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**MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD BY ZOOM
ON 21st SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.00 PM**

Participating	Cllr Nigel Smith	NS	Chairman
	Cllr Peter Hadley	APH	
	Cllr Ravi Balasingam	RB	
	Cllr Su Beswick	SB	
	Cllr Ben Johnson	BJ	
	Cllr Antony Marshall	AM	
Apologies for absence	Peter Javes		Clerk
	Cllr Steve Hart	SH	
	County Cllr Julian Brazil	JB	
	District Cllr Richard Foss	RF	

Members of the public observing: one

106/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

NS re minute 111.9 below.

107/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th July 2020 (v4) were accepted as a correct record of proceedings along with the minutes of the extraordinary planning meeting held on 17th August 2020 .

108/20 MATTERS ARISING

108.1 Electronic Speed Sign and traffic on the A379: An on-site meeting with JB and the Neighbourhood Highways Officer was awaited to discuss points raised under minute 94/20.

108.2 Additional Pontoon in the Creek: Nothing to report.

108.3 Frogmore Children's Playground: The £500 grant from SHDC was now being processed.

108.4 Frogmore Steps: The specification for the works would be reviewed at the next meeting. It was agreed that in future the Clerk should retain copies of all quotes received. The barrier rails still needed to be installed.

109/20 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Chair reported that there had been expressions of interest from two people. They would be given more information about the duties expected of a councillor and contacted again before the next meeting on 19th October. NS

110/20 PLANNING GENERAL

APH reported that he had read the White Paper on the proposed planning reforms. He hoped to look at in more detail and draft a response. APH

111/20 CURRENT APPLICATIONS

111.1 3193/18/ARM: Field to rear of 15 Green Park Way, Port Lane, Chillington: Nothing to report

111.2 0989/20/FUL Eastern Field Barn: Conditional approval 18th June 2020.

111.3 0962/20/FUL: Land at the Bakery, Frogmore TQ7 2NT. SHDC Approval 11th August 2020

111.4 1635/20/AGR and 2036/20/AGR: Pool Farm, Frogmore, TQ7 2NU
SHDC Prior approval refused 29th July 2020. The PC wrote to the Applicant on the 21st August 2020 to clarify the Council's position and suggest a site visit as the best way forward prior to any full application being submitted

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- 111.5 0211506: Land adjacent to the Village Hall, Sherford.** There had been by SHDC enforcement. No action
- 111.6 2349/20: Clear Valley, Sherford.**
- 111.7 2556/20FUL Springfield Farm Shop -** see appendix A below
- 111.8 The Store, Old Frogmore Road, Frogmore.**
The Parish Council wrote to SHDC In September with its concerns. The planning authority's enforcement officer has ruled no planning breach
- 111.9 2558/20/FUL: Malston Farm, Sherford-** see appendix B below

112/20 FINANCE

Bank balances as at 21st September

	£
Current account	7,524.42
Deposit account	8,252.91
TOTAL	15,777.33

Payments since last meeting

16	FCVA	Hire of hall	19.00
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18	Aveton Gifford PC	Councillor training books	27.56
19	Peter Javes	Clerk's remuneration	202.60
20	Community First	Insurance 20-21	285.92
21	MB Services	Frogmore steps	6,546.31
22	Greener Gardens	Grass cutting	45.00
23	Peter Javes	Clerk's remuneration	202.60
	TOTAL PAYMENTS		7,347.99

Receipts last meeting

Lloyds Bank	Interest	1.27
SHDC	Precept 2 nd tranche	4,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS		4,001.27

113/20

CLERK'S PAY

It was resolved that the Clerk's pay be increased to £11.53 per hour on pay scale SCP12 with effect from 1st April 2020 in accordance with the National Joint Council for Local Government Services agreement.

114/20 MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT -COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

It was resolved to formally adopt the LGA Member Code of Conduct and upload it to the parish council website... BJ

115/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

APH reported that changes had been made to the plan in accordance with comments received but the plan could not be put to a referendum by parishioners for approval until the Covid 19 rules were relaxed.

