

## FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2020.

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

Members of the Public. G. Phillips(BDS), Mrs L. Prytherch, Mr R. Prytherch.

The Chair, Cllr. D. Thomas asked all present to stand in silence for a minute in memory of Cllr Roy John who had sadly passed away since the last meeting.

1. Cllr. Thomas then introduced Mr. Gareth Phillips and asked him to address the meeting with regard the housing development in New Road.  
Mr Phillips said he was Project Manager for BDS and gave the background of the scheme and the plans for the site. He said that there were to be 28 dwellings. The final design had not yet been decided. Mr Phillips then answered questions from the councillors and public. Cllr Utting asked Mr Phillips if the company would consider extending the hall car park. Mr Phillips said that this had been discussed and agreed, he hoped that the car park could be increased by 5 meters. MrPhillips said that the site will be closing down from early December to February 2021  
C. Cllr John asked Mr Phillips if he could inform the residents of New Road if there was work being carried out behind their houses. Mt Phillips agreed to do so.  
Cllr Thomas thanked Mr Phillips for attending. Mr Phillips then left the meeting along with the members of the public.
2. Apologies. Cllr G. Hughes.  
Cllr Thomas spoke about the late Cllr Roy John, praising his work as a community councillor. He said that he had first met Roy in 1991 during a previous planning application for the New Road housing site and how passionately Roy spoke matters that concerned him. C. Cllr M. John also spoke highly and fondly of Roy. Both said he would be a loss to the council and the village.
3. Declarations of Interests. None were declared.
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.  
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr D. Harries and seconded by Cllr Thomas.
5. Matters Arising.  
Cllr Thomas said he wanted to clarify an item regarding the housing development at New Road. He said that Sec 106 agreements are imposed by the Planning Authority and community councils have no involvement in drawing up the agreement but can put forward suggestions as to the use of funds received in their community.
6. Correspondence.  
Clerks & Councils Direct. Newsletter.  
All other email correspondence had been circulated.

7. Highways & Rights of Way.

Lower Freystrop Bus Shelter. Cllr Thomas said that work had commenced and a raised platform had been installed. There was a delay at the factory producing the shelter.

Bastleford Cross. Cllr Thomas said that sign regarding long vehicles had still not been replaced.

Cllr Thomas confirmed that he had signed the contract with BT for the telephone kiosk and had sent off a cheque for £1. He was awaiting notification that the equipment had been removed.

8. Planning Matters.

20/0542/PA. Conversion of storage barn to provide accommodation at High Freystrop, New Road had been approved.

9. Village Hall.

Cllr Thomas said that a further One Thousand Pounds had been received from the Welsh Government under the Firebreak funding scheme.

The new activities using the hall seem likely to stay even when their original venue open up.

Cllr Thomas said that the number of persons using the hall had been reduced from 25 to 15 to follow Covid 19 guidance.

Bank Balance. Current Acc. £12461.23. Deposit Acc. £1602.38.

10. Cemetery.

Cllr Utting said that the hinge on the gate between the upper and lower car park was still broken.

11. Playing Field.

Cllr Thomas said that he had obtained a quote for providing coping to the piers at the field entrance, removing damaged brickwork, repairing large pothole and erecting new signage (provided by the community council). The amount was £685 plus VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries that the work be carried out.

12. Financial Matters.

Bank Balances. Current Acc. £5444.92. Deposit Acc. £13000.38.

Cllr Thomas said that PCC are likely to invoice the council for £1500 contribution towards the bus shelter at Lower Freystrop. As the money is in the Deposit Acc, Cllr Thomas asked for authority to transfer it to the current account. It was proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr R. Harries that the money be transferred.

13. One Voice Wales and PCC Liaison Meetings.

Cllr Thomas said that no meetings had been held, PCC had arranged a Zoom meeting which was then cancelled.

14. County Councillors Report.

County Cllr M. John said that PCC had appointed an interim Chief Executive, namely Richard Brown.

Schools in the north of the county had been closed due to Covid, this was a precaution as there was no covid in the Pembrokeshire schools only in the Ceredigion schools.

PCC are currently training Covid Enforcement Officers, which are being paid for by Welsh Government.

PCC were this year again going to provide free parking in council car parks in the run up to Christmas. PCC would circulate a “keeping well this winter leaflet” to all households.

Cllr John said that scam emails and texts were being send and he advised caution and to seek advice if unsure.

15. Members Requests.

Cllr Thomas that it might be appropriate to place a memorial bench in memory of Cllr Roy John near the Millennium Stone.

Cllr D. Harries suggested that naming a road after him in the housing development at New Road would be a longer lasting tribute. Enquiries to be made.

Cllr D. Harries had emailed PCC reporting damage to the road surface at Maddox Moor.

Cllr Thomas said the next meeting would be in January when we have to decide on the Precept for 2021 – 2022. A meeting might be called in December if there was need to discuss the precept sooner.

Co-option would be placed an the agenda for January.

16. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021.