

FROGMORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2021 AT 6.00PM BY ZOOM

Present: Paul Harding (PJH), Fiona Dye (FD), Juliette Bird (JB), Terry Dye (TD), Peter Hadley (APH), Amanda Starkey (AS), Tim Trumper (TT), Anna Bennett (AB), and Don Scargill (DS)

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

Ref:	Item:	Action:
1	Absence: Lynne Hopkins	Noted
2	PJH thanked APH for hosting the zoom meeting. As PJH wishes to retire as Chairman and Trustee, discussion ensued regarding appointing a new Chairman. TT very kindly offered to become the next Chairman of the Committee. The Committee agreed wholeheartedly, and therefore TT was duly appointed as Trustee and Chairman. It was also agreed that TT, JB and DS would look to 'recruit' a volunteer from other newcomers to the village. It was noted that AS has resigned from being Vice Chairman.	Noted
3	Update on the Regatta:	
	TD advised that he had received an email from Gary Elliott saying he was not keen to allow his field to be used for the Regatta this year as he is concerned about Covid, particularly as there would be around 2,000 people attending. TD also said that the timing of the tides was difficult this year too to fit in with the Regatta. It was agreed by all that we should cancel this year's Regatta. It was suggested that if the Covid situation got much better, we could have a smaller event on the field if Gary allowed it. To be discussed later.	Noted
4	Telephone Box:	
4.1	APH had given the Committee an update on the purchase of the Frogmore telephone box. Alison Balasingham and Gethin Thomas have set up a fundraising campaign in the village to receive donations. £1,765 has been donated to date (26 Jan) from 40 donors (50% of the £3,500 target). The telephone box would be £3,500. The Parish Council have agreed to assist with limited funds and ownership in order to recoup VAT. They may be able to donate £500 to £1,000 depending on how far the village got in receiving donations. Meanwhile, a £250 holding reservation fee for the refurbished kiosk has been paid to X2 Connect (BT's sole kiosk reconditioning contractor). Discussion ensued re the siting of the box and it was concluded that the box was best placed on FVCA land by the village hall which was near the electrical supply too. Several other sites were discussed but the site by the hall was considered the most convenient. A local builder would make the base for it and connect the electricity at no charge. APH said the funding project will continue. There was reservation about whether funds should be used from the FVCA bank accounts to meet the cost and some of the Committee were cautious as this should be a village independent project and not an FVCA project. It was noted that there has been little income to the accounts over the past year and we will have no income this year if the Covid situation continues. However, APH asked if the Committee was in favour of going ahead with the project and all agreed. APH to keep us informed. PJH	

	reiterated that the FVCA funds were diminished due to Covid and TD and DS had reservations regarding vandalism etc. AB was in two minds about it. AS advised that it was a good idea but did not want to help with the box when in situ. JB said that she would pay £250 towards the box. TT added that he was in favour of it but to try to fund this from donations given. PJH queried the insurance for it. APH advised that we will need planning permission for this which he will organize. TT, JB and DS said they would look after the box once it was in place.	APH/Noted
5	20 is Plenty Campaign:	
5.1	APH had sent the Committee a report. At the Parish Council meeting on 18 January, they endorsed the 20 is Plenty campaign. However, Julian Brazil, whilst sympathetic, said that Devon Highways will not take any action without strong pressure. APH said the next step was to appoint a Campaign Team to report to the FVCA/Parish Council and to monitor the traffic etc. They could use a radar speed detector. Speeds might be compared before and after displaying temporary 20mph signs. Discussion ensued. TT asked re the pavement area through West Charleton may be a good idea. APH said that the village school was the reason they achieved the 20mph. All agreed to the project and APH to set up a Campaign Team and report back later.	APH/Noted
6	Any other business:	
6.1	The lime kiln in Frogmore: The kiln was renovated some years ago and now it is beginning to deteriorate. It is grade 2 listed. The sign is now illegible. APH to investigate a renovation. TT thought it would be a good idea to set up a working party as a community project if restrictions allow.	APH/Noted
6.2	APH said there had been complaints re dog mess on the public footpath by the Creek. The Committee discussed about getting a bin to be placed there. PJH recommended contacting the Highways Community Relations officer, as she was helpful when they provided a bin for dog mess in the Perraton Field. APH to contact.	APH/Noted
6.3	Snow Wardens. APH said the bins had now been filled with grit and salt and there is an informal community volunteer team, named 'the Buddle-hole Busters' team that will distribute this when bad weather was forecast.	Noted
6.4	Annette and Neal Smith who have taken over the flats and bakery in the village, have refurbished the flats and will create a shop too. APH said we could get good news about the shop in February.	Noted
6.5	JB asked if the Committee still did litter picks. APH said the Parish Council organized an annual Creek clean up and afterwards provided bacon baps and coffee in the hall. JB thought it was a good idea. She had noticed some litter on the slipway and picked it up. The slipway was covered in seaweed some of the time and APH advised that Gary Elliott sometimes picked this up to use on his farm. To discuss later when Covid allows.	Noted/TW
6.6	FD advised that she will add the minutes and AGM minutes to the website. It was suggested that there should be photos of the Committee on the website too and FD agreed to do this if there is enough space.	FF/Noted

7	Next meeting: It was agreed to arrange a meeting either by zoom or in the hall, depending on the Covid restrictions when more was known. TT to set up a meeting date by email when it is necessary.	TT/Noted
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As there was no further business, the meeting ended.

Signed by:

Tim Trumper
Chairman

Date: