

FROGMORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019 AT 7.00PM AT FROGMORE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Paul Harding (PJH), Fiona Foord (FF), Jenny Harding (JH), Amanda Starkey (AS), Peter Hadley (APH), Pauline Howells (PH), Jeremy Masters (JM) and Lynne Hopkins (LH)

In attendance: Julie Hadley, Nicky and Peter Boulton, Barbara Masters, Anthony and Pat Greenwood, Edward Fevyer, Mike and Wendy Morris, John Mellings, Eileen Ashby, Roger and Diana Hardiman, Pauline and Howard Bond, and Yvonne James.

As there was a quorum of Trustees present, the meeting was declared open.

Ref:	Item
1	Apologies: Liz Davies (LD)
2	Minutes of the last AGM held on 27 March 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3	Matters arising from the minutes of 17 March 2018:
3.1	PJH read through the minutes of 27 March 2018 and no comments were made.
4	Chairman's Report (attached to the minutes for the file):
4.1	JPH welcomed all those attending the meeting. PJH advised that APH stepped down as chairman at the last AGM. Since then PJH has taken over as Chairman of the Committee. PJH also commented that he has had tremendous support from the Committee, especially APH for his invaluable knowledge. PJH thanked FF in her role as Secretary and as the editor of the Croak. PJH wished FF all the best for her future marriage to Terry. PJH thanked the Treasurer (PH) for producing her immaculate accounts and for all her help.
4.2	Memorial tree planting: Regarding the sad passing of Edward Noyce last year who had been Chairman of the FVCA Committee and also a Trustee too, it was felt by the Committee that we should plant a tree to commemorate his service to the village, together with a commemorative plaque outside the village hall., This event was extremely well supported by both villagers and Edward's family.
4.3	Coffee mornings: Once again John and Eileen have worked very hard on making a success of the coffee mornings held every month. They raised over £500 for a special coffee morning for the purchase of a complete "Shelter Box". Coffee mornings have now changed to the 3 rd Wednesday in every month.
4.4	Bonfire night: Another successful Guy Fawkes night. Many thanks to the marshals, BBQ and bar teams keeping us well fed, watered and safe. A special thanks to Nigel and Sarah Sture for leading the procession to the Perraton Field, and to Tim Gray my joint 'pirotech', without whom we could not have had such a brilliant display. A special mention too to Peter and Julie Hadley for the making of Guy - a work of art.

4.5	<p>Seniors' Christmas Lunch: Thanks to Pat and Anthony Greenwood for another superb Christmas lunch and to all the helpers on the day. A mention too for Ken for doing all the washing up. Approximately 50 locals braved the awful weather to make their way to the hall to be entertained by the Frogmore singers led by George Howard and APH after the lunch.</p>
4.6	<p>WiFi has now been installed in the hall, giving an extra incentive to potential hall hirers. This was done with the help of a grant of £500 from South Hams District Council.</p>
4.7	<p>Flood prevention: PJH advised that the work had now been completed in one week and he wished to record a thanks to the workers for getting the work done in one week instead of two which was predicted. New concrete steps have been made at the head of the creek.</p>
4.8	<p>Legacy: PJH advised that in February this year, we were informed that we had been left a legacy of £2,000 in the will of Edythe Shelvoke on the stipulation that it be used for the village hall. We hope to use this money for new hall flooring – see JM's note below.</p>
4.9	<p>Village Hall: The village hall improvements have now commenced and PJH invited those present to see what the builders have done so far. PJH asked JM who has been overseeing the project to give everyone an update. JM explained that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having discussed with the Committee, it was decided to go ahead with updating the hall and giving it a "face lift", and Nigel Rogers, builder was appointed to carry out the remedial work to the kitchen, toilets, creating further space at the back of the hall and new doors put in. The chairs will now be put in this room to give more room in the hall. APH to lead a working party to clear the back store to get rid of any unwanted items. • We also want to put new flooring down in the hall which will cost approximately £4,000. Edythe's legacy of £2,000 is a great help towards funding this project. We will put a plaque on the wall to commemorate Edythe for her generous legacy. • We are hoping to receive some money from Julian Brazil – possibly £1,000 to help with the renovations. • We hope to have a skittle evening and maybe a Bingo session and a film night. Also, Bangers & Mash evening on 25 October.
4.10	<p>Stabbs Lane: The Parish Council have agreed to pay for repairs to the slipway in Stabbs Lane and we are hoping to have this work undertaken in the very near future.</p>
4.11	<p>Regatta: Last year's Regatta proved very successful financially. The event produced a profit of £6,000. A new event this year was the Produce marquee which proved to be a success – thanks to Lynne Bentley and Jo Parsons. It was decided to give 25% of the profit to local charities – Riding for the Disabled, Kingsbridge in Bloom and the girls from Astro to Atlantic who successfully complete their row at the end of last year. We will be looking for a new chairman for the 2020 Regatta as this will be PJH's last Regatta. The date for this year's Regatta is Sunday 11 August at 12.00noon in Pool Meadow.</p>
4.12	<p>Cheese & Wine evening: There will be a cheese and wine evening at the hall on 12 April. This will be an informal get together for both old and prospective new helpers for this year's Regatta.</p>
4.13	<p>Bangers & Mash Evening: PJH confirmed that we will be holding a Bangers & Mash evening in the village hall on 25 October with the Old Gaffers entertaining.</p>

