

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 14th March 2022

1. ATTENDANCE .Cllrs D. Thomas,D.Harries,G.Hughes,C.Cllr M.John. Mr. R.Lavis.

APOLOGIES Cllrs.E. Utting and R. Harries. No members of public in attendance.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr. Russell Lavis as the new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to the Council stating that he would be formally taking up his duties from 1st April 2022. Chairman asked for ratification of the appointment and this was proposed by Cllr. Dawn Harries and seconded by Cllr. George Hughes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Chairman asked Cllrs to raise any at appropriate point in meeting.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting held on 14th February were approved.
Proposer Cllr G.Hughes seconder Cllr D.Harries.

5 MATTERS ARISING (items not coming up under reports).The Chairman stated that the original intention to house a defibrillator in the redundant telephone kiosk needed to be reviewed due to uncertainty over the electricity supply to the kiosk. Suggested that the defibrillator would be better placed outside the Village Hall and connected to the hall electricity supply.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

a.Age Cymru Dyfed- appeal for a donation. Consider in next financial year.

b.Pembs YFC –appeal for a donation . Ditto.

c.Town and Community Council Elections .Candidate nomination forms received for distribution to existing Cllrs .Any spares can go to interested members of public who can also contact PCC for forms. PCC press campaign for the elections commences on 18th March.

d.PCC letter regarding estimated charge to be imposed on our CC if the election is contested. Approx.. recharge is £3277.65 with reduction of £300-£500 if combined with a PCC election. Uncontested election cost would be £225.Community Councils can pay the charge in 5 annual instalments.

e. National Forest for Wales .Letter asking residents to identify suitable locations for tree planting.

7. REPORTS-HIGHWAYS & RoW

a.Northmoor Common and Little Milford RoW issues. Following 4 breaches of police caution notices the person concerned attended Magistrates Court last week and a trial has been set for 28th June.

8. REPORTS-PLANNING.

a.BDS-Site.Planning Application 21/1082/PA. This an application to remove a condition imposed when PCC refused application 21/0736/NM requiring adherence to the 1974 house plans.FCC response did not object to the removal of this condition. Chairman did mention however that it would have been far preferable for this condition to have been imposed when the Certificate of Lawful Development was granted in 2012/13.Potential developers would then have known from the outset the conditions they would have to abide by.

No indication as to when this latest application will be determined and some consultation documents including FCC's are not yet showing up on the PCC Planning website.

b.LDP no further news to report but consultation period on 3 additional candidate sites ends on 16th March.

9. VILLAGE HALL.

a.PAVS annual membership fee is due on 29th March and will be paid by DD in sum of £30.

b.Due to loss of SMBC bookings until the Autumn the Pembs. Canine Club have booked Tuesday evenings to prepare dogs for showing. They are leaving hall in very tidy state when finishing their sessions.

c. Have advised all regular hall users to keep access to Montrose clear for Mrs. Picton's carers.

d.VH roof needs checking-damp patch appearing – Cllr D.Harries also said that hall could do with painting internally.

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- e.VH Bank Accounts as at 25th February 2022:-Current A/C £14650.03 Deposit A/C £1602.58. Chairman suggested amalgamating accounts as deposit A/C interest is negligible.-no decision taken.
- f. Agreed to purchase a floor polisher. Chairman asked Cllr D. Harries to look into identifying a suitable model.
- g. agreed to purchase a new dehumidifier as current one has stopped working. Chairman said he would sort out this purchase .
- h. New 4 year electricity contract with BGLite commences on 10th April 2022.

10. CEMETERY.

- a. Still some rubbish /fly tipping in lower car park.

11.PLAYING FIELD & JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

- a.Service Level Agreement invoice for Play Area.2021/22 still awaited from PCC (£615)
- b. 3 year SLA sent to PCC –year on year costs £928/£947/£966 includes for 12 grass cuts. Agreement can be terminated at 1 months notice by either PCC or FCC.
- b.Still a possibility that a function will be held to commemorate the Queen Platinum Jubilee.

12.FINANCIAL MATTERS.

- a. PCC have confirmed that our precept for 2022/23 will be £5000.
- b.One Voice Wales subscription for 2022/23 £91.
Agreed to pay this- proposed Cllr. D. Harries seconded Cllr G.Hughes -cheque no.549 issued.
- c. Internal Auditors Report on 2020/21 finances accepted (copy to be appended to minutes).
IA's honorarium £50 cheque no.547 issued.
- d.Bank balances Current A/C £4549.11 Deposit (Projects)A/C £13002.12 bank charges £5.40.
- e. Chairman declared an interest in the following item.The budget for the current year has an allocation of£500 for the Chairman's allowance. This has not been claimed in previous years but due to the resignation of the Clerk in November 2021 extra duties had to be borne by the Chairman acting as interim clerk and having to deal with the Annual Financial Return to the Wales Audit Office for 2020/21.
Approval to pay this allowance was given –proposed Cllr G. Hughes seconded Cllr. D.Harries –cheque no. 548 issued.

13. OVW& PCC LIAISON MEETINGS.

- a.Last 2 PCC liaison meetings cancelled due to lack of interest apparently. PCC consider these should now be organised by the new OVW Link Officer Emyr John.
- b.Next OVW Pembs Area meeting is now on 11th April and clashes with April FCC Meeting.-latter will be Chairman's priority.
- c.Chairman had an on-line OVW Policy Committee Meeting on previous Friday.

14.COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

- a.PCC Budget finalised previous week 5%increase accepted.
- b.PCC receiving £3M under UK Community Funf (ex ERDF).
- c. Council House building at Johnston (old school site) restarting.
- d.Election events being held on 16th March and 7th April on line.
- E. The damaged and dangerous ruts on the roadside by the former Tiddley PH. Had been reported to PCC.

15. MEMBERS POINTS.

- a Cllr G.Hughes stated that the PCC road sweeping machine had been in Lower Freystrop but road drainage gullies still blocked with leaves.

16.DATE OF NEXT MEETING- Monday 11th April 2022 at 7.30pm.

These minutes were approved on 11th April

Proposed by _____ seconded by _____