

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th APRIL 2019.

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

Members of the public. Mrs Lowman.

The Chair, Cllr Thomas welcomed everyone to the April meeting, especially the Clerk who had suffered a period of illness.

1. Apologies. None received.

2. Declarations of Interests. None

3. Questions from the public.

Mrs A. Lowman raised the problem of vehicles parked on the pavement in Heathfield Terrace, Targate Road, causing problems to passing vehicles due to lack of visibility. Cllr Thomas said that he would visit the area.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 11th March 2019 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr R. John and seconded Cllr Hughes. Cllr Thomas thanked Cllr Utting for taking the notes at the March meeting.

5. Matters arising.

Matters arising would be dealt with under the respective headings.

6. Correspondence.

One Voice Wales.	Newsletter.
Paul Davies AM	Newsletter
Clerks & Councils Direct.	Newsletter
One Voice Wales	Area Committee Meeting
Welsh Assembly.	Consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit Wales Act
Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales.	Annual report
One Voice Wales.	Membership renewal

7. Highways & Rights of Way.

Cllr M. John gave an update on Troopers Inn. PCC had carried out a check on vehicle speeds between 19/02/2019 and 28/02/2019 and as a result of this they intended reducing the speed limit to 40mph. The street lights had been repaired and new Farm Traffic and Horses signs had been put up. He had also asked for additional signage.

Cllr Thomas had reported a large pothole near the Tiddly to PCC.

Cllr Thomas said that he had submitted an application for funding for a bus shelter to the Enhancing Pembrokeshire scheme. He had received a reply that the administrators could not see how the application came under the second home levy. Cllr Thomas gave details of some the grants that had been awarded. Following a discussion it was decided that Cllr.s Thomas and D. Harries would follow up on the application

8. Planning Report.

No new planning applications had been received and there was no update on the LDP.

9. Village Hall Report.

Cllr Thomas reported as follows:-

That this year again the Village Hall had received a full discretionary and mandatory rate relief. This meant there were no rates payable.

PCC had enquired about the availability of the hall should an European Election be held on May 23rd 2019.

Mission Fit who already used the hall on Mondays and Fridays had asked about an extra booking, possibly a Tuesday night.

A new Electrical contract comes into force this week. Cllr Thomas said that the new deal was the best on the market.

Bank Accounts.

Current Account. £3118.09

Deposit Account. £1598.77

Hall Heating. Following a discussion it was decided that Cllr Thomas would arrange for an energy consultant to visit the hall and assess what was needed.

Cllr Utting said that the kitchen needed a new microwave. To be priced.

10. Cemetery Report.

Cllr R. John said that the sign had been placed on the wrong gate and was much too small. Cllr Thomas would contact James Allen.

11. Playing Field Report.

The Clerk reported that he had received a cheque from Welsh Water. Cllr Thomas would now liaise with the contractor and arrange for the drainage work to be carried out.

12. Financial Matters.

Cllr Thomas had prepared an end of year review of Income and Expenditure which he distributed. Cllr R; John thanked Cllr Thomas for his hard work.

Accounts for Payment.

One Voice Wales. £80.

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

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit forms had arrived,

Cllr Thomas spoke about the Annual Report from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and said that each councillor was entitled to £150.00 per year expenses. If they did not want to receive the money they had to write to the Clerk declining it.

Item to be placed on the agenda for the May meeting

Donations.

Two applications were received:-

Pembs Young Farmers.

Noted.

Friends of Hook School. New shelter for playgroup.

Noted.

13. County Councillors Report.

Cllr M. John had said that he had enquired at County Hall about the Charter and had been told it was still a work in progress. More information would be available during the next six months when PCC will start meeting with community councils.

From the first of April, PCC had introduced an empty house council tax levy. Empty houses could incur a charge of up to 100%

Nash recycling centre was being removed

Flooding by Heathfield, Moorgate Road. PCC had investigated and found that a drainage pipe had been installed which too small, which was causing the flooding.

Community Speed Watch had operated in Freystrop on 21/08/2019 and had registered 27 vehicles exceeding the speed limit.

14. Members Requests.

Cllr Utting said that a vehicle often parked outside the front of the hall blocking the fire exit. Cllr Thomas said he would write to the driver of the vehicle and possibly have hatch markings painted on the car park outside the door.

Cllr. R. John said that dogs were being exercised on the playing field. He did not think this was right. The situation would be monitored.

15. Date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13th May 2019.