116/20 COVID-19 UPDATE

129 cases had been reported in the South Hams but there had been no deaths reported since May.

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117/20 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

117.1 **Turnpike Road, Frogmore:** APH reported that the storm on 27th August had caused debris to be washed from the Old Turnpike Road into the A379. The Turnpike Road had not been maintained for some considerable time and it was thought to be a very low priority with DCC Highways. APH felt that the PC might help with providing sandbags and material to stop debris being washed onto the A379 and it was thought perhaps volunteer labour could help in the absence of DCC Highways.

117.2 **Sherford War Memorial:** Ongoing.

118/20 PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP

Nothing to report

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Traffic on the A379, Twenty is Plenty
- Update policies

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 19th October in Frogmore

- 16th November in Sherford
- December no meeting

APPENDIX A: Springfield, East Charleton, TQ7 2AR - Retrospective engineering works to create a camping and caravanning site.

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS It is stated above that the intended use of the site is authorised and registered and exempt from the need for planning permission, other than the site engineering works.

- It is noted that the enabling legislation refers to 'small sites' for such activities. A stipulated limit is not provided. The site area identified in blue appears excessive.
- Whereas the caravan bases are well defined within a 0.1 ha (0.25 acre) area on the northern / A379 site perimeter, there is no information on the 'plots' to be allocated for up to 10 tents. Given that these will most likely be accompanied by parked vehicles and camping paraphernalia, such siting should be defined and limited to an appropriately sized area situated close to the northern part of the '7 acre block' of land to minimise impact on the South Devon AONB and to avoid conflict with the well-used public right of way footpath across the field.
- A379 vehicular access and egress for tow-cars with caravans and campervans via the unimproved field gate entrance introduces a traffic safety hazard onto this narrow and seasonally congested main road.
- It is noted with concern that the applicant has not undertaken the landscape planting required as a condition under the planning approval for the adjacent Springfield farm shop to comprise hedge bank and orchard planting in compliance with condition nos. 2 and 4 (43/2053/14/F) and conditions nos. 1 and 3 (1312/18/VAR). The absence of any landscaping provisions in the present application is of great concern given the site's intended use and prominence in the protected South Devon AONB.

RECOMMENDATION: On account of this being a retrospective application within the South Devon AONB, Frogmore and Sherford Parish Council recommend that any planning approval for 5 levelled touring caravan parking bases should be conditional upon meeting the following provisions:

1. In accord with the enabling legislation, a small site of not more than circa 0.2 ha (0.5 acre) is to be defined for up to 10 tents and all associated parking and camping paraphernalia, located adjacent to the caravan bases close to the northern field perimeter.
2. A sensitive scheme of landscaping is required, designed and planted prior to opening the caravan and camping site in order to lessen the visual and environmental impact on the AONB landscape.
3. An A379 traffic engineering design study is required and appropriate consented site access works implemented in order to procure safe caravan and camper vans movements on and off the site.
4. The public footpath to the south of the caravan and camping site is to remain undisturbed.

Nigel Smith Chair, Frogmore and Sherford Parish Council 23rd September 2020

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APPENDIX B : Malston Farm, Sherford, TQ7 2BB - provision of a general-purpose agricultural building

PARISH COUNCIL OBSERVATIONS

- Full, transparent agricultural holding tenure disclosure is necessary before a qualifying agricultural use can be substantiated, sufficient to support this application. The two contradictory Design and Access statements submitted in August present an uncertain position.
- Development of the site, which is prominent and of high landscape and environmental value, would not, ordinarily, be supported under prevailing Local Plan or emerging Neighbourhood Plan policies, which seek to protect the countryside.
- Evidence is needed so that it can be determined whether or not the applicant has a farming business.
- There appear to be a number of under-used barns / out-buildings remaining at Malston (Barton) Farm, purpose built for agricultural use.

RECOMMENDATION: Frogmore and Sherford Parish Council recommend that this application be **refused**, the requirement and requisite qualifying conditions for a barn for agricultural use in this sensitive location not having been substantiated.

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