

MINUTES of the MEETING of FROYLE PARISH COUNCIL

held in Froyle Village Hall on **Tuesday 15th September 2026** at 19.00

Attendees

Parish Council (PC):

P. Roberts (PR) (Chair)

A. Roberts (AR)

K. Snowball (KS)

A. Birchall (AB)

Other: A. Potter (Clerk)

Residents/Visitors: One resident

1. Apologies for absence:

M. Blanche (MB)

S. Lelliott Tree Warden (SL)

2. Declaration of Interest:

PR declared an interest in planning application EHDC-26-0977-HSE

3. Confirmation of Minutes:

24 26/27 it was **resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting of Froyle Parish Council held on 13th July 2026 be accepted and signed by the Chair as a true record. Status of actions:

- **Acquisition of water dispenser (AR)** identification of suppliers and determination of water provider approvals ongoing
- **Volunteering (KS)** the Village Hall Committee obtained a £300 grant to fund the Safari supper in September (**Closed**);
- **Community Transport grant (AB)** suggested the new Transport Working Group investigates possible schemes once established (**Closed**);
- **VH Bus shelter (AB)** advised that this work has now been completed, and the book swap scheme will be included in the Mag (**Closed**);
- **Lengthsman visit (AB)** advised that work undertaken during 16/7 visit included cutting back vegetation on Ryebidge Lane opposite the White House, and Rec to Park Lane footpath (FP35). Suggested that job locations are given to lengthsman in future using What3Words and residents be informed of the scheme and visit dates to suggest areas of work to be undertaken.

Item	Discussion	Agreed Action/Outcome	Status
4. Issues raised by Residents and other community matters			
a) Tree Warden (SL)	SL provided a report including an amendment to the decision (19 26/27) re award of the contract to fell the gean to Hampshire Tree & Garden. The quote for this work is reference 542 dated 17/3/26 for a price of £1,200 exc VAT not ref 279 as previously reported at the meeting on 13/7. The quoted price is within the budget provided for this	25 26/27 it was resolved to accept quote 542 dated 17 March 2026 from	Open

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	work and, while higher than the quote from P. Knights, Hampshire Tree & Garden were considered to have more experience of this type of work which was important given the exposed position of the tree. A proposal to pre-qualify contractors who could then be considered for tree and hedge works was agreed. Contractors will be invited to submit quotes for cutting the beech hedge along Ryebriidge Lane and remedial work on trees bordering the Rec including raising the canopy of the Jubilee Oak. SL reported that several of the disease resistant elms planted earlier in 2026 suffered badly during the drought.	Hampshire Tree and Garden to fell the gean on Hadwicks Corner SL to obtain quotes for hedge cutting along Ryebriidge Lane and remedial work on Rec trees.	
b) Jubilee Green bench repair	A resident had reported the state of the bench on Jubilee Green. It was agreed to consider repairs to the bench in the 2027 budget as part of the revised working group structure	Defer to work schedule for 2027 and consider inclusion in 2026/27 budget	Closed
c) FP35 steps at Park Lane	A resident had reported the steps at the Park Lane end of the footpath from the Rec (FP35) were slippery and handrail was overgrown. PR confirmed that Hampshire Countryside had reviewed the steps and did not consider them to require repair. A meeting with Hampshire County Council (HCC) and Hampshire Countryside Services (HCS) should be requested regarding remedial works to ditch and steps. PR has cut back the vegetation on the handrail.	Request further meeting with HCC/HCS regarding remedial work to footpath and ditch.	Open
5. Report from District Councillor – TC did not attend the meeting or provide a report.			
6. Reports from Parish Councillors			
a) Rec & Playground project	AB advised that the feedback from the Fete had been collated. PR requested that the status and future direction of this project be deferred to the discussion in closed session regarding the resources and priorities for the PC over the next three years. KS confirmed that the awarded S106 grant had to be spent within a fixed period or returned.	Future activity to be determined as part of 2027 and subsequent schedule when available resources determined.	Open

