

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 10th JULY 2017

Present. Cllr's D. Thomas, E. Utting, D. Harries, R. Harries, R. John. C. Griffith, Clerk.

Members of the Public. None.

1. APOLOGIES. Cllr G. Hughes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. Cllr John declared a personal interest in the item, 17/0279/PA under Planning Matters.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. No members of the public were present.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING. The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th June 2017 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

i. The Clerk signed his contract of employment.

ii. Planned AGM. Cllr Thomas had been unable to attend.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

i. One Voice Wales. Launch of Great Places Scheme. Noted.

ii. Planned. Newsletter. Noted

iii. Planning Aid Wales. Planning Workshop. Cllr Thomas had attended the event which was organised by National Park. PCC will organise a similar event in September.

iv. Welsh Assembly. Sustainable Management Scheme. Noted.

v. Ist Johnston Scouts. Annual Report. Noted

vi. One Voice Wales. AGM & Conference. Noted

vii. PCC. Review of Electoral Arrangements. Cllr Thomas will attend.

viii. One Voice Wales. Newsletter. Noted.

ix. PCC. Responsible Dog ownership. Cllr Thomas will speak to PCC regarding the matter.

x. Clerks & Councils Direct. Newsletter. Circulate.

xi. Joint Strategic Meeting, PAVS, Planed, Health Board. Noted.

7. HIGHWAYS AND RIGHTS OF WAY. Nothing to report.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

i. 17/0219/PA. Change of use of part of domestic curtilage to four dog boarding kennels with associated exercise area and car park, in retrospect, at Crosshill, Freystrop. There were no objections to the application.

ii. 17/02791/PA. Change of use from agricultural land to garden at Hillcroft, Moorland Road, Freystrop. Cllr John had declared a personal interest and took no part in the discussion. Following a discussion it was agreed by the councillors that we write to Planning Department at PCC offering no objections but pointing out that the land is outside the village boundary and close to a main sewer line.. As the clerk was going on leave, Cllr Thomas offered to contact PCC, Cllr John rejoined the meeting.

iii. PLOT 9, Poplar Meadow, Freystrop. Cllr Thomas said that he had communicated with Planning Dept., at PCC as he believed that work had commenced without the necessary permission. PCC had informed him that permission had been granted in 2001 and as long as the building was of the type already approved., no further permission was needed. The planning dept. would ask enforcement officers to visit the site.

9. VILLAGE HALL. Cllr Thomas reported that the Bank accounts were as follows

General Account. £1828.01 Deposit Account. £1594.49. Various bills were due to be paid. Cllr Utting had purchased chairs for the hall, and it was agreed by the meeting that the village hall would pay £75, which was half the cost of the chairs and the WI would pay the other half. Cllr Utting would ask a contractor to fit loft installation.

Cllr Thomas then read out a letter he had composed to send to village organisations asking for volunteers to form a new village hall committee. It was agreed by the meeting to send the letter.

10. CEMETARY. Nothing to report.

11. PLAYING FIELD. Cllr Thomas said that he had asked for another meeting with Welsh Water, as they had installed a new valve in the playing field which would interfere with the grass cutting, he had also supplied a snagging list to Welsh Water.

Cllr John suggested having plans for a new village hall drawn up. The new hall would be situated at the playing field. It was stated that plans had been drawn up as recently as 2012. Following a discussion it was agreed to wait until the letter about a new village hall committee had been circulated and replies received. The letter would be circulated to all residents. Cllr Thomas said that he was sure that the council would be able to donate some money to a new committee for either plans or other purpose.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Bank Account. £12,029.95. This figure included the one off £10,000 paid by to the council by the solar farm. There was no expenditure this month. It was agreed that the council would give a sum of money to the new village hall committee.

13. MEMBERS REQUESTS. Cllr Thomas raised the matter of document retention. It was agreed by the meeting that the clerk would retain documents relating to the Solar Park and Cllr Thomas would retain planning matters.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Monday 11th September 2017.

