

FREYSTROP COMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th MAY 2021

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

Members of the Public. G. Phillips, Mrs Redding, Mrs Thomas.

1. Apologies. All members were present.

2. Declarations of Interests. None were declared.

3. Questions from the Public.

The Chairman, Cllr Thomas invited Mr Phillips to adress the meeting regarding the housing development. Mr Phillips gave an update on the situation. They have tried to avoid tractors a using the roads and delivery lorries entering the site will only travel a short distance into the site before being unloaded.

The name of Will Meadow has been suggested a a possible name for the site.

Only about four or five houses a year will be built. New drainage will be laid on the site.

Mrs Redding asked what were the plans for the land behind her property in NewRoad.

Mr. Phillips siad that a retaining wall would be built between the new houses and the existing houses with a five metre gap.

The extension to the Hall car park would be one of the first projects to be completed

The Chairman thanked Mr Phillips for attending the meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the video meeting held on Monday 12th April 2021 were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Utting and seconded by Cllr D. Harries.

5. Matters Arising.

Bus shelter at Lower Freystrop. After some confusion and several emails PCC had finally acknowledged receipt of the community councils contribution of £1500.

6. Correspondence.

All relevant correspondence had been circulated.

7. Highways & Rights of Way.

Cllr Thomas said that there was no update on our complaint of speding on Targate road and Little Milford road.

Cllr Thomas had requested PCC to sort out the highway drainage problems near the cemetery, which was causing flooding across the road.

The right of way near Pencaer is in need of surface improvements. Cllr Thomas will inform PCC.

8. Planning Matters.
 21/0044/PA. New farm access for Middle Hill Farm. Cllr Thomas said that the community councils response had been sent to PCC expressing concern over siting of this entrance, and requesting improved road signage if the application was approved.
 20/1164/PA. DKAN Depotat Freystrop Cross. The community councils response had been sent to PCC urging rejection of the application.
 20/1170/PA. Extension at 8 Heathfield Terrace. Application approved.
9. Village Hall.
 Cllr Thomas reported that there had been an excellent response to the hall re-opening on 17th May. Three groups were returning, a new line dancing group was starting on the 21st May. Pembrokeshire College were continuing their first aid classes. Cllr Thomas said he was waiting on four other groups to confirm if they intended to return.
 The hall had been used for the Senedd and Police/Crime Commissioner elections on Thursday 6th May.
 Finances. Income for 2020/2021 was £11540.48p which included £11,000 in Covid Grants. Expenditure was £1676.81. Petty cash carried forward £85.61.
 Bank Balances April 2021.
 Current Account. £13174.44.
 Deposit Account. £1602.46.
 Account for payment. Annual subscription to PAVS. £30.
10. Cemetery.
 Nothing to report.
11. Playing Field.
 Cllr Thomas said that despite numerous requests the work on the entrance wall had still not been carried out.
 Arrangements are being made by Cllr Thomas for the grass to be cut and to carry out a visual inspection of the play equipment.
12. Financial Matters.
 Bank Balances. 03/05/2021.
 Current Account. £6512.92 (including first precept payment)
 Projects Account. £13000.01
 No accounts for payment.
 Appointment of Internal Auditor.
 Cllr Thomas proposed that we engage the same internal auditor as last year. This was agreed by the meeting.
13. One Voice Wales & PCC Liaison Meetings.
 Cllr Thomas said that the next OVW meeting will be online on the 18th May. Report in June meeting.
 PCC/Pavs/Planed/T&CC Liaison meeting was held on 12th May 2021. A bid is being put together for the funding of a Link Officer, initially for a year but it is hoped it will be a long term project. Job Prospectus available online.
 It was agreed that future liaison meetings will be bi-monthly and initially online.

14. County Councillors Report.

Cllr John said that the second home council tax was being examined, and there was some support for raising from 150% to 200%

Cllr John said that the County Council AGM had been held the week before and Cllr Michael James from St Dogmeals had been elected Chair and Cllr Pat Davies from Fishguars as Vice Chair.

Scolton Manor was re-opening with new attractions.

This week was Mental Health Awareness Week.

PCC were encouraging residents to sign up to My Account on the PCC website.

15. Members Requests.

Cllr Thomas said he had been approached regarding siting of a bus shelter at Freystrop Cross, where the school pupils are picked up and where service buses stop.. Cllr Thomas had contacted several officers of PCC and had finally managed to arrange a site meeting for Thursday morning. If a site could be agreed on then the community council could apply for a Community Highways grant.

16. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th June 2021, also the Annual Meeting.