5	Treasurer's Report on the FVCA accounts for 2018 – Schedule including 2017 & 2018 comparison accounts and JH's report attached to the minutes for the file:
5.1	This year started with a total balance of £32,014.40 of which £27,428.62 was invested in a bond with Octopus Investments.
5.2	The hall lettings have produced an income of £2,191.25, slightly down again on 2017.
5.3	The Regatta proved a success and the takings totaled £10,104.80 and after expenses of £4,319.04, we were left with a cash surplus of £5,785.76 plus some remaining stock which has been used for other events.
5.4	The Bonfire evening with the help of stock from the Regatta broke even and the Seniors' Christmas Lunch had a net cost of around £312, but again with some remaining stock which has been carried forward to 2019.
5.5	The outside of the hall has had the timber treated and more renovations are to be carried out in 2019 – new kitchen cupboard doors and worktops and toilets up grading. A chair trolley has been purchased to make for easier movement. A small PA system was purchased for use both at the Regatta and for functions in the hall, i.e. Seniors' Christmas Lunch. A new large marquee was purchased for the Regatta and we may need to replace some gazebos this year. A new weather proof cabinet has been fitted to the Notice Board. We made three donations to local charities: Riding for the Disabled, Kingsbridge in Bloom and the Astro to Atlantic rowing challenge who raised money for the Air Ambulance.
5.6	A tree was planted outside the hall together with a plaque in memory of Edward Noyce.
5.7	A grant was received from South Hams District Council to enable the installation of Broadband (installed January 2019).
5.8	The year ended with the Bond standing at £26,643.70 (down £784.92), Cash at Bank £4,748.46, Cash £1.14. Total: £31,393.30. Total income was £13,551.79, Expenses were £13,414.43, Surplus of £137.30.
5.9	We have more classes book this year and with Broadband installed and the flooring completed, we hope to attract more interest for the hall to cover its expenses.
5.10	The basic annual running costs of the hall amount to approximately £3,000pa. This figure makes no allowance for any maintenance or improvements to the fabric of the building.
6	Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – the report prepared and read by APH:
6.1	The NP is drafted to 'pre. Reg 14 community/stakeholder consultation stage', after which it will be submitted to the local authority for independent inspection. The draft is presently with SHDC's Neighbourhood Plan Officer, Duncan Smith for his guidance. It has also been checked and edited by our own planning consultant, Lee Bray.
6.2	Reg.14 will be a minimum 6- week period during which the draft will be available on line, and in printed form at our village halls. There will also be a limited print run for those who need their own hard copy. Your NP team (includes AS, Ravi and Alison) will be available for discussion and to record your views. The Plan may then be amended to reflect significant comments.
6.3	The independent examination (by a qualified inspector appointed by the local authority) is a technical appraisal to ensure that the Plan complies with statutory guidance, for example, the Government's National Planning Policy Guidance and, now that it is heading for Adoption, the Plymouth and SW Devon Joint Local Plan (2014-2034).
6.4	Once given a clean bill of health, the NP is put to a parish electoral role referendum. If agreed by simple majority of votes, it is adopted to sit alongside the Joint Local Plan as statutory planning guidance, thereby directly influencing future local planning policy application decisions.

6.5	We have had a recent delay in the Plan preparation to assimilate a recent planning Appeal decision. Housing development is one of the key issues in the Plan. The present draft would support single and small (up to 3) houses building within Frogmore's settlement boundary. It does not, however promote new sites for development. Significantly, the JLP excludes our parish from specified housing targets due to the AONB. Since the beginning of the year, we also now expect a further 8 homes to be built adjacent to Crook Close (albeit in the AONB), bringing the parishes' consented/unbuilt total to 16 houses.
6.6	The Plan however, would continue to support locally promoted small affordable 'rural exception' housing initiatives should such come forward, as has been the parish council's policy.
7	Nominations invited for people to stand as a Committee member:
7.1	On behalf of the Committee, PJH asked those attending the meeting if anyone would like to stand as a Committee Member for the forthcoming year. No one who attended came forward. It was recorded that no one sought election at today's meeting.
8	Approval invited for those members of the Committee to re-stand as Trustees for a further year:
8.1	Those Committee Trustees who wished to be re-elected for the forthcoming year, PJH, FF, JH, APH, AS, PH, JM, LH and LD were unanimously approved to be re-elected by all present. This was proposed by Eileen Ashby and seconded by Howard Bond.
9	Any Other Business:
9.1	It was agreed that the 2018 accounts which have been approved and signed, be put on the website on the home page.
9.2	Howard Bond queried whether we could make more use of the Perraton Field? Could we have more events/functions there? The Committee explained that they did put on a Sports Day but this was poorly attended after a lot of hard work from the Committee to organize it. Ed Fevyer advised that the Creek had more interest for his children than the Perraton Field as there was more to do on the water. He did suggest that maybe we could have a barn dance there? All agreed that this would be a great idea and would be considered later by the Committee. A future event maybe? It was also noted that we do use the Perraton Field for Bonfire Night and a lot of dog walkers take their dogs there.
10	Date of the next FVCA AGM will be held in March 2020 (date to be fixed yet).

As there was no further business, the meeting closed.

Signed by:

Paul Harding
Chairman

Date: