

MINUTES

of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of
FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Village Hall, Lower Froyle,
on Tuesday 13th June 2017 at 7.45 pm

Present:

Parish Council:

Mr. I. Deans
Mr. T. Fay
Mr. I. Macnabb
Dr. A. Roberts
Mrs. J. Southern
Mrs. J. Wallis
Mr. N. Whines

Clerk

Others: Dist. Cllr. Watts + 4 others, to item 6.2

ITEM 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mr. K. Anfield.

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

14 17-18 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th May 2017 be accepted as a true record.

The Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 2nd June 2017 to be considered at the next meeting.

ITEM 3 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

13th March 2017

40 17.5.17 Mr. Deans Lasham

8th May 2017

1 9.5.17 TSB Not closing

5 9.5.17 OCS Recreation ground grass cutting

13 10.5.17 Mr. Macnabb Footpaths: clearing of growth

21 12.5.17 I. Deans Footpath clearing

27 15.5.17 Mr. Macnabb Insurance: limit of cover, notification

43 18.5.17 Mr. Macnabb Came & Co.: Hiscox is rated by Standard & Poors (S & P) at " A+ - strong".

53 22.5.17 Mr. Pickering Auditor role

55 24.5.17 Mrs. MacInnes Bin UF

60 26.5.17 BDO: Audit: Outstanding Review Points: explanation of significant difference in other income required. Clerk responded.

ITEM 4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16 35584/005 HSE Old Dairy, Ryebidge Lane, Upper Froyle, Greenhouse
FPC responded with no comment.

ITEM 5 PLANNING RESULTS

57 37223/003 Colt House, Ryebidge Lane, Upper Froyle Remove 2 Conifers in the rear garden NO OBJECTION

58 53696/011 Misselbrook Farm, Ryebidge Lane, Upper Froyle, Retention of logstore and garden shed PERMISSION

ITEM 6 FROYLE PARK

6.1 Mrs. Southern said that the FPC letter to all district councillors had been acknowledged by Councillors and that some had responded indicating that they would follow up with more detailed questions. Councillor Watts was asked whether Councillors would have the ability to ask further questions and receive answers regarding Froyle Park. Dist.Cllr. Watts said that district councillors do not know what the legal opinion provided to their district council is, but could ask questions about it of their officer, the Solicitor and Monitoring Officer, who considers the matter closed.

Mr. Whines said that the parish council needs to know what evidence the EHDC officers had to form their opinion that there has been no breach of planning permission. EHDC Dist.Cllr. Watts did not know how EHDC officers formed their opinion, but will ask them.

Mr. Whines said that EHDC's solicitor and monitoring officer had claimed that FPC's dispute is with the owners of Froyle Park, even though FPC had written to EHDC, and not to the owners of Froyle Park, to dispute EHDC's interpretation of the planning permission they had granted.

The following item was discussed after item 11:

6.2 FPC apology had been sent to the Alton Herald. Clerk to send a copy with a covering letter, to be drafted by Mrs. Southern, to all EHDC councillors. Mrs. Southern to confirm to N. Roach solicitors that this has been done. It was agreed to send a copy of that apology with a covering note to be drafted by Mrs. Southern to Mr Leach as a response to his letter to FPC of 6th June.

Mrs. Southern to arrange meeting with N. Roach, accompanied by Dr. Roberts, N. Roach's demand for money having been withdrawn. Residents to be asked via Village Magazine what issues they would like discussed with N. Roach, which could include intensity of wedding use, damage to near neighbours, interruption of church services, signage. N. Roach to be asked for his agenda, and to be informed that FPC is compiling their agenda.

The possibility of private action by affected individuals and a stage 2 complaint by FPC were discussed.

Mr. Deans felt that QC advice had gone as far as it could, and even if successful what it would achieve was in question.

Mr. Macnabb said that QC opinion on chance of success was not good, and though he would like to re-open talks with EHDC they are not responsive.

Mr. Whines suggested that FPC could support an individual appeal to the Ombudsman.

Dr. Roberts considered the matter grossly unfair.

Mrs. Wallis did not consider that a stage 2 appeal would achieve anything and so FPC action should stop, to which Mr. Fay agreed. She stated that she had appealed to the Ombudsman without success.

Mr. Whines said that Mr. Leach must tell FPC how FPC can explain to residents why Froyle Park is a wedding venue. It was queried how one could have confidence in EHDC decisions. The new EHDC leader could be invited to meet FPC. A complaint against Mr. Leach could be made. As Monitoring Officer, Mr. Leach has a statutory duty. Mr. Ezekiel could be asked why the planning guidance was not used when deciding the application for a car park.

It was agreed to send a copy of the apology copied to EHDC councillors to Mr. Leach, and to write to the EHDC councillors who had responded to FPC's letter to tell them that EHDC officers had not provided FPC with the evidence on which they had based their opinion.

Mr. Macnabb to forward the solicitor's bill to the insurers, and Mrs. Southern to circulate it.

