

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2017.

Present. Councillors D. Thomas(Chair), E. Utting, R. Harries, G. Hughes, R. John.
Clerk, C. Griffith.
Members of the public. N. Badham, A. Lowman, S. Wolfe.

1. APOLOGIES. Cllr D. Harries. C. Cllr. M. John (retrospectively)

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None were declared.

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

Mrs Wolfe asked a question about the planning application regarding Puddleduck Trout Fishery. Cllr Thomas informed her that the application had been approved by Pembs County Council, he said that the community council had raised objections regarding the application which the planning department had chosen to ignore. He further stated that he had raised the matter with the local county councillor.

Mrs Wolfe then asked if it would be possible to have the 50mph speed limit near her home reduced as she often found it difficult to exit her drive due to the speed of vehicles.

Cllr Thomas said that County Councillor Michael John had a list of objectives and that having the 50mph speed limit reduced was one of them.

Mr Badham enquired if it was possible to have a “speed camera “ sign in the 40mph area going down towards Lower Freystrop. Cllr Thomas said that he had asked the County Councillor and had been told that “speed camera” signs could only be placed in areas where the camera van operated. Cllr Thomas assured Mr Badham that the community council would pursue every possible means available to enforce the speed limit.

Mrs Lowman spoke about traffic problems on the Moorland Road.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th July 2017 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr R. John and seconded by Cllr E. Utting.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Any matter arising will be covered under the respective headings.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

a. Mid & West Wales Fire Service. Defibrillators in Pembrokeshire.

The Clerk would respond and express the councils interest.

b. BHIB Insurance Brokers. Change of brokers for council insurance. Noted

c. Grant Thornton. Completion of annual financial return. The accounts had been examined by the External Auditor and had been approved with no adverse comments.

The Chair wished to express the councils gratitude to Jamie Streeter for the way he had kept the accounts.

d. One Voice Wales. Pembrokeshire Area Committee Meeting. Cllr Thomas had attended the meeting and gave a report. The Charter between PCC and Community Councils was close to being completed. Cllr Thomas had also attended a meeting in which the Finance Director at PCC had spoken about new funding arrangements from the Welsh Government and and possible ways in which the extra/

CORRESPONDENCE/Continued

/revenue from empty and second homes would be spent. Whether it would be spent in the area in which it was generated or used county wide is still to be decided.

It had been confirmed that there was no plans to change the rate relief scheme for village halls.

e. Invite to County Hall. All the councillors had been invited by the Council Chairman to visit County Hall. Date not yet confirmed.

f.PCC. Meeting /Briefing on Local Development Plan. Cllr Thomas would have raised changing the village boundaries but all that had been discussed was new housing stock compliance with LDP targets.

g. PCC. Public meetings for residents to question council policy. Copy to be placed on notice board. Cllr Thomas will attend on behalf of the council.

h. Jayne Bryant, AM. Report on loneliness. Noted

i. Mid & West Wales Fire Service. Survey re.services. Noted

j. Clerks & Councils Direct. Newsletter. Noted.

k.Paul Davies, AM. Newsletter Noted

l. One Voice Wales. How to access previous newsletters. Noted.

m.One Voice Wales. Newsletter. Noted.

n. PLANED. Community Forum. Cllr Thomas will attend.

o. PCC. Plans to increase direct fees and charges. Noted.

p. One Voice Wales. How to access members area on website.

7. HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY.

Concern was expressed that the bridleway from Moorland Road to the top of Dredgeman Hill is again being used as a rat run. The Chairman will take the matter up with Pembrokeshire County Council's Rights of Way Department.

8. PLANNING MATTERS.

a. 17/0475/PA. Alterations & Extension at Summerhill, New Road, Hook. No objections.

b. 17/0311/PA. Erection of building for storage of plant and biomass boiler at Puddleduck Trout Fishery. Permission granted with conditions.

c. 17/0451/PA. Wildlife ponds at Cranham farm, Targate Road. Refused.

d. 17/0279/PA Change of use from agricultural land to garden at Hillcroft, Moorland Road. Refused.

e. 17/0219/PA. Retrospective permission for boarding kennels at Crosshill, Freystrop. Granted with conditions

9. REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN PEMBROKESHIRE.

Cllr Thomas had attended the meeting and gave a report. There were proposals to change County Council Ward boundaries if the population of a ward was 25% above or 25% below the average figure of 1533.

10. VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Thomas reported that bookings were good, with the hall being used most evenings. Some interior and exterior work needed to be done and he would compile a list for the next meeting. There was £2168 in the current account and £1594 in the deposit account.

It was hoped to arrange an open meeting to discuss the hall management and a possible new hall.

11. CEMETARY.

Nothing to report.

12. PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr Thomas said that Welsh Water had still not finished at the playing field. Several signs had been wrongly placed. He was awaiting an update on the situation regarding compensation from our valuers.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Balance at Bank. £12,979.95

Accounts for payment.

Clerks wages. July, August, September. £435.12

HMRC. PAYE for above. £108.78

14. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

None.

15. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th November 2017.