

FREYSTROP COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIDEO MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12th APRIL 2021.

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

Members of the Public. P. Lowe.

Before the meeting started, Cllr. Thomas offered the councils condolences on the death of HRH Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh.

1. Apologies. All the councillors were present.

2. Declarations of Interests. None were declared.

3. Questions from the Public.

Mrs Lowe had questions about a planning matter, Cllr Thomas said we would discuss her question under the Planning Matters report.

4. Minutes of the Previous meeting.

Following minor alterations, the amended minutes of the video meeting held on Monday 8th March were passed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr. D.Harries and seconded by Cllr. Utting.

5. Matters Arising.

Matters arising would be dealt with under their respective headings.

Lower Freystrop Bus Shelter. Cllr. Thomas said that the invoice had now been received from PCC.

6. Correspondence.

Letter from Darren Thomas, PCC, regarding speeding problems at Targate Road & Lower Freystrop . The matter had been passed to Claire Williams who deals with speed limit reviews.

All relevant emails had even circulated.

7. Highways & Rights of Way.

Cllr. Thomas said that there had been a road closure on the Little Milford Road by the Old School due to a water leak. It was planned that the road would be closed for five days but the work was completed in one day.

8.Planning Matters.

20/1164/PA. Extension of redundant agricultural shed for new workshop, storage yard and offices

Cllr. Thomas invited Mrs Lowe to speak.

Planning Matters/cont.

Mr is. Lowe said that she lived close to the proposed development and her and her neighbours were very concerned with the proposal. She outlined several objections. Cllr. Thomas said that the community council also objected to the proposal and would write to PCC. Cllr Thomas advised Mrs. Lowe and her neighbour s to write to PCC outlining their objections if they had any.

20/1170/PA. Replacement of existing conservatory with a single flat roof extension at 8 Heathfield Terrace, Targate Road. The councillors had no adverse comments.

9. Village Hall.

Cllr Thomas reported that the hall had reopened today for permitted activities, namely First Aid classes and training. Pembrokeshire College had booked 12 sessions running through to July. It was expected that the income would be £450.

Cllr Thomas said that the hall was expected to re-open fully on May 17th. All regular users had been notified. Some had booked for an immediate return whilst other's will only return after all participants have had both Covid vaccinations.

Cllr Thomas suggested that the councils May meeting be put back one week so we can meet in the hall. This was agreed by the councillors.

The hall had been booked for the Senedd and P & CC elections. The hall was required on the 5/6 May.

PCC had informed Cllr Thomas that full rate relief will be granted to the hall for the forthcoming year.

Bank Accounts. Current Account. £13208.48. Deposit Account. £1602.46.

There is also a petty cash balance of £90, which will be used to purchase PPE.

10. Cemetery.

Cllr. Thomas said that the grass had been cut and the area is much tidier.

11. Playing Fields.

Cllr. Thomas said that no invoice had yet been received for PCC for the Service Level Agreement, which was £615.

Cllr Thomas said that he was having difficulty in getting the builder to carry out the work needed at the entrance to the field. He would keep trying to get holds of him.

12. Financial Matters.

Bank Accounts. Current Account. £4844.92. Deposit Account. £13000.92

Cllr Thomas said that Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales had not increased councillors' allowances for 2021/22 but were carrying out an in-depth review of community councillor's workload. This is due to be completed by the autumn.

The clerk's salary needs to be review but NALC had not yet published the new pay scales.

Cllr Thomas said that the paperwork for the annual audit 2020/2021 had been received. There was a backlog at the Audit Office and last year's accounts had not yet been returned. The clerk had kept a copy of last year's accounts. Cllr Thomas expressed concern at the tone of the Welsh Audit Office letter which displayed much more sympathy for their own accountants than for Town & Community Clerks.

13. One Voice Wales& PCC Liaison Meetings.

Cllr Thomas reported that the third online liaison meeting had been held on 25/03/2021 and the main topic was asset transfer. There may be one further meeting covering land registration.

PCC is to a decide on future meetings, whether they will face to face or online.

14. County Councillors Report.

Cllr. M. John said that a new Chief Executive had been appointed. He was Major General Will Bramble and he was expected to take up his post in a few months.

Pay by Phone had been introduced at County Council car parks.

Cllr John gave a warning that scammers were still operating and preying on vulnerable people. The Community Renewal Fund was still open for bids and some funds are still available for community highway improvements.

15. Members Requests.

None

16. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Monday17th May 2021.