

# FROXFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Meeting held at 7:03pm on Monday 11th July 2022  
at the Froxfield War Memorial Hall, The Green, Froxfield

## **Present:**

Cllr V Body (Chairman), Cllr S Heppenstall (Vice-Chairman), Cllr R Smith, Cllr E Morton, Cllr A Miles, Cllr S Wheeler, Miss E Cope (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

## **015/2022 Apologies for absence, declarations of Interest and Dispensations.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Till.

## **016/2022 Minutes from the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd May 2022 were approved to be a true and accurate record.

## **017/2022 Public Question Time.**

There being no questions from the public, the meeting continued without interruption.

## **018/2022 Matters Outstanding.**

### 018.001 Councillors to consider the proposal of a new Council logo.

Cllr Miles presented her hand-drawn sketches for consideration. Cllr Smith offered to help digitalise the image. Cllrs discussed and agreed to review the digitalised images at the next meeting.

### 018.002 To receive a report of the June/July Water meadow, Play area and Village green safety checks and to approve a new Councillor to complete safety checks during August and September.

Cllr Smith reported his findings from the monthly checkups of the water meadow and village green, reporting minor repairs required to the swing and boardwalk. Cllr Smith confirmed he would continue and report until the next meeting.

Cllrs to complete an initial repair of the swing. The Clerk to establish supplier and cost to replace the damaged area.

### 018.003 To receive an update to the scheduled white lines on Church lane.

Cllr Body confirmed the work is scheduled for July to September. Residents of Church lane would receive prior warning to allow the work to be completed.

### 018.004 Councillors to consider dates for defibrillator training.

Cllrs discussed suitable dates for training, considering linking training to a FPC meeting prior to Christmas. Cllr Wilson to contact the British Heart Foundation and St Johns Ambulance to arrange a trainer. Cllrs approved for FPC to cover the cost of the hall along with refreshments.

Cllr Wilson provided a report of the monthly checks on the defibrillator and asked Cllr to consider the need to update the defibrillator which is considered to be over 10 years old.

## 019/2022 New Matters.

### 019.001 To receive a report from the Queens' Jubilee Celebrations.

Cllr Body thanked organisers for their hard work, which produced a successful weekend of events. Particularly popular were the children's medals and races.

Cllrs discussed the continuing care of the Jubilee tree. Richard Fradgley offered the use of the Memorial hall outside tap to provide water during the predicted dry spell.

Cllrs agreed to share the burden of watering during the dry period.

### 019.002 To receive a report from the Best Kept Village Competition.

Cllr Morton noted the village receiving 2nd place in this year's competition, thanking the volunteers for their help to weed, litter pick and generally tidy the village.

Cllr Morton offered to continue overseeing the competition entry for the next year.

### 019.003 Councillors to consider and approve the request by the Hall Committee to change the meeting day from January 2023.

Cllrs discussed the request to move the bi-monthly meetings from a Monday to a Wednesday evening. Cllrs expressed concerns regarding other prior commitments and requested the Clerk return to the hall committee with a request to continue meeting on Monday evenings.

### 019.004 Councillors to discuss options for the positioning of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs).

Cllr Heppenstall detailed his research, reporting a complete unit with visual speed and slow sign to any driver exceeding the speed limit at around £2,600 from Elan City. Cllrs discussed suitable sites along the A4 within the 40mph limit noting the requirement for a new pole.

Cllr Heppenstall confirmed Wiltshire Council and Ringway would need to agree to the proposed siting.

Cllr Body suggested seeking sponsorship from local businesses, agreeing to discuss further at the next meeting.

### 019.005 Request for help from Pewsey Community Area Partnership to establish rights of way.

The Clerk reported correspondence from Susie Brew at PACP, requesting help to position waymarkers along unmarked footpaths within the parish.

More information regarding positioning would be sought and reported at the next meeting.

## 020/2022 Finance

### 020.001 Clerk to provide a report to 30th June 2022.

The Clerk circulated a report for Q1 April to June 2022 prior to the meeting.

### 020.002 Clerk to provide a Budget report Q1 FY2022-23.

The Clerk circulated a budget report for Q1 April to June 2022 prior to the meeting.

### 020.003 Chairman to approve and sign the bank statements to 30.06.22.

The Chairman approved and signed the bank statements after the meeting.

## 021/2022 Planning

Councillors to receive a report of applications received since the previous meeting on Monday 23rd May 2022

Cllr Heppenstall reported one revised application received and noted comments for submission to Wiltshire Council Planning.

## 022/2022 Any other business / Correspondence received

### 022.001 Pewsey Community Area Partnership - Canal Towpath issues.

The Clerk noted the poor condition of the towpath, particularly from Froxfield towards Hungerford. A report has been submitted to PCAP.

### 022.002 Wiltshire Council Area Board Arrangements, May 2022

Clerk to share information.

Cllr Body reported that Wiltshire Council had finally cut back the A4 verge.

Cllr Heppenstall reminded the Clerk of the need to write to the owners of Truant House, regarding the blocked drain on Church Lane. Cllrs considered whether a local farmer could be employed to dig an investigation channel.

The Clerk reported completing the annual check of the salt boxes, reporting to Wiltshire Council Highways.

Cllrs discussed the ongoing maintenance of the water meadow, noting the ongoing and valued work completed by the Community Payback Team.

023/2022 Date for next meeting  
Monday 12th September 2022 at 7:00pm.

Unapproved