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**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL SHERFORD**  
**On 16 MARCH 2020 at 19.00hrs**

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

Members of the public present 5

**32/20 OPEN FORUM**

See minute 42/20 below: Snow Warden

**33/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

AM re planning, minute 03/38 below.

**34/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 February 2020 were accepted as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

**35/20 MATTERS ARISING**

**35.1 Electronic speed sign:** A final decision on DCC policy was awaited.

**35.2 Pontoon:** Nothing to report.

**36/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

JB reported that the DCC was now concentrating on dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic.

PJH asked JB to intervene with DCC Highways over the dreadful state of the road by School House. JB

**37/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

No report in the absence of RF

**38/20 PLANNING**

**Current applications**

**01.38 3941/19/PDM Barn at Hill Farm, Sherford, TQ7 2AX**

An objection had been filed.

**02.38 0771/16/OPA Land at Green Park Way, Chillington - 62 new houses**

Mr M Garrod, a Chillington resident, addressed the meeting to voice his concerns about this application's potential implications for groundwater drainage for Chillington and Frogmore. Whereas Frogmore and Sherford PC had not been invited to comment by SHDC it was felt that as an adjoining parish likely to be seriously affected an objection should be filed. APH would draft an objection (using material supplied by Mr Garrod) to be filed by the Clerk, see annex A for detail.

APH  
Clerk

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- 03/38 0556/20/FUL Malston Farm, Sherford, TQ7 2BB**  
Construction of residential dwelling, landscaping and associated works including demolition and removal of agricultural building (alternative to change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house under class Q approval. **Approved**

**4039/18/FUL: North Pool slurry lagoon**

APH noted that there had still been no decision on this application which had been pending for some considerable time...

**04.38 Decisions by SHDC:**

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

New garage

**DECISION: Conditional Approval**

**39/20 FINANCE**

**Bank balances as at 16 March**

Current account	£ 3,741.24
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Deposit account	15,249.71
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,990.95</b>
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**Payments since January meeting**

44	Sherford VCA	Hire of hall	17.00
45	Nick Walker Printing	Neighbourhood Plan	232.80
46	Nigel Smith	Miscellaneous	10.00
47	Peter Javes (February)	Clerk's remuneration	210.70
48	SHDC	Uncontested election expenses	122.74
49	Nick Walker Printing	Neighbourhood Plan	181.00
	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>774.20</b>

**Receipts since February**

Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.58
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<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>0.58</b>
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SB queried payments analysed to Miscellaneous in the accounts circulated to councillors amounting to £1,146 and the Clerk would respond with the details. Clerk

The annual audit of the accounts had been set for Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

**40/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

APH reported that 18 people had attended the public meeting in Sherford followed by six responses and 31 had been to the two meetings in Frogmore with nine responses. The steering group will consider these responses and amend the draft plan if appropriate and then submit it to SHDC.

**41/20 CHILLINGTON AIR AMBULANCE NIGHT LANDING SITE**

Work had started on preparing the site.

**42/20 SNOW WARDEN**

Bill Grahamslaw, a Sherford Ward resident and Snow Warden, had been invited to address the meeting to update councillors on the warden's role. He felt that Sherford is more likely to be adversely affected by snow than

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Frogmore. Because, in the event of snow it was likely that he would not be able to get to Frogmore and it was worth considering appointing a warden for Frogmore ward. When there was prolonged snow which became impacted on the narrow lanes this caused great difficulty for traffic in Sherford and its hinterland.

At present there were adequate supplies of bagged road salt, but some of the bags had disintegrated and would be of no use. It would be important to cover new supplies of bags with a tarpaulin or keep them under cover.

**43/20 COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

43.1 **Apple Tree Close Play Park, Frogmore:** PJH was still meeting potential suppliers. The Clerk would chase up RF's offer of a grant of £500 from SHDC. Clerk

43.2 **Tree planting:** SH reported that trees were available for planting if suitable sites could be identified.

43.3 **Website accessibility:** BJ reported on progress with upgrading the website to make the content more easily accessible to all users, including PCs, mobiles and tablets. He hoped to have this done by Autumn but invited anybody having difficulty accessing the website to let him know.

