

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2020

Present. Councillors D. Thomas, D. Harries, R. John, G. Hughes, County Councillor M. John, C. Griffith.

1. Apologies. Councillors E. Utting, R. Harries.
2. Declarations of Interests.
Cllr Thomas declared an interest in the new development at New Road.
3. Questions from the Public.
No members of the public were present and no written questions had been received.
4. Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting.
The minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr D. Harries and seconded by Cllr Hughes.
5. Minutes of the September Monthly Meeting.
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr D. Harries and seconded by Cllr Hughes.
6. Matters Arising.
Matters arising would be dealt with under their respective headings.
7. Correspondence.
 1. Correspondence had been received from BDS regarding a housing development at New Road, Freystrop. Cllr Thomas said that he had sent a letter on behalf of the council to BDS requesting certain information and assurances.
Cllr R. John said that the first he knew of the letter was when he was approached by Mr A. Summons and asked about it. Cllr R. John further said that if the council were going to ask BDS for a Section 106 contribution, then the council should also ask for a contribution from the developers of St Clements Park and Popular Park.
Cllr D. Harries said that all correspondence sent on behalf of the council should be discussed by the councillors before being sent.
Cllr Thomas said that he had been approached by some of his neighbours who had concerns about the development.
Cllr Harries suggested that Cllr Thomas should no longer represent the concerned neighbours.
Cllr Thomas accepted that the matter should have come before the community council for discussion prior to issuing any correspondence and asked for his apology to be recorded in the minutes.
A representative from BDS would attend the November meeting of the council.
 2. BT had offered to sell the telephone kiosk to the community council for £1. It was agreed by the councillors that the kiosk be purchased.
 3. An invitation had been received from Johnston Scouts for the councillors to attend their virtual Annual General Meeting.

8. Highways & Rights of Way.
 1. Lower Freystrop Bus Shelter. PCC are due to begin work on this project shortly.
 2. Street lighting and cabling had been replaced at Freystrop Cross end of Moorland Road.
 3. Bastleford Cross. The sign warning large vehicles had still not been replaced but the matter was in hand with PCC. The traffic data monitoring unit had been removed.
9. Planning Matters.
 1. Bower House, New Road. This application was still awaiting approval.
 2. Middle Hill gateway. No update from PCC.
 3. Revised LDP2. Cllr Thomas said that the timetable was not yet available. C. Cllr. M. John said that LDP2 had been put back at least eight or nine months.
10. Village Hall.
 1. Cllr Thomas gave a summary of the activities that were not returning to the hall at present, the ones that were and the new activities.
 2. Cllr Thomas said that activities were limited to one a day.
 3. The hall had been provisionally booked for the Police & Crime Commissioner election in May 2021. Cllr Thomas had submitted a plan of the building to the Returning Officer to prove compliance to Covid regulations.
 4. Bank Accounts.

Current Account.	£12972.89
Deposit Account.	£1602.38 as at end of September.
11. Cemetery.

Cllr Thomas was pleased to report that the car park was generally clean of litter.
12. Playing Field.
 1. Cllr Thomas had advised Sovereign Play Equipment that the council will not proceed with the purchase of the climbing frame and slide independently. A comprehensive plan needs to be drawn up for complete refurbishment.
 2. Cllr Thomas reported that repairs were needed to the entrance bay pillars and surface. Carl Griffiths had been invited to provide a quote.
13. Financial Matters.

Bank Accounts.	
Current Account.	£5949.93
Deposit Account.	£13000.27
14. One Voice Wales & PCC Liaison Meetings.

Cllr Thomas said that he had taken part in a video conference with the One Voice Wales National Executive.
15. County Councillors Report.

Cllr M. John said that PCC had issued a press release that day urging people to be extra vigilant during this pandemic.

Recycling Centres were now operating on winter regulations, with changes to hours and days open.

Pembrokeshire had attained the highest attendance in Wales for pupils attending schools.

As a result of fly tipping the culprit had been traced and fined £2500.

A school bus was now operating from Freystrop to Hook School and had started that morning.

16. Members Requests.

Cllr R. John said that he was concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling through Freystrop. It was hoped that the Community Speed Watch Team would be able to visit the village shortly.

Cllr Thomas wished Cllr R. John all the best for his forthcoming hospital appointment.

17. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 9th November 2020.