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b) Meeting with Froyle Estate	PR advised that a meeting had been held with Froyle Estate on 18 August. Work on establishing permissive footpaths has been put on hold during harvest. No updates were provided on outstanding planning applications	Next meeting to be arranged	Closed
c) Status of football pitch	PR advised that goals had been ordered for the return of football to Froyle after receipt of a grant from the Football Foundation. A pitch inspection will be undertaken by Pitch Power in October costing £100. A £500 Community grant had been applied for to purchase a line marking machine and other pitch accessories with the balance of any funding being provided by AFC Froyle	26 26/27 it was resolved to acquire the goals from MH Goals at a cost of £395.10 inc VAT. The balance of the total cost of £1148.40 inc VAT will be funded by a Football Foundation grant Maintain contact with Jason Smith on developments	Open
d) Neighbourhood Watch	AR advised that the Neighbourhood Watch coordinator in Isington had been in contact enquiring whether Froyle would be interested in joining a WhatsApp group to share reports of crime etc in the area. It was agreed in principle that Froyle would join but a resource for Froyle coordination is required.	Identify a candidate to lead NW in Froyle	Open
7. Planning matters			
a) New planning applications	See Attachment 7a - nine new planning applications have been received since the PC meeting in July of which all but one (EHDC-26-0977-HSE Post Office Cottage demolition and rear single storey extension) had closed prior to the meeting. It was agreed that no comments would be made re all the closed applications except EHDC-26-0619-OUT re outline planning permission for 25 dwellings on Ryebriidge Lane (Hen & Chicken Hill) for which an objection had been agreed electronically and submitted. Comment was also made re the retaining wall re application EHDC-26-0633-HSE for a single storey extension at School House on Ryebriidge Lane.	27 26/27 it was resolved that an objection be submitted re EHDC-26-0619-OUT; comments submitted re EHDC-26-0633-HSE; and no	Closed

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	It was agreed that no comment would be made re EHDC-26-0977-HSE Post Office Cottage demolition and rear single storey extension	comments be submitted re all other applications listed in Attachment 7a	
b) Result of applications and Compliance issues	See attachment 7b – five applications in Froyle had been decided since the PC meeting on 13 th July and permission granted in all case.	No actions arising	Closed
c) Other planning and licensing issues	PR reported that a brief meeting had been held with the Robertson family regarding their outline plans to build 8 houses including 4 affordable properties on the field along Froyle Road between the Rec and Park Lane. A planning application is expected to be submitted towards the end of Q1 2027 and further consideration on the matter would be given then. AR advised that a Froyle Park resident was preparing a Stage 2 licencing complaint as no Noise Management Plan had been agreed which was a requirement of the licencing changes agreed earlier in the year.	No action arising Noted and agreed to monitor developments	Closed Closed
8. Finance Matters			
a) Accounts & bank reconciliation	See attachment 8a – bank reconciliations and payments made in July and August were noted	No actions arising	Closed
b) Notice of Conclusion of External Audit	Clerk advised that notice had been received from the External Auditors re the 2025/26 accounts with no qualifications. The notice has been posted on the website as required	No actions arising	Closed
c) Insurance	Clerk advised that a renewal invitation had been received with a premium of £1,372.76 representing an increase of £26.20 from 2025/26 and within the 2026/27 budget of £1,600.00. The renewal invitation neither included the bus shelter or goal posts recently acquired by the PC and KS pointed out that the playground equipment replacement value was significantly less than quotes received by the playground project team. A long-term renewal of three years or single year at the same price was offered however the premium could be amended if the insured assets changed during the period of the long term renewal.	28 26/27 it was resolved to renew the insurance with Hiscox for a further year at a premium of £1,372.76 plus any additional sum to include additional items and increase in replacement value of	Closed

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	It was agreed to renew for a single year as the playground project would result in new equipment requiring insurance that would affect the premium. A long-term deal would be considered in 2027 when the new equipment had been installed. It was further agreed to request the bus shelter be included at a replacement cost of £18,000 as advised by AB, the goal posts be included at purchase cost, and the insured value of the playground equipment be increased from £20,000 to £32,000. Post meeting a revised renewal premium of £1,595.08 was received from the insurers which was within the approved budget. The policy has been renewed for a further 12 months from 1st October 2026. Clerk advised that he had received advice from the insurers that a third party claim for damage to a vehicle at the Fete could only be brought against the PC as owner of the land and negligence would have to be demonstrated. Any further communication on this matter would be with the Fete Committee who were responsible for the event. This outcome reconfirmed the need to have a meeting between the PC, Village Hall and other groups holding events on the Rec to confirm the position re insurance, risk management etc.	the playground equipment Clerk to obtain a revised quote for the additional items to be insured. PR to arrange meeting with VH and others prior to next planned event on Rec No further action	Closed
d) Non budgeted items	It was agreed that no further action would be taken regarding the acquisition of dog poo bag dispensers for the Rec as the Community Grant to fund these had not been approved. Similarly no further action would be taken regarding the Yarnhams finger post repair and renovation until resources and funding had been identified to work on these. Consideration would be given to include these items in the 2027/28 budget.	To be considered further during preparation of the 2027/28 budget	Closed
9. Matters raised by Clerk and any other business			
a) Parish Councillor resignations	Clerk advised that notices of resignation had been received from Robbie McRiley, who was leaving the village to take up a further education course, and Julie Southern. Both were thanked for their contributions to the work of the PC.	All to identify residents who might be prepared to serve as Parish Councillors	Open

