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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD IN FROGMORE VILLAGE HALL
ON 20th JULY 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

In attendance	Cllr Peter Hadley	APH	Chairman
	Cllr Ravi Balasingam	RB	
	Cllr Su Beswick	SB	
	Cllr Paul Harding	PJH	
	Cllr Steve Hart	SH	
	Cllr Ben Johnson	BJ	
	Cllr Antony Marshall	AM	
	County Cllr Julian Brazil	JB	
	Peter Javes		Clerk
Apologies for absence	Cllr Nigel Smith	NS	
	District Cllr Richard Foss	RF	
Members of the public present: None			

This was the first meeting since the easing of the Covid Lockdown restrictions and was held under social distancing and hygiene rules etc.

92/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:
None

93/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2020 subject to the word “parishes” in minute 88/20 being changed to “communities”, were accepted as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chair, along with the minutes of the meetings held on 18th May, 20th April, 18th March and 24th February.

94/20 COUNTY COUNCILLOR

JB reported that in the event of a Covid 19 outbreak in Devon management of the situation would be handled by DCC.

The meeting discussed the volume and speed of traffic on the A379 through Frogmore as well as inappropriate SatNav routing. JB would enquire of DCC about an automatic speed sign at the western entrance to the village. PJH thought that these issues had been talked about for some time and it was essential to start addressing the problem before there was a fatality.

After JB left the meeting AM raised this topic again and the Clerk suggested that it would be appropriate for JB and the Neighbourhood Highways Officer to meet councillors in Frogmore to discuss on site the several issues of concern. Clerk
JB

95/20 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

No report in RF's absence. The Clerk would chase the Sustainable Community Locality Grant of £500 towards the playpark equipment. Clerk

**96/20 PLANNING
CURRENT APPLICATIONS**

96.1 1675/20/HHO Address: Windsong, Frogmore, TQ7 2NR

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Proposed new replacement garage to dwelling.

Observation: The house lies within the ANOB. The proposed garage will occupy an enlarged site next to the house. The architecture appears to be in keeping with the house and its surroundings.

Action: The meeting agreed to make the following representation to SHDC:

The parish council does not raise objections to the application.

96.2 **3193/18/ARM:** Field to rear of 15 Green Park Way, Port Lane, Chillington
Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 0771/16/OPA for 65 dwellings

Status: This application was refused 13 Sept 2019 and is presently the subject of Appeal Ref: APP/K1128/W/20/3247657. An SHDC planning portal case link has not been provided but the PC's representations dated 24th April 2020 have been submitted to SHDC. There is, as yet, no case decision date.

Subsequent to the 3193/18/ARM planning refusal, the applicant submitted another revised reserved matters application ref: 0265/20/ARM to which the PC registered an objection in March 2020. This application has not been determined by SHDC.

Observation: Strong local concern, amplified in a detailed report prepared for Chillington residents by Consultant Hydrologist, Dr A M Bennett, centres on the inadequacy of drainage provisions. DCC's Flood Risk Engineer, Helen Montgomery has advised, however, that the drainage proposals are in compliance with relevant policies, noting that if the latest application 0276/20/ARM is not approved, the earlier scheme with less robust drainage proposals may be implemented if approved on Appeal.

Action: The meeting agreed that, having registered our objections, no further action could be taken at this stage.

96.3 **0962/20/FUL:** Land at the Bakery, Frogmore TQ7 2NT.

Erection of two semi-detached dwellings

Observation: The PC submitted its recommendations for refusal to this application on 20th May 2020, referencing, access, parking and highway concerns, together with community considerations, planning and drainage issues.

The bakery premises with two flats above have now been sold and there is a prospect of the shop being refitted.

It is noted that the DCC Highways case officer recommended refusal '*on highway safety grounds*' in his published response dated 22nd May 2020 and considered that the access to the site is '*seriously substandard in respect of visibility*'. He also noted that the boundary plan '*does not include a turning area for the parking spaces.*'

The DCC Highways case officer has subsequently changed his advice. The applicant has removed a small amount of stone wall capping fronting the bakery, sufficient to satisfy him that '*whilst this improvement does not allow all drivers to gauge approaching traffic on the A379, it will offer some higher seated drivers a notable increase in visibility.*' He notes also that there are several other blind entrances in Frogmore that appear to

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operate safely. He concludes that objection would be inappropriate noting recent Appeal decisions.

