

## FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017

Present. Cllr's D. Thomas, G. Hughes, D. Harries, R. John, E. Utting, R. Harries.  
County Cllr M. John, C. Griffith( Clerk), PC J. Dunn

## 1. APOLOGIES.

All the councillors were present.

## 2. COMMUNITY SPEED CAMERAS.

Cllr Thomas introduced Pc Jon Dunn and invited him to address the meeting. Pc Dunn gave details of how the scheme worked and the training received by volunteers. He said that applicants could work in their own area or other area's if they preferred. It needed a team of three to operate the speed camera and he gave details of how to apply. He said that if a problem was identified by the councillors he was prepared to attend himself with the equipment. Cllr Thomas thanked Pc Dunn for attending.

## 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

None declared.

## 4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

None present.

5. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr Hughes.

## 6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING.

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## 7. MATTERS ARISING.

## a. Annual Financial Report.

Cllr Thomas said that the report had been sent to the external auditor and the Clerk confirmed that it had been received.

## b. Clerks employment contract.

The Clerk said that he had read the contract and was happy to sign it. This would be arranged by Cllr Thomas.

## c. Johnson Scouts.

Cllr Thomas said that he attended two meetings to discuss a new constitution for the scouts hall at Hill Mountain and that it was still a work in progress.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE.

## a. National Park.

Proposals for LDP.

Noted

## b. Planed.

Notice of AGM.

Cllr Thomas hoped to attend.

c. Mid & West Wales Fire & Rescue.

Survey re. Services.

Cllr. D. Harries had replied.

d. Play for Wales.

Newsletter.

Noted

e. Police & Crime Commissioner.

Choice of language for communications.

Clerk to reply and update contact details

f. Citizens Advice Bureau.

Request for donation. It was proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries that £50 be donated to this worthwhile cause.

#### 9. HIGHWAYS & RIGHT OF WAY.

Cllr Thomas said that Cllr Utting had raised concerns regarding agricultural tractors speeding on Moorland Road, he had passed the complaint on to the police who had in turn spoken to the contractor and issued appropriate advice. Cllr R. John said that there was damage to the road surface.

Cllr M. John said that he had received a reply from PCC following his complaint about the condition of Moorland Road and that improvement works were in the pipeline. The situation would be monitored and the County Council written to if nothing happened in the next few months

#### 10. PLANNING MATTERS.

Cllr Thomas reported that tree felling and pruning at the Cobbles had been approved and the extension to 1 Heathfield Terrace had also been approved.

#### 11. VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Thomas said that bookings were down as activities stopped for the summer, the bank accounts were as follows.

Current Account	£1829.01
Deposit Account.	£1594.49
Accounts that had been paid.	
British Gas	£239.97
Welsh Water.	£13.50
Income	
Hall Rental.	£60.00

Cllr R. John said that there was a strong feeling in the village that the village hall building should be situated at the playing field. A discussion followed after which it was felt that in an ideal world that would be the preferred option and that the councillors would support such an option, however it was felt that much more support was needed to drive this idea forward. Cllr Thomas produced a draft letter he had composed inviting the various organisations in the village to put forward nominations to be on the village hall committee. He said that the new committee could then develop the idea of a new building. It was agreed by the meeting that Cllr Thomas circulate the letter. Cllr M. John said that he hoped that interested parties would come along to council meetings and offer their support.

#### 12. .CEMETARY.

Nothing to report.

#### 13. PLAYING FIELD.

Nothing to report.

#### 14. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr M. John said that it had been a quiet time in the County Council, with the Annual Meeting having only recently been held, with a new chair appointed. The new leader was Cllr David Simpson.

Cllr John said that the improvements he hoped would be carried out in the village, that he had mentioned at the last meeting were a wish list and not a definitive list of work to be carried out.

#### 15. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

a. Bank Account.	£2565.07
b. Accounts for payment.	
Clerks Wages, April, May, June.	£435.12
HMRC, PAYE, April, May, June.	£108.78
Citizens Advice Bureau.	£50.00

It was proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries that the above accounts be paid.

Cllr Hughes proposed that the council donate £50 each to the church and the chapel.

This was seconded by Cllr. R. John.

Cllr Thomas said that he had received the final document from the solar farm developers for signature. It was agreed by the meeting that Cllr Thomas sign and return the document.

#### 16. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

Cllr Thomas thanked Cllr's Utting and D. Harries for cleaning the hall.

Cllr R. John asked for the play equipment to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### 17. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017.