

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th JUNE 2021

PRESENT. Councillors D. Thomas, E. Utting, D. Harries, R. Harries, County Councillor M. John.

1. Apologies. Councillors G. Hughes, C. Griffith.
2. Declarations from Interests. None were declared.
3. Questions from the Public. No written questions had been received.
4. Minutes for the Previous Meeting.

The minutes for the meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021 were passed as true record. Proposed by Cllr. D. Harries and seconded by Cllr. Utting.

5. Matters Arising.

New housing development. Cllr. Thomas reported that the drainage issues for no's 211 and 213 New Road was being resolved.

All other matters would be dealt with under their respective headings.

6. Correspondence.

Hywel Dan Health Board. Newsletter.

OVW. Warning re. Mobile phone scam calls.

Highways Community Works Fund.

7. Highways & Rights of Way.

a. Speeding issues to Targate Road and Lower Freystrop. The response from PCC indicated that they will carry out a speed and signage survey but they have a backlog of four to five months.

B. Possible siting of a bus stop on New Road. There would be difficulties in siting a bus shelter where school children and regular users are picked up, due to the proximity of the cross roads and traffic having to overtake a stationary bus.

8. Planning Matters.

A. 21/0044/PA. New farm access to Middle Hill Farm. Permission had been granted, conditions not yet issued but will include specific points re. highway safety and drainage.

B. 20/1164/PA. DKAN Depot. No decision as yet, but Coal Authority have advised PCC that a mines survey will be required before approval can be granted.

9. Village Hall.

A. Electricity cContract. The three year contract with BG lite ends on 09/04/2022. The window is now open for renewal according to various utility brokers. The Chair requested permission to engage one or more of the brokers to undertake the renewal exercise

Agreed.

9. Village Hall/cont.

b. Cllr. THomas said that the Hall Accounts for 2020-2021 had been audited by Mr. R. Howells.

Income including £11,000 covid grant,	£11541.21
Expenditure.	£1676.81
Excess for income over expenditure.	£9864.40

Petty Cash.

Carried forward	£26
Income.	£160
Outgoings. (Mainly PPE).	£100.39
Excess.	£85.61

c. Present Bank Balance.

Current Account.	£13247.79
Deposit Account.	£1602.46

D. Hall Bookings. Cllr. THomas reported that they were encouraging and he thanked Cllr. D. Harries for putting details on the Freystrop Facebook Page.

10.Cemetery. Nothing to report.

11. Playing Fields.

A. The repair to the walls had still not been done.

B. Mr. D. Underwood had been engaged to do the grass cutting.

c. Cllr Thomas had met with an officer from PCC, who was carrying out an inspection of the play equipment. He had shown Cllr. Thomas what to look for during an inspection

The service level agreement with PCC will cost £615 and is payable at the end of the financial year.

12. Financial Matters.

Bank Balance. Current Account. £4912.92. Deposit Account. £13001.14

Accounts for Payment.

BHIB Annual Insurance. £263.41

13. One Voice Wales & PCC Liaison Meetings.

A. Cllr Thomas reported that he had attended an online OVW Executive meeting on the 4th June. OVW have earmarked £10,000 to support the Link Officer post.

B. Welsh Government are funding a Local Places Advisor who will work from OVW office and will be available to assist community councils

C. Welsh Government are soon to fund a Digital Officer who will work within OVW.

D. OVW are concerned over proposals by Welsh Government for future hybrid meeting arrangements

E. OVW are also concerned about reduction in Sec. 106 contribution's in certain circumstances.

F. There had not been a PCC Liaison Meeting.

14. County Councillors Report.

Cllr. John said that there was a public consultation on second home levy.

The Police & Crime Commissioner had issued a three year plan.

Mobile phone scams are on the increase and there was a possibility of a Fusion Power plant being built on the Milford Haven Waterway.

15. Members Requests.

Cllr. Utting said that she was going to apply for funding to purchase new equipment for the play area. Cllr Thomas said that there was £7500 available from the community council and that the Covid grant money could also be used.

16. Date of Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th July 2021.