Further he accepts that the reduction in existing on-site parking is a 'civil matter' and that additional parking may be on the roadside. He notes that parking has occurred on the A379 and 'this parking has offering a degree of traffic calming as a result'.

The driveway access serves the four Bakery Cottage parking spaces and Bridge House, plus the two Bakery flats and shop which are being renovated by their new owners. None of the present residents drive 'higher seated cars'.

The A379 has restricted widths through the village. There are no pavements west of the bakery. Parked cars cause pedestrians to walk deeper into the carriageway, compound dangers to public safety.

Action The meeting agreed that a further representation should be made to SHDC referencing DCC Highway's advice and the PC's resultant heightened road safety concerns.

96.4 1635/20/AGR and 2036/20/AGR: Pool Farm, Frogmore, TQ7 2NU

Prior notification of agricultural storage building for machinery and fodder.

Observation: SHDC determined 1635/20/AGR on 8th June 2020 confirming that a planning application was required by virtue of the proposed building's siting and size within the AONB. They called for justification of the siting, details of alternative sites and information demonstrating the need within the agricultural undertaking.

Application 2036/20/AGR registered on 8th July 2020 does not amend the siting but provides a statement justifying the location on the basis that land to the north (on raised ground) and to the south (closer to Frogmore Creek), of the present barn cluster would be more prominent. Notably it does not examine options to site the building within the yard closer to the existing buildings, thereby substantially shielded from view behind the existing mature tree screen. Such a location would offer AONB landscape mitigation.

The applicant offers to meet the planning officer for an on-site discussion. This would appear to be a sensible next step.

Action: The meeting agreed that the PC maintains its opposition to the proposals pending an examination of further building siting and landscaping options compliant with South Devon AONB objectives. Members would welcome an opportunity to join a site meeting with the applicant

96/20 FINANCE

Bank balances as at 14th July

Current account	£ 3,882.31
Deposit account	15,252.27
TOTAL	19,134.58

Payments since last meeting

14	SHDC	Neighbourhood Plan	180.00
15	Peter Javes	Clerk's remuneration	212.50
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		392.50

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Receipts last meeting

Lloyds Bank	Interest	0.63
HMRC	VAT refund to 31 March 2020	274.99
TOTAL RECEIPTS		275.62

97/20 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The meeting considered a revision of the Financial Regulations which were adopted, subject to regulation 20 being amended to permit invoices to be signed by the chair *or his deputy*.

98/20 MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

SB took the meeting through the new Member Code of Conduct proposed by the Local Government Association in a consultative document. Recommendations for reply agreed by the HR Committee were approved with SB to formulate the consultation response by the 17th August. A new procedure and template for the Internal Resolution of a Non-Criminal Breach of Conduct was also approved in principle for adoption and publication as soon as possible.

SB

The HR Committee also proposed the following local member code of conduct conditions that the Council agreed for adoption after discussion:

- 1) Restrict the number of prospective members from any one family seeking co-option or election to the Council.
- 2) Any member who has declared a Pecuniary Interest should leave the meeting "out of earshot" for the duration of the agenda item and, once a decision is made, that there should be no exclusion thereafter in correspondence/emails on anything to do with the subject.
- 3) Encourage all newly elected or co-opted members to attend new member training as and when available.

99/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Nothing to report

100/20 COVID-19 UPDATE

It was noted that following the relaxation of Covid lockdown rules the meeting had taken place in Frogmore village hall under social distancing and hygiene rules. Sherford hall would be open by September 2020.

101/20 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

101.1 **Pontoon:** Nothing to report.

BJ

101.2 **Frogmore Children's Playground:** PJH reported that

101.3 **Frogmore Steps:** Ongoing

101.4 **Sherford War Memorial:** Ongoing.

101.5 **West Charleton Allotments:** SH reported that there had been thefts of fruit from the allotments.

102/20 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

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SH reported that a parishioner had expressed interest in the state of footpaths in the area and he would be invited to attend the next meeting to update the PC. SH

103/20 BT PHONE BOX IN FROGMORE

Following minute 90/20 there had not been sufficient interest in the community to justify retaining the kiosk. and thus, it would be removed by BT.

104/20 ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

Deferred to a later date.

105/20 CASUAL VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR FOR FROGMORE WARD

PJH told the meeting that he intended to move out of the parish in the foreseeable future whereon he would resign as a councillor. He thought people should be aware of this and start considering potential candidates to fill this casual vacancy.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 21st September in Sherford village hall. Then:

- 19th October in Frogmore
- 16th November in Sherford
- December no meeting