43.4 **Seaweed Clearance in Frogmore:** SH spoke about the recent clearance of seaweed from the road in Frogmore and the significant help given by Mr Gary Elliott, SB would thank him on behalf of the Buddle Buster Group. SB

43.5 **Dogs off leads:** NS raised a complaint on behalf of a landowner of dog walkers allowing their dogs to run free on private land adjoining the creek. The Clerk would see if SHDC would erect formal notices advising the requirement for dogs to be on leads. Clerk

**44/20 FROGMORE STEPS**

Work would start when tides and the weather permitted.

**45/20 SHERFORD WAR MEMORIAL**

AM reported that this was now in hand.

**46/20 STRETE GATE MONUMENT, NEW LOCATION**

NS reported that the Strete Gate memorial was due to be moved, the inscription made reference to all parishes that had been evacuated in WWII. These parishes would be invited to contribute to the cost, probably about £200.

**47/20 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

Deferred to a later date.

**48/20 MEETINGS CALENDAR 2020**

20th April - Frogmore

15th June – Frogmore

August – no meeting

18th May - Sherford

20th July – Sherford

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21<sup>st</sup> September – Frogmore  
16<sup>th</sup> November - Frogmore

19<sup>th</sup> October - Sherford  
December – no meeting

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Scheduled for Monday 20 April in Frogmore, but until further notice there would be no formal gathering of councillors to meet and council business would be dealt with by phone and e-mail. The clerk would still circulate an agenda before each scheduled meeting and following councillor input minutes would be prepared.

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**ANNEX A Planning Application Ref: 0265/20/ARM (photographs removed to allow to be e-mailed)**

Applicant: Acorn Property Group

Description: Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 0771/16/OPA (resubmission of 3193/18/ARM)

Address: land off Green Park Way / Port Lane, Chillington.

**This submission**

This application creates an additional flood risk which will impact the village of Frogmore and the Frogmore and Sherford Parish Council submits the following observations and recommendation.

**Drainage Proposals**

The 7.5 acre sloping development site sits above Green Park Way and we note that 62 houses are proposed. 18 houses will have their own soakaway and 44 houses will feed surface water run-off into a 740,000 litre capacity attenuation tank to be located in the south east corner of the site. The tank out-flow rate is specified as 9,000 litres an hour, releasing surface water into either pipe or open channel through Chillington, then discharging into the open watercourse which flows westwards down to Mill Lane, Frogmore and into Frogmore Creek.

**Rainfall Data**

We are **not** confident that the applicant has applied 'best practice' in assessing rainfall data, commensurate with DCC guidance as Lead Local Flood Risk Authority (LLFA) **and** present-day climate change experience.

Frogmore residents and visitors no longer need rely on 'data sets' to confirm the rapid rise in flood incidents over the last 10 years, exacerbated by further major developments lying to the east within the Frogmore Creek drainage catchment.

Severe surface water flooding, impairing access, threatening property and public safety occurs regularly between Mill Lane and Frogmore Bridge during frequent periods of heavy rain. In addition, watercourse scouring and consequent 'silt-wash' is doing irreparable damage to the estuary's salt water ecology.

In order to avoid the risk of an imminent catastrophic event, no further major developments should be undertaken within Frogmore's surface water catchment unless and until supported by a flood risk assessment which accounts current locally recorded statistics and climate science projected data.

**Flooding in the Frogmore Creek Catchment**

These photographs are a graphic illustration of recent flooding in Frogmore. **Photo 1 here**  
Feb 16th 2020 - Amenity ground adjacent to Mill Lane floods as rainwater overwhelms channels on its way towards Frogmore. Taken at low Tide. **Photo 2 here**

The same day - Water overflows onto the road at Frogmore, as capacity is exceeded. Fortunately this occurred at low tide and was not exacerbated by the flow being obstructed by water in the creek. **Photo 3 here**

February 13th 2020 - Rain water flowing down the valley from the east meets a high tide in the creek at Frogmore, completely flooding the bridge road. The vehicle pictured is attempting to turn south off the A379, which was also below water in Frogmore. **Photo 4 here**

The same day. Water will continue to accumulate around properties in Mill Lane until the tide recedes. **Photo 5 here**

Although work has been done to improve drainage along the fields adjacent to Mill Lane, these channels struggle to cope with persistent rain and permanently saturated ground, causing flooding and erosion of fields, and damage to the creek's ecosystems.

**Recommendation**

Frogmore and Sherford Parish Council recommend that this application is **REFUSED**.

**Nigel Smith    Chairman**  
**Frogmore and Sherford Parish Council**

**18 March 2020**