ITEM 7 REPORTS BY COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS

7.1 Mr. Macnabb reported that the playground survey is under way, and he will approve the site plan if agreed with a subcommittee. 26th June is still the due date for installing the equipment.

Mr. Whines reported that EHDC have provided cabinet funds, with Open Spaces money being approved and will be paid against invoices, payments to be allocated to a fund, for the playground/hut project. Grants received were £15,000 from Cabinet fund and £29,000 from Open spaces.

7.2 Mr. Deans had circulated an email update on transport matters including an update from the Speedwatch Group. It was agreed to respond to A Pledge email of 20th March with further information on disruption caused by lorries on the Lower Froyle Road, copied to Dist.Cllr. Watts. The speed watch group were yet to submit an application under the HCC Community Funded Initiative, the PC would be copied in.

ITEM 8 OTHER MATTERS

8.1 51 20.5.17 Ms Taylor sign on entrance to Froyle Green. Froyle Park manager had said he would provide additional temporary signs to Froyle Park. Dist.Cllr. Watts explained that brown tourist signs could not be used. It was suggested that Froyle Park liveried signs could be put at the bottom and top of Hen and Chicken Hill. Various sign options were discussed. It was agreed that initially a sign which identifies Froyle Green should be installed and see if it reduces the number of wedding cars turning into Froyle Green, as Froyle Park entrance cannot be seen from the top of the hill resulting in visitors turning in to Froyle Green. A more prominent sign describing the entrance for Froyle Green as private and for residents only and a sign directing visitors to Froyle Park could be installed. Dr Roberts and Mrs. Wallis objected to further signs to Froyle Park in the village. Mr. Peaker agreed to follow up on behalf of Froyle green residents. Ms Taylor agreed to ask Froyle Park who owns the wall at the entrance.

8.2 Upper Froyle bin Some residents had felt that the bin looks to urban and is either unnecessary or in the wrong place, suggesting it should be somewhere down Hen and Chicken Hill. It was noted that the exact site of a bin depended in part on where it could be emptied. EHDC had said they could not empty a bin on Jubilee Green, saying it is private land, but Mr. Whines pointed out that Jubilee Green is owned by the parish council just as the recreation ground is owned by the parish council, where EHDC does empty a bin. It was suggested a bin with a wooden exterior might look better. Whether a bin was necessary at all was considered, and it was concluded that a smaller bin of more sympathetic design would be preferable. It was agreed to recheck the initial advice received from EHDC regarding the ability to site a bin on Jubilee Green. Mrs. Southern agreed to write to Ms Gove and Mrs MacInnes to let them know what FPC are doing. No final decision would be made until all facts are available.

8.3 Internal Auditor vacancy: Noted that no local voluntary auditor found, but commercial internal auditing services are available. It was agreed to ask via the Village magazine for a local volunteer to fill the post.

8.4 Wall at top of Hen and Chicken Hill: Dist.Cllr. Watts had spoken to developer who said it should be mended within six weeks. Dr. Roberts, Mr. Deans, Mr. Whines, with perhaps some residents, could meet EHDC officer P. Fellows.

ITEM 9 CORRESPONDENCE

4 9.5.17	HCC	Service invitation to Clerk and Chairman
33 16.5.17	RAF Odiham	RAF Odiham Families Day 2017
35 17.5.17	Steve Lewis, General Manager, Froyle Park	New manager
50 19.5.17	EHDC	Local plan: SPB & Gaps Draft Methodologies

ITEM 10 MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

10.1 Mr. Macnabb: Trees at Coldrey: Mr. Wells had inspected the trees and not found a problem. Mr. Macnabb to inspect himself and speak to Mr. Figgins.

10.2 Sports Hut: Mr. Fay said that some residents had suggested the site could be a storage area. He pointed out that residents had already been consulted, and it had been decided that there would be no kitchen yet and a storage area. It was decided to consult residents again on that basis, and better costing sought and the figures circulated. It was suggested that the area should be paved.

ITEM 11 MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

11.1 Covenant re access to properties in Upper Froyle housing development: temporary access to properties required and believed to be permitted. Behaviour of Froyle Park employee objecting to owners' access of their properties, of which residents have complained to Froyle Park. Dist. Cllr. Watts agreed to speak to the manager at Froyle Park, and Mrs. Southern to bring up this matter with Mr. Roach when she meets him.

11.2 It had been asked whether there is a parish council hardship fund for individual Froyle schoolchildren. Clerk reported that there is no such fund. It was decided that grants for this purpose could be applied for in the usual way. Mrs Southern to write to Katie Pinchess, Headmistress at Bentley Primary school, to better understand the requirement.

ITEM 12 MATTERS FOR REPORTING IN VILLAGE MAGAZINE

Voluntary internal auditor vacancy.

Froyle Park: EHDC reiterating same response ie does not consider there has been a breach of planning permission therefore no enforcement required though no evidence of compliance with planning permission provided; possible invitation to meet new leader of EHDC; letter to press and legal complaint.

Hut site: funding for replacement available, further consultation of residents.

ITEM 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th July at 7.45 pm.

The meeting closed at 10 pm.

Date.....

Chairman.....