

FROXFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2020 VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllr Vanya Body (Chair), Cllr Steve Heppenstall (Vice chair) Cllr Claire Wilson, Cllr Toby Till, Cllr Lis Mercer Banks, Cllr Arran Miles, Cllr Rob Smith, Sarah Whatley (Clerk)

The Parish Meeting began at 7.30pm

- 1. Apologies for absence:** None
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th August:** Cllr Body approved and subsequently signed after the meeting.
- 4. New Councillors:** The 2 new Councillors, Arran Miles and Rob Smith were welcomed and gave their acceptances of office verbally. (Declaration forms were signed after the meeting in the presence of Clerk Sarah Whatley).
- 5. Matters Outstanding:** Emergency Plan - Cllr Till stated he was currently working on the plans which would include events such as floods, fires, train crashes, animal diseases and plane crashes and would be distributed in the next few days.

Cllr Body gave an update on the traffic calming island planned for the Eastern (Pelican) end of the village and said she had received an email from Steve Hind from CATG that the work was scheduled to begin in April 2021.

The marking of the boundary of the water meadow is yet to be completed but a date for this will be agreed at the next meeting in January 2021.

- 6. Planning:** Green Farmhouse work including a parking area has finally been approved after the application for the garage was withdrawn.

20/09186/TCA - The Old Vicarage - reduce canopy of Beech trees - no objections.

- 7. Finance:** Clerk Sarah Whatley reported on recent invoices paid and stated she had now received the VAT reclaim for £1444.15. Part of this has now been transferred back into the Community fund to cover the VAT paid on invoices for the hall floor and heating repairs.
- There was discussion about the forthcoming precept request for the new financial year 2021/22. **This must be submitted by January 18th 2021.** The FPC contribution for the Eastern traffic calming gates (starting April 2021) is now likely to be £4000 and aging play equipment is likely to need future repairs or replacement. FPC have no other sources of i

income anticipated, so it is felt that the Parish Council will be forced to request an increase. The Clerk is working on the budget forecast and it will be distributed shortly to all Councillors for inspection before the January meeting.

9. **Any other business:** Clerk Sarah Whatley showed a letter of thanks that has been received from the Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire for efforts made by everyone during the pandemic.

Cllr Body has received a request from The College for £200 towards new gates for the permissive path through the new woodland being planned behind the College. All unanimously agreed to the payment being taken from the Community fund. Cllr Body will update Martin Gibson, a College Trustee.

10. **Public Forum:** Nothing received.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 11th January 2021 and may be via Zoom depending on Covid restrictions.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

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