agreed that as we have some large projects in the pipeline (Water Meadow and traffic islands), we wouldn't be in a position to give donations but would review our finances at the end of the financial year.

- 13. **Public Forum** – A resident raised concerns that if the nettles on the water meadow are strimmed they will be able to see the traffic on the A4 from their house. Chairman Adams explained that once the hedge goes in along the edge nearest the road, this will in time grow sufficiently to give screening.

Two residents living in Green Farm Rise expressed concern over a large hedge encroaching their garden. It is believed to be part of the garden of Green Farmhouse which is currently unoccupied. The new owners are hoping to start renovations to the house soon and Cllr Adams stated she is in contact with the new owners and would ask them if they could get the hedge trimmed.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 11th November 2019

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

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