

FROGMORE AND SHERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL SHERFORD on 18 March 2019 at 19.00hrs

Present	Cllr Nigel Smith	NS	In the Chair
	Cllr Ravi Balasingam	RB	
	Cllr Su Beswick	SB	Minute taker
	Cllr Peter Hadley	APH	
	Cllr Ben Johnson	BJ	
	District Cllr Richard Foss	RF	
	County Cllr Julian Brazil	JB	
	Cllr Steve Hart	SH	
	Cllr Jenni Jebb	JJ	

Apologies	Cllr Paul Harding	
	Peter Javes	Clerk

Members of the public present 2

32/19 OPEN FORUM

Following the recent road closure on the A379 at Frogmore, it was suggested that should the need arise again, that diversion signage be improved to avoid chaos and confusion in the surrounding lanes and that a one way system be adopted. The chairman in reply, stressed that the road closure had been necessary to avoid future flooding to residential properties. It had been an exceptional occurrence, the community support police officer had monitored the situation throughout with only one accident reported and the contractors ensured the closure was for five days only.

Cllr Brazil stressed that a one way system would be impractical requiring a traffic restriction order. He accepted that advanced communications and advanced warning signs could be improved. The SVHA report and recommendations were helpful. He commended the Parish Council for bringing the project to fruition and Nigel Smith for his perseverance and liaison with the contractors to conclude a speedy completion. Cllr Brazil committed to ensure that any future planned closures will be communicated at the earliest opportunity and that County Officers will engage in local consultations in advance of closures re proposed diversion routes.

33/19 MEETING CLERK

As Peter Javes was unable to attend, NS proposed that Cllr. Su Beswick act as the proper officer for the meeting which was unanimously accepted.

34/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

35/19 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 February 2019 were accepted.
As a correct record of proceedings.

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36/19 MATTERS ARISING

None

37/19 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK

NS advised that at the last meeting Peter Javes, the locum clerk, had expressed an interest in applying for the position as he was now in a position to do so. Based on his professional experience and existing position with the Council, RB and SB in charge of recruitment, had offered him the position. This decision was unanimously backed at this meeting by fellow councilors, accordingly:

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Peter Javes be appointed clerk and responsible financial officer with immediate effect on a contract of 22 hours a month on the National Association of Local Councils pay scale SCP 20, currently £10.301 per hour, rising to SCP21 with effect from 1 April 2019.

38/19 PLANNING

0607/19/FUL Hill Farm, Sherford Down Road, TQ7 2AX

Replacement of a corrugated sheet roof to a single stone outbuilding which was removed in strong winds. The application was supported.

39/19 FINANCE

As the Clerk was not present, it was agreed that NS would meet with PJ to sign off the current balances, payments and forecast for the coming year. NS explained that the precept increase for the next financial year would be 2.5% and that ideas for expenditure are sought from members for the community's collective good.

Bank balances	£
Business Bank Instant	15,242.09
Treasurer's Account	<u>2,842.97</u>
Total cash at bank	18,085.06

Payments since last meeting

Folio	Payee	Reason	£
49	Harrison Grant	Planning advice	500.00
50	SHDC	Payroll service to 31 March	20.00
51	Peter Javes	Clerk's remuneration	249.72

TOTAL **769.72**

Receipts since last meeting

	Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.58
TOTAL			<u>0.58</u>

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40/19 FLOOD PREVENTION

NS reported that the remainder of the work will be done in the Spring using the natural contours within the field to direct water to the pipe. The Parish Council will provide photos twice a year as due diligence to show the system is working properly.

41/19 COMMUNITY FUND

It was suggested by SH that the steps to the creek at Frogmore be laid in stone and a bench erected, both of which would improve the look of the head of the estuary. NS said that there was £1200 left in the budget for improvements. **Action: SH to speak with Paul Harding to progress.**

SH

42/19 PARISH ISSUES

Concerns were expressed about two tenders that had been left over the winter on the creek and the need for these to be removed before the summer. One had the special permission of the Salcombe Harbourmaster. **Action: RB to speak with the Harbour master re a T piece addition for the pontoon and the removal of the tenders and keep Cllr Brazil informed as chairman of the Salcombe & Kingsbridge Harbour Board.**

RB

43/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Plan is currently with Lee Bray, the consultant for checking over and it will then be passed to SHDC, then Rule 14 and out to public consultation. There is £4,250 in the budget. PH explained that it is hoped that the F & S NP will dovetail with the final ratification of the Plymouth & SW Devon Joint Local Plan which is expected within a week. Once LB has approved the NP, it will be posted on the PC's website.

44/19 COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS MAY 2019

JJ and SB are resigning so there will be two Councillor vacancies and these will be advertised in April. All present agreed to actively look for people who might be interested, ideally one person for each village. Nomination forms to be circulated to all councilors by the Clerk. Cllr Foss stressed the need for accuracy in completion of the nomination form by councilors.

45/19 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

JJ stated that a meeting had taken place between Hastoe & the Perraton family and a land swap has been agreed in principle.

SH as parish tree and paths officer is making a grant application to the Parish Paths Partnership. He is also keen to clear the verge and path by the bus stop. Keith Turner and Kevin Moore plan to walk all the paths in the parish as part of the Neighbourhood Plan Programme.

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46/19 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

The waste collection service changes to privately run from 1st April and within twelve months all local authorities in Devon will be using the same recycling system. Cllr Foss expressed some concern that Torbay has decided to bring their recycling back in house.

The Council Tax increase for Band D is £2 per week with a four tier payment option available. However, Devon & Cornwall Police has quoted on Band C which is unusual.

Planning application 0189/19/PAU Old Stone Barn at Sx778 426 Frogmore: a redundant farm building, Class R Permitted development. Cllr Foss recognized parish concerns over road access conflicts between heavy goods vehicles going to the agricultural transfer station and cars visiting the Café, all using the same entrance off the A379. PH welcomed future clarification on this matter.

Slurry Store application: There is ongoing consultation on the planning application

47/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

There are loopholes in the planning system concerning permitted development but Cllr Brazil reassured councillors that car parking plans for the proposed café will need to be by way of a separate application.

The DCC share increase of 3% of Council Tax is the highest it can make, with a 1% increase in the social care budget. Reference was made to the lack of funding for schools which affects one to one support in teaching those with special needs and the refusal by the Secretary of State for Education to meet with 2,000 head teachers.

PH commented that he was pleased to see the recognition by special award to the construction team responsible for the restoration of the road along Slapton Line.

48/18 FUTURE MEETINGS

BJ to put parish meeting dates from April on the website for the whole year **BJ**
– see below.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 15th April in Frogmore

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MEETINGS CALENDAR 2019-20

15 April	Frogmore		20 May	Sherford
17 June	Frogmore		15 July	Sherford
19 August	Frogmore		16 September	Sherford
21 October	Frogmore		18 November	Sherford
16 December	Frogmore		20 January 2020	Sherford
17 February 2020	Frogmore		16 March 2020	Sherford
20 April 2020	Frogmore		18 May 2020	Sherford