

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELDN MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2021.

Present. Councillors D Thomas, E. Utting, D. Harries, G. Hughes, County Councillor M. John, R. Harries.

Members of the Public. Mrs C. Pugh, Mrs Redding, R. Lavis

1. Apologies. C. Griffith.
2. Declarations of Interests. None were declared.
3. Questions from the Public. The Chairman, Cllr. Thomas invited Mrs Pugh to speak on her proposals to improve areas of Northmoor Common. Mrs Pugh and her husband having purchased Windy Hill now have rights on the common. Mrs Pugh and her husband are in discussion the Commons Officer at PCC for a 3 stage phased improvement to the common Mrs Pugh welcomed a suggestion that there could be possible involvement by Hook school children.
4. Minutes of the Annual Meeting. The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12th July 2021 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Utting and seconded by Cllr. D. Harries.
5. Minutes of the Previous Meeting. The minutes of the monthly meeting held on Monday 12th July 2021 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. Utting and seconded by Cllr. D. Harries.
6. Matters Arising. Cllr. Thomas said that the telephone kiosk at the crossroads is now owned by FCC. Cllr. Thomas had posted a notice to that effect on the kiosk. Consideration to be given to the installation of a defibrillator for which various grants are available.
7. Correspondence. All relevant correspondence had been circulated.
8. Highways and Rights of Way. The Chairman, Cllr. Thomas had met with the Go Care Team (speed camera) outside the Village Hall. They said that they would be attending there on a frequent basis. Cllr. Thomas had asked about Targate Road. They replied that there was a procedure to follow before they could take on additional problem areas.
C. Cllr. M. John said that the volunteer camera team had also been in the village and had recorded 32 offenders in one hour. Those travelling over 40mph would receive a letter from the Police but cannot be prosecuted.
The pothole opposite the Slate Centre had been repaired.
Possible bus shelter a on New Road, there was no further progress.

9. Planning Matters. 21/0260/PA. Wren & Wagtail Cottage. Approved.
21/0113/PA. Sorrento, Targate Road. Approved.
20/0095/PA. Bower House, New Road. Approved.
21/0201/PA. BDS development off New Road. Pending.
NP/21/0351/FUL. Church Cottage. Pending

20/1164/PA. DKAN Depot. Approved. Cllr Thomas said that regarding the DKAN Depot, PCC Planning had totally ignored the objections submitted by FCC. Nearby residents are extremely upset. Cllr. Thomas said he would be writing to PCC to say that the views of Town and Community Councils when they object to an application should be given greater weight in the Planning Officers considerations. Cllr. Thomas said that when a planning application is submitted to National Park, If Town & Community Councils submit an objection, then the decision is not delegated to an officer. The application goes to the planning committee where public representations can be made. Cllr. Thomas felt that PCC should follow suit.

10. Village Hall. Cllr Thomas said that bookings are excellent. Short Mat bowls would hopefully return over the autumn and winter. Broken external light had been replaced.

Following concerns about the stickiness of the floor following a party. A floor buffer would be hired this week.

Bank Balances, Current Account. £13825.71. Deposit Account £1602.50.

Cllr Thomas said that the car park extension was progressing well, tarmac and wooden railings still to be completed.

A new electricity contract had been set up by Cllr Thomas to run from April 2022.

11. Cemetery. Nothing to report.
12. Playing Field. Cllr Thomas said that the contractors still had to return to remove timber shuttering to piers and repair a large pothole . A report on the project to improve the playing field and play area was given by R. Lavis and Cllr Utting. Clearance of scrub and bushes had been carried out the previous weekend. A second Community letter was about to be circulated and a meeting will be held in the village hall On 23/09/2021
13. Financial Matters.

Bank Balances. Current Account. £5845.51. Projects Account. £13001.47

14. One Voice Wales & PCC Liaison Meetings. Cllr Thomas had attended an online OVW Executive Policy meeting on 03/09/2021 which had an extensive agenda