

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIDEO MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2021

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

Members of the Public. None Present.

1. Apologies. All the Councillors were present.
2. Declarations of Interests. None were declared.
3. Questions from the Public.
No members of the public were present and no written questions had been received.
4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23rd November 2020 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries.
5. Matters Arising.
Extension to Hall Car Park. Cllr Thomas said that the contractors had removed the trees on the south bank ready to construct foundations in the new year. They had located a sewer manhole in the field which would probably have to be moved before work could be completed.
Lower Freystrop Bus Shelter. Cllr Thomas reported that PCC had completed the shelter prior to Christmas. A bus timetable had been placed inside the shelter.
Christmas Newsletter. Cllr Thomas thanked Russell Lavis for producing the Christmas Newsletter. 250 copies had been printed and distributed by Mr Lavis and the councillors. The cost had been £175, which was within budget.
Mr Lavis has indicated he was willing to produce the 2021 newsletter.
Telephone Kiosk. Cllr Thomas reported that the conversion of the kiosk to a defibrillator station was awaiting the removal of the telephone equipment by BT.
Co-option of new councillor. It was agreed by the meeting that due to the current pandemic and inability to hold normal meetings that the issue of co-option would be deferred for the present.
6. Correspondence.
There was no written communications and all emails had been circulated.
7. Highways & Rights of Way.
There were no items under this heading.
8. Planning Matters.
There were no planning matters.
9. Village Hall.
Cllr Thomas said that due to current restrictions the hall was unable to be used which meant the loss of income for ten bookings. Grants totalling Eleven Thousand Pounds had been received from Welsh Government.

Cllr Thomas said that due to the lock downs and less water being used the Monthly Direct Debit to Welsh Water will drop from £11 to £4 a month

Bank Accounts.

Current Account. £13551.39

Deposit Account. £1602.42

2/2021

10. Playing Field.

Cllr Thomas reported that PCC have notified the community council that from 01/04/2021 they will no longer carry out maintenance and inspection of the play area equipment. Neither will they cover the cost of the insurance.

They will continue to provide this service if the community council enter into a service level agreement with PCC. This will cost £615 a year.

Cllr Thomas said that he had arranged for the service level agreement to be between PCC and the Village Hall and Playing Field Management Committee.

Cllr Harries proposed and Cllr Utting seconded that enter into the agreement with PCC.

Cllr Thomas said that PCC had agreed to continue cutting the grass inside the play area during 2021 but the community council would have to pay for this service in future years.

Cllr Thomas reported that Carl Griffiths Ltd had been engaged to carry out work on the pillars at the entrance to the play area.

11. Cemetery.

No items under this heading.

12. Financial Matters.

Bank Balances .

Current Account £5849.92

Reserve Account (money earmarked) £13000.60

Cllr Thomas proposed that the £1500 due to PCC for the bus shelter be paid from the current account and the money in the deposit account earmarked for the bus shelter be allocated to the purchase of a defibrillator. This was seconded by Cllr Utting and agreed by the meeting.

Cllr Thomas had prepared a precept budget sheet which had been circulated to all councillors and accepted. Cllr Thomas proposed setting the precept at £5000. This was seconded by Cllr D. Harries.

13. One Voice Wales & PCC Liaison Meetings.

There were no items under this heading.

14. County Councillors Report.

Cllr John reported the following:-

Flooding at Silverstream. Pcc will be carrying out further work to try to alleviate the problem.

Winter well being flyer. PCC was sending out a wellness flyer with tips to keep residents well over the winter.

Business Grants. PCC is currently reviewing the details on new Welsh Government grants available to local businesses.

Schools will be closed until the end of the month.

Be Safe Be Seen. Pembrokeshire's Road Safety team is reminding road users to be "bright at night" when out after dark. The message to pedestrians, runners and cyclists is that being easily seen by drivers is especially important at this time of year.

A vaccination strategy for Wales has been issued by Welsh Government this week.

15. Members Requests.

None.

16. Date of the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th February 2021.

15. Correspondence.