

FROGMORE AND SHERFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 21st NOVEMBER 2022

In FROGMORE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 PM

Present:

Cllr Nigel Smith	NS in the chair
Cllr Peter Hadley	PH
Cllr Ravi Balasingam	RB
Cllr Edward Fevyer	EF
Cllr Tamsin Oakley	TO
Cllr Ben Johnson	BJ
Vanessa Apicella	Clerk
County Cllr Julian Brazil	JB
District Cllr Richard Foss	RF

Apologies:

Cllr Antony Marshall	AM
Cllr Steve Hart	SH

Members of the public attending: 4

Open Forum

Flood alleviation scheme

The trial-run water test was successful. John Galt's report pending. 2 small modifications suggested. Landowners will need to take action to keep system operational going forward.

A379

A stream in vicinity of the recent works has subsequently dried up. If this is now routing into road drains instead of its normal path, remedial action may be needed to prevent overwhelming infrastructure.

PH thanked Chris Coffin for his work and expertise on flood alleviation matters over the years.

There are fresh concerns about road safety and speeding through the village immediately following the A379 reopening.

PH reported on parish's earlier submission to 20 mph limit request, in progress but no immediate action. Parish to investigate variable speed limit signage.

BJ to issue on KIT the speeding in Frogmore report to DCC.

County Councillor

A-road restrictions typically rejected by highways, 20 mph limit in villages is being promoted by county council.

Option of county taking responsibility for speeding enforcement actions being investigated.

Speeding traffic in residential areas should be more harshly enforced.

The Parish Council are doing good job at pushing for more measures.

Speeding in rural areas typically under-policed.

Some villages have put up 20 mph signs but they are not enforceable.

The Parishioner letter received had multiple points that could be useful. (See AOB)
Strete Parish Council made a bulk purchase through vision zero, TO will investigate.

RF: East Charleton had a community speed gun initiative, but could not keep it staffed, ultimately not viable.

Apologies for absence

Cllr Antony Marshall, Cllr Steve Hart.

Declarations of interest

PH – Expressed a personal interest in 2847/22/LBC

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2022 were accepted as a correct record of proceedings and signed by the Chair

Matters arising

A379 verges towards East Charleton maintenance cost claim – re localities budget

PH to request funding for additional maintenance from county.

County Councillor Report

Pool road carriageway surface water / sewage

DCC and South West Water responses awaited.

JB stated difficulty of explaining to highways teams the scope of non-standard works.

TO to provide photos and description to highways.

Clerk to contact Lisa Edmonds - Highways.

EF noted that repeatedly clearing drains is of limited effectiveness, in heavy rain the capacity is quickly overwhelmed.

A379 Closure

The team did a good job in completing roadworks early.

Collision in Sherford due to blind junction, highways claim no issue. Police report pending.

Re: Stream going dry at top of hill, the drain system is separated from sewers, so one part being overwhelmed should not adversely affect the other.

JB to ask for plans of drainage so local expertise could be more efficiently utilised.

County finances not helped by recent central government statements.

Increased demand for social services is draining large portion of resources.

County may be forced into bankruptcy and allow direct control from central government.

Common issue that Parish and County councils struggle to combine resources to work on shared goals.

District Councillor Report

Planning (DMC) notification / meeting representation system failure:

Was due to an issue with overlapping planning applications only triggering messages for one application's commenters. Head of planning assures that in future, everyone will be

informed if they have submitted comments that are relevant on multiple similar applications.

Backroads are often chaotic when A-roads are closed. Will be a permanent problem should Slapton Line disappear.

NS: Slapton line going would be huge blow to businesses, residents, and holidaymakers.

Recycling

In house service improving, area covered by new box-based system to be expanded.

Workers are happier with new regime, management now more involved.

Paid brown bin collection has had mixed feedback, uptake is looking good, price is intended to reflect a non-profit making operation.

Parishioners should report to DCC if brown bins have not been emptied.

Neighbourhood Plan

JLP receiving some updates, should not affect the parish's plan.

By 2024, a double council tax charge on holiday homes could be implemented, would raise £700,000+; increased requirements to qualify for business rates on rental properties.

Finance report

Current funds and expenditure temporarily unavailable, our new clerk should receive bank access and mandate before next meeting.

Parish to repay to central government unspent neighbourhood grant funds of £573.10

Planning Applications

Planning Appeal re: Homefield Farm Barns, Sherford - A decision is expected later in the year.

Planning application ref: 2847/22/LBC. Listed building consent for a roof repair at Stonesettle Frogmore - No Objection raised.

Planning application ref: 3765/22/PDM. Application (within class Q) to determine if prior approval is required for a change of use of an agricultural building to a dwelling house. Barn situated at SX770427, Frogmore, accessed from the old turnpike road (a byway open to all traffic).

The section of road required to access the site has a badly broken up surface. Would require significant repairs. If application progressed further, the parish council would have concerns about the access.

Parish would submit a 'no objection' comment on the application at Bowden Farm. (Application was subsequently withdrawn.)

Slapton Line

Meeting sought with Anthony Mangnall MP, Andy Bates (SHDC CEO) and affected business representatives to pursue long term solutions.

20 MPH is Plenty / traffic calming

Vehicle activated speed (VAS) sign proposals for Frogmore with reference to Churchstow PC experiences / advice.

Matter was also addressed as part of open forum

Community Fund

No new applications, Creek Lawn project receipts are requested.

Sherford War Memorial

Ground works report - Deferred until new year.

Tree Warden

St Martin's Church tree survey - SH absent.

Vizion Zero - Sherford village road signage

No update - AM absent

Parish Paths Partnership Scheme

Research and recommendations - Carry forward -> Paperwork pending.

AOB:

A letter from parishioner Alison Strudwick was read. Several points and suggestions raised in the letter have previously been rejected by highways.

JB: Any traffic restrictions on A-roads very difficult to get approval.

Parish Council will offer 20 is plenty signs to Ms. Strudwick.

Additional signs are available from FVCA.

PC to consider supplying High-Vis to pedestrians.

Calendar for next year:

Monday 23rd January	Sherford VH
Monday 20th February	Frogmore VH
Monday 20th March	Sherford VH
Monday 17th April	Frogmore VH
Monday 15th May	Sherford VH
Monday 19th June	Frogmore VH
Monday 17th July	Sherford VH
No meeting In August	
Monday 18th September	Frogmore VH
Monday 16th October	Sherford VH
Monday 20th November	Frogmore VH
No meeting in December	