

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15th OCTOBER 2018

Present. Councillors D. Thomas, E. Utting, D. Harries, R. John, G. Hughes.  
County Councillor M. John, C. Griffith (Clerk)

Members of the public. Mr A. Brown, Mrs S. Mackpeace, Mrs. C. Legg.

1. APOLOGIES. None received.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS. None declared.
3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

The Chairman read out a letter which had been received from Mr R. Lavis, with regard to vehicles driving at excessive speed on Moorland Road. Mrs Mackpeace spoke and gave further information on the problem. Cllr Thomas gave a summary of the actions that had been taken by the Community Council.

Mr Brown spoke about the size of the agricultural tractors that used the road and said that contractors vehicles seemed to be the main users of the road and that their size and speed were causing problems.

Cllr M. John said that he had previously spoken to one of the contractors that were based on Moorland Road and had asked him to speak to his drivers. He would now speak to both contractors and point out the concerns of the residents.

Cllr Thomas said that the community council had written to the Highways Dept. asking for further traffic slowing signs.

Mrs Legg said that she lived by Puddleduck lay-by and that the lay-by was regularly used by drivers for a break, who often left litter. She felt that the lay-by should have a hard standing for vehicles, with perhaps a table and a litter bin, which would encourage drivers not to litter. Cllr Thomas said that he would arrange to visit the area and would speak to PCC as the community council had no authority over highway matters.

Cllr M. John said that litter enforcement was now being undertaken by a private company who covered the whole county and that improvements to the lay-by could be paid for by the second home fund.

4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr R. John.

5. MATTERS ARISING.

Cllr Thomas gave details of a PCC liaison meeting he had attended, which had included details of council house allocation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. PATCH. Request for donation. To be placed on agenda for the next meeting.

2. Royal Mail. Poster re. Scan mail. Notice board.

3. Network Rail. Upgrading of railway bridges Merlins Bridge. Noted.

4. PCC. Consultation on toilets, cremation charges and Tenby pedestrianisation. Noted

5. Paul Davis AM. Newsletter. Noted

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE/Cont.

6. Welsh Government. Asset transfer and services toolkit.

7. One Voice Wales. Newsletter. Noted.

8. Hywel Dda. Recommendations re. Hospital Services.

## 7. HIGHWAYS &amp; RIGHTS OF WAY.

Cllr Thomas said that Moorland Road had been discussed. He said complaints had been received about vehicles using and damaging the bridleway from Moorland road to Dredgemens Hill. Cllr Thomas said he believed that a traffic counter had been installed. He said that one solution may be to lock the gates and issue keys to legitimate users.

## 8. PLANNINGS MATTERS.

18/0488/PA. This application had been approved.

Cllr Thomas said that the list of candidate sites for the Local Development Plan was being compiled.

## 9. VILLAGE HALL.

Cllr Thomas said that all the internal work had been completed and all that remained with the external work was to mark the car parking spaces.

Cllr Thomas said that an application had been made to Welsh Water for a grant of £800. This would cover the cost of a new notice board and four new heaters in the hall.

Bank Accounts.

General Account. £2160.00

Deposit Account. £1597.17

Cllr R. Harries was not present to give an update of broadband provision to the hall.

Cllr Thomas said that he had completed the Charity Commission return.

## 10. CEMETARY.

Cllr Thomas said that he had been in contact with James Allen at Parc Gwyn with regard to a sign requesting closure of the gate and not to drop litter. Mr Allen would arrange for the sign to be made.

## 11. PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr Thomas said that the councils agents were still pursuing Welsh Water for the compensation for the sewerage scheme

A surveyor from Welsh Water had carried out a site visit to the playing field to examine the damp patch and had agreed that it had been caused by the contractor. The Chair, Cllr Thomas was meeting with Locke Bros. to discuss remedial work.

Cllr Thomas said he had still not received an invoice for the grass cutting.

## 12. RESOLUTION.

That Freystrop Community Council adopt and approve the Charter agreed between Pembrokeshire County Council and the Town & Community Councils.

Cllr Thomas gave the background to the charter and said that PCC would like all community councils to adopt it.

It was proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries that Freystrop Community Council adopt the Charter.

13. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Cllr Thomas circulated a quarterly review of the councils finances and budget, which showed that the accounts were in line with what was expected.

The Clerk said the the Independent Remuneration panel had recommended that all community councilors be awarded an allowance of £150 a year. If they did not want to accept the allowance they should notify the Clerk. To be discussed at the Precept meeting

Accounts for payment.

GDPR registration fee.                   £40.00

Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr Harries that the account be paid.

14. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr M. John reported that environmental enforcement was now being carried out by a private firm employed by PCC.

Canvassers on behalf of Electoral Services were now calling on households who had not returned forms.

Grants from Enhancing Pembrokeshire were available, even though only a modest amount was available to Freystrop.

Cllr John said that there could be press speculation over leaked emails, they would include news that the county council may have to make further cuts to services and that council tax may rise by 10% .

Cllr John said that there was a consultation being carried out on raising the charges at Parc Gwyn Crematorium.

15. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

Cllr Hughes said that there may be possible illegal tipping on land in Lower Freystrop.

Cllr John said that he would like to see a base placed around the Millenium Stone.

16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018