

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 14th JANUARY 2019

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

1. APOLOGIES. All the councillors were present.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.
Cllrs Thomas, Hughes and R. John declared an interest in the Local Development Plan.
3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.
No questions had been received.
4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr R. Harries and seconded by Cllr Utting.
5. MATTERS ARISING.
Matters arising will be discussed under respective headings.

6. CORRESPONDENCE.

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| 1. Network Rail. | Information on road closures at Merlins Bridge. |
| 2. One Voice Wales. | Newsletter |
| 3. Welsh Government. | Update on Town & Community Council reform |
| 4. One Voice Wales. | Area meeting |
| 5. One Voice Wales. | Toolkit on maximising social value |
| 6. Play For Wales. | Newsletter |
| 7. Paul Davies. AM. | Surgery dates |
| 8. Clerks & Councils Direct. | Newsletter |
| 9. Older Peoples Commissioner. | Newsletter |
| 10. PCC. | Update on Local Development Plan |

7. HIGHWAYS & RIGHTS OF WAY.

Puddleduck Lay-by. Cllr Thomas had contacted PCC and requested that a litter bin be sited at the lay-by (as requested at the November meeting). PCC had replied that they would not provide a litter bin.

Targate Road. Cllr Thomas reported that during the recent heavy rain, serious drainage problems had occurred by the playing field entrance, which had exacerbated by run off from the field opposite.

Moorland Road. There had been no further reports of speeding.

Email from Russell Lavis. The email was regarding the poor state of public paths in the area, due to obstructions/lack of signage. Cllr Thomas had contacted Rights of Way Dept. at PCC with the information. Due to PCC budget cuts there seems to be a serious lack of funding for improvements and maintenance.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS & LDP.

18/0973/PA. Slate Centre, Lower Freystrop. Application to increase the size of the yard. No comment to be made.

01/0354/PA. 10 Poplar Meadows, Freystrop. The retrospective variation applied for had been granted.

LDP. Cllr Thomas reported that he and Cllr D. Harries had that afternoon attended a PCC briefing on the Local Development Plan.

Cllr Thomas said that the proposals for 2021 – 2033 were for 425 houses to be built annually, split 60 – 40 urban and rural. He further said that the villages in the county had been categorised under various headings, small settlements, major villages, service villages, etc.

Cllr M. John said that he had raised several points with officers dealing with the LDP, and that the closing date for applications or comments was 04/02/2019.

There was no discussion on any of the sites in Freystrop.

9. VILLAGE HALL.

Bank Balances.

Current Account.	£2241.56
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Deposit Account.	£1597.97
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Accounts Paid.

Electric Bill.	£238.28
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Water Rates.	£30.74
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Christmas Tree.	£27.00
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Christmas Tree Lights.	£60.00
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Repairs Water Heater.	£30.00
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New Room Heater.	£150.00
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There was a new booking for Monday evenings, an exercise class.

The annual return had been sent to The Charity Commission.

10. CEMETERY.

The signs that had been requested had still not been delivered and erected.

11. PLAYING FIELD.

Cllr Thomas had been to a meeting with agents for Welsh Water, the contractors and an agent from the councils valuers to discuss the problem of surface water which had occurred after the new pipeline was laid. The contractors had said that the old drainage pipes in the field had been blocked and this caused the problem. Cllr R. John said that in his lifetime there had never been a problem with surface water on the field and this had only occurred since the new pipeline was laid.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

Precept.

Cllr Thomas circulated figures he had prepared in relation to the 2019-2020 precept, and gave an explanation.(Copy attached) He recommended setting the precept at Four Thousand Pounds, the same as last year. It was proposed by Cllr Utting that the precept be Four Thousand Pounds, this was seconded by Cllr Hughes.

12. FINANCIAL MATTERS/Cont.

Second Home Levy.

Cllr Thomas proposed that the council apply for a grant under the above scheme to purchase a bus shelter to replace the one damaged in a road accident several years ago.

Cllr M. John said that changes were being planned for the grant scheme and gave details of what was involved

Cllr Utting seconded Cllr Thomas proposition. Cllr Thomas would follow up on the application.

Accounts for payment.

Clerks Wages.	Oct,Nov,Dec.	£444.30
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HMRC.	PAYE.	£111.06
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Village newsletter.		£85.00
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It was proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries that the accounts be paid.

13. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT.

Cllr M. John said that council tax was still being discussed. The cabinet had suggested a 10% rise on last year. Following a cut in funding from the Welsh Government, there was a twenty million pound deficit in the council accounts. This would result in cuts in spending in all departments apart from Social Services and Education, however there still be a real time cut in the Social Services and Education budget's due to other cost pressures.

Cleddau Bridge. Negotiations were taking place between the county council and the Welsh Government on removing the tolls on the Cleddau Bridge, and the financial implications.

Riverside Library. Cllr John said that the new library in Haverfordwest was now open.

14. MEMBERS REQUESTS.

Cllr Thomas suggested that a new agenda item be added under the heading of "One Voice Wales & Pembs. County Council Liaison Meetings". This was agreed by the meeting.

Cllr Thomas said that One Voice Wales were holding a training session on Data Protection at the Picton Centre, Haverfordwest, which as Data Protection Officer, he would like to attend.

It was agreed by the meeting that Cllr Thomas attend the training.

Village Hall. Cllr Utting proposed that a handyman be appointed to clean the hall, which was presently being done by Cllr Thomas. She already had someone in mind. It was agreed that Cllr Utting approach this person.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th February 2019.