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	These resignations bring the number of vacancies to three which is impacting on the ability of the PC to undertake more than its basic responsibilities until new Councillors can be appointed.		
b) Traffic Management through Froyle	Clerk advised that after discussion with Highways the total cost of a second Speed Indicator Device (SID) and provision of extension poles at 4 additional locations would amount to £5,370 with Slow Down display and £6,356 with Smiley Face display. The sum included in the 2026/27 budget for the second SID was £3,000 and, after discussion with the Community Speedwatch Team, it was agreed to defer the acquisition of a second SID and include this in the scope of traffic management enhancements to be discussed with Highways. These discussions would be taken up by an extended Highways group reporting to a PC Councillor when volunteers have been identified. Inclusion of funds for such enhancements would be considered in the 2027/28 budget.	To be considered further during preparation of the 2027/28 budget	Closed
c) Safeguarding Policy	A Safeguarding policy based on the updated Village Hall (VH) policy was distributed for comment. It was agreed that further work on this was required including whether such a policy was required by the PC as it had no direct contact with vulnerable people including children while carrying out its duties. The VH policy would be taken down from the PC website.	Clerk to take down the VH Safeguarding policy from the PC website. The PC requirement for such a policy would be included with the Risk Management review later in the year	Open
d) Dimanche car rally	Clerk advised that he had received notice from Farnborough District Motor Club of their intention to hold a competitive event in the environs of Froyle on Sunday 11 th April 2027. The impact on Froyle would be limited to relocation of competitors from Lord Wandsborough school to Well with the upper section of Well Lane made one-way only on the day. After discussion it was agreed to accept the event would proceed but request the organisers to make the whole of Well Lane from Lower Froyle to Well one-way for the safety of all other road users. Competitor compliance with speed limits and	Clerk to notify the event organisers of the PC concerns and requirements for one way operation of Well Lane	Closed

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	awareness of other road users would be stressed and details of the event must be notified to residents in advance of the date		
e) Local Government Reorganisation	Clerk advised that the proposed Local Government Reorganisation that would have seen Hampshire County Council and East Hampshire District Council replaced by Unitary Authorities has been put on hold by the Government.	No actions arising	Closed
Date of next meeting: Monday 12 th October 2026 at 19.00 in the Village Hall.			

Chair

Date

Attachments

Item 7a Planning Applications received since last meeting:

Froyle Parish - Planning Applications Comments						
Application Ref	Date Issued for comment	Comments Close	Address	Location	Description	Councillor Comments
						MB PR JS
EHDC-26-0158-HSE	14/07/2026	28/07/2026	Well Lane Corner Froyle Road, GU34 4LJ	LF	Alterations and enlargement of the roof, of the existing outbuilding	
EHDC-26-0633-HSE	24/07/2026	13/08/2026	School House Ryebidge Lane GU34 4LB	UF	Single story side extension	Commented re retaining wall
EHDC-026-0838-TCA		24/08/2026	Sylrock Farm Froyle Road GU34 4LL	LF	Tree works	No notification received from EHI
EHDC-26-0847-TCA	05/08/2026	25/08/2026	Old Brewery House, Husseys Lane GU34 4LX	LF	Tree works	
EHDC-26-0660-HSE	07/08/2026	27/08/2026	4, Turnpike Cottages, Farnham Road GU34 4JQ	UF	Proposed rear orangery	
EHDC-26-0661-LBC						
EHDC-26-0646-LDCP	11/08/2026	31/08/2026	Land NE of the Hen & Chicken Ryebidge Lane	UF	LDC re proposed siting of a caravan on concrete slab	EHDC issue - no comments
EHDC-26-0716-LBC	11/08/2026	31/08/2026	3, Turnpike Cottage, Farnham Road GU34 4JQ	UF	Rake out sand and repoint house	
EHDC-26-0619-OUT	10/08/2026	06/09/2026	Land south of car park, Ryebidge Lane	UF	Outline application for up to 25 dwellings - access only to be considered	Objected (various)
EHDC-26-0977-HSE	11/09/2026	02/10/2026	Post Office Cottage, Ryebidge Lane GU34 4LB	UF	Demolition of existing kitchen and garage and construction of a rear single storey extension, car port and loggia.	

