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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL FROGMORE
On 17 FEBRUARY 2020 at 19.00hrs

Present	Cllr Nigel Smith	NS	In the Chair
	Cllr Ravi Balasingam	RB	
	Cllr Su Beswick	SB	
	Cllr Peter Hadley	APH	
	Cllr Paul Harding	PJH	
	Cllr Ben Johnson	BJ	
	Cllr Antony Marshall	AM	
	County Cllr Julian Brazil	JB	
	District Cllr Richard Foss	RF	
	Peter Javes		Clerk
Apologies	Cllr Steve Hart	SH	

Members of the public present 3

17/20 NEW COUNCILLOR

The Chairman introduced Antony Marshall as the new co-opted councillor representing the Sherford ward.

18/20 OPEN FORUM

Nothing raised.

19/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

AM re planning, minute 24.01/20

20/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020 were accepted as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

21/20 MATTERS ARISING

21.1 Electronic speed sign: JB had raise this matter at the recent HATOC¹ meeting at which DCC highways had commented that there was insufficient evidence of speeding through Frogmore. However the overall view is now that if the community wants a speed warning sign then it should be provided. A final decision of DCC was awaited.

21.2 Pontoon: RB had not yet had a reply from Salcombe Harbour Board.

21.3 Apple Tree Close Play Park, Frogmore

PJH was awaiting further quotes.

21.4 Road Salt

PJH had checked salt levels in the grit bins in the parish and these were satisfactory. The Snow Warden would be invited to the next meeting.

¹ Highways and Traffic

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22/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

JB reported that the DCC budget for 2020-21 would be finalised on 20 February 2020. DCC council tax would increase by 4%. The government would provide some additional funding for education, special educational needs, adult social care and drainage.

There would be a meeting of the Coleridge group of Parish Councils on 26 February 2020 at 7pm at Stokenham village hall, Wesley Smith Room. Everyone is welcome including members of any parish groups who might be interested in either of these topics. One of the issues to be discussed would be for parishes in the area to contribute to the maintenance of the Slapton memorial commemorating the WWII evacuation of the area. Also to be discussed will be a Climate Change Action Plan

23/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

RF reported that SHDC had set aside £400,000 for climate change planning. Money would be allocated to local groups to become involved in mitigating the effects of climate change.

RF spoke about SHDC's new parking charges and that any excess monies collected would be used to provide electric vehicle charging points.

On a question from PJH on charging for public toilets RF explained that the cost of the toilets in Salcombe was being supported by Salcombe Town Council and Salcombe Harbour Board, thus enabling those toilets to be free. There was no such arrangement in Kingsbridge.

24/20 PLANNING

01.24 Current applications

3941/19/PDM Barn at Hill Farm, Sherford, TQ7 2AX

(AM withdrew from the meeting for this item)

APH reported that there had been a site visit by councillors and that a sub-committee would meet before the deadline date of 2 March to discuss the application further.

02.24 0869/19/FUL Old Stone Barn, Frogmore, conversion to a café

The Inspector had dismissed the appeal.

03.24 Decisions by SHDC:

4016/19/HHO Hill Brook, Sherford, TQ7 2AX

Householder application for proposed new garage – Conditional approval

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25/20 FINANCE

Bank balances as at 16 February	£
Current account	4,097.19
Deposit account	15,248.46
TOTAL	19,345.65

Payments since January meeting

37	WEL Medical ²	Defibrillator parts	471.48
38	Kingsbridge Websites	Website hosting	70.00
39	FVCA	Neighbourhood Plan	76.00
40	FVCA	Hire of hall	38.00
41	Peter Javes (January)	Clerk's remuneration	210.70
42	Paul Harding	Office costs	23.95
43	Nick Walker Printing	Neighbourhood Plan	150.40
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		1,040.53

Receipts since January

FVCA	Defibrillator refund (37 above refers)	392.90
Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.67
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	393.57

26/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

APH tabled the printed draft neighbourhood plan as well as the leaflet to be delivered to each household and business. The public consultation programme was being advertised and would start on 21st February and last for six weeks. All comments received would be published in a consultation report and considered by the steering group in finalising the version of the draft plan to be submitted to SHDC. Public meetings had been arranged for 4th and 7th March in Frogmore and 14th March in Sherford.

The Chair again commented on the tremendous amount of work done by all concerned which was much appreciated.

27/20 CHILLINGTON AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT LANDING SITE

Nothing to report

² Re-imbursed net by FVCA

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28/20 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Flooding etc: APH commented that in view of the recent excessive rainfall and major outflows of arable land silt onto roads, drains and watercourses, a review of farming practices may be advisable on perimeter land. Farmers are losing top soil, nutrients and potentially, crops and the ecology of the estuary is being affected.

NS spoke about initiatives taken by landowners to slow down water flows.

SB reported on the community volunteer scheme to help clear and maintain lane drains and buddle holes free of debris to avoid localised flooding. APH had recently mobilised volunteers to clear debris from roads by the creek following Storm Dennis coinciding with a full high tide.

29/20 FROGMORE STEPS

All was now in hand and the contractor would start work when tides and the weather permitted.

30/20 SHERFORD WAR MEMORIAL

AM reported that this was now in hand.

31/20 TOPICS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Meetings calendar 20-21

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 16 March in Sherford.