Item 7b Planning Applications determined since last meeting

Application	Location Details	Proposal	Ward	Community	Decision
EHDC-26-0516-TCA	MISSELBROOK FARM Ryebidge Lane, Upper Froyle, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4LB	T1- Mature Fir tree - Fell T2 -Mature fir- reduce height by 2m from 22m to 20m keeping conical but reducing windsail.	Bentworth & Froyle	Froyle CP	NO OBJECTION

Application	Location Details	Proposal	Ward	Community	Decision
EHDC-25-1180-FUL	Saintbury Hill Farm, SAINTBURY HILL FARM Bamber Lane, Lower Froyle, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4LE	Conversion of Beater's Barn to ancillary residential annex accommodation associated with Saintbury Hill Farm, with associated fenestration alterations.	Bentworth & Froyle	Froyle CP	Permission
EHDC-26-0623-DCON	3, TURNPIKE COTTAGES Farnham Road, Froyle, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4JQ	Discharge Condition 2 - Materials of approved application EHDC-25-0509-LBC - Replacement of all roof tiles and replacement of of rafters on the rear hip end. Pairing of roof rafters in the rear extension.			Condition Discharged

Application	Location Details	Proposal	Ward	Community	Decision
EHDC-26-0501-HSE	OAKLAHOMA Froyle Road, Lower Froyle, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4LJ	Demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side and rear extensions with internal alterations.	Bentworth & Froyle	Froyle CP	Permission
EHDC-25-1456-HSE	OLD DAIRY Ryebriidge Lane, Upper Froyle, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 4JP	Erection of extensions and alterations to the existing dwelling (as amended by documents received 22/07/2026)	Bentworth & Froyle	Froyle CP	Permission

Item 8a Payments made since last meeting & Bank Reconciliations

Current account @ 31 July 2026

Date: 13/08/2026

Time: 16:59

Froyle Parish Council Current Year

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/07/2026
for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c

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User: AJP

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Current Account	31/07/2026	123	22,259.01
			22,259.01
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			0.00
			22,259.01
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			0.00
			22,259.01
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	22,259.01
		Difference is :-	0.00

Date: 13/08/2026

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Bank Reconciliation up to 31/07/2026 for Cashbook No 1 - Current Bank A/c

User: AJP

Date	Cheque/Ref	Amnt Paid_	Amnt Banked_	Stat Amnt_	Difference_	Cleared	Payee Name or Description
06/07/2026	S106		1,797.00	1,797.00		R ☐	Receipt(s) Banked
09/07/2026	VAT		340.16	340.16		R ☐	Receipt(s) Banked
14/07/2026	BACS	1,245.60		1,245.60		R ☐	Ibex Property group
14/07/2026	BACS	60.00		60.00		R ☐	Marzena Tralew ska
14/07/2026	BACS	204.00		204.00		R ☐	Wildly Upbeat Printers
14/07/2026	BACS	229.95		229.95		R ☐	Wildly Upbeat Printers
14/07/2026	BACS	40.00		40.00		R ☐	Froyle Village Hall
14/07/2026	Donation		934.20	934.20		R ☐	Receipt(s) Banked
21/07/2026	BACS	70.80		70.80		R ☐	HALC
23/07/2026	DD	560.52		560.52		R ☐	HMRC PAYE Cumbernauld
		<u>2,410.87</u>	<u>3,071.36</u>				

Current account @ 31 August 2026

Date: 01/09/2026	Froyle Parish Council Current Year	Page 1
Time: 13:46	Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/08/2026 for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/c	User: AJP

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Current Account	31/08/2026	124	21,645.57
			<u>21,645.57</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			21,645.57
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			21,645.57
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	21,645.57
		Difference is :-	0.00

Date: 01/09/2026	Froyle Parish Council Current Year	Page 1
Time: 13:46	Bank Reconciliation up to 31/08/2026 for Cashbook No 1 - Current Bank A/c	User: AJP

<u>Date</u>	<u>Cheque/Ref</u>	<u>Amnt Paid_</u>	<u>Amnt Banked_</u>	<u>Stat Amnt_</u>	<u>Difference_</u>	<u>Cleared</u>	<u>Payee Name or Description</u>
13/08/2026	BACS	11.00		11.00	R	☒	Wildly Upbeat Printers
13/08/2026	BACS	314.64		314.64	R	☒	Parish Council Websites
13/08/2026	BACS	40.00		40.00	R	☒	Froyle Village Hall
13/08/2026	BACS	75.00		75.00	R	☒	Marzena Tralewska
13/08/2026	BACS	252.00		252.00	R	☒	BDO LLP
25/08/2026	Advert		15.00	15.00	R	☒	Receipt(s) Banked
31/08/2026	Advert		64.20	64.20	R	☒	Receipt(s) Banked
		<u>692.64</u>	<u>79.20</u>				

Savings account @ 31 July 2026

Date: 13/08/2026	Froyle Parish Council Current Year	Page 1
Time: 16:41	Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31/07/2026 for Cashbook 2 - Saving Account	User: AJP

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Savings Account	31/07/2026	102	28,600.17
			28,600.17
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			0.00
			28,600.17
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			0.00
			28,600.17
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	28,600.17
		Difference is :-	0.00

Savings account @ 31 August 2026

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<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Savings Account	31/08/2026	103	28,636.36
			28,636.36
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			0.00
			28,636.36
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			0.00
			28,636.36
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	28,636.36
		Difference is :-	0.00