

FRESHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON 9th DECEMBER 2019, MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHFORD

Present

Councillors: John Adler (Chairman), Jean Hawker, (Vice Chair), Annabel Batchelor-Wylam, Julian Carpenter, Jonelle Daniels, Tom Maddicott, Nick Stevens, Martin Walker,

Public: Phil Affleck, Mark Collins, Brad Abrahams, Graham Jenkins, Lulu Brouard, Stewart Sellers

Clerk & RFO: Ruth Talboys

	Action
159/19 Apologies for Absence Jacob Heatley-Adams	
160/19 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensation Cllr Walker and Cllr Stevens – Hall Trustees	
161/19 Recruitment of new Clerk and RFO Ruth Talboys was confirmed as the new clerk and RFO, following an interview with the chair and vice chair 02.12.19 and unanimous vote by the councillors.	
162/19 Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 11th November 2019 The minutes were agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.	
163/19 Matters Arising Tree Survey The tree survey of Tynning wood will take place on Thursday 19th December, Cllrs Hawker and Daniels attending. Cllrs Hawker and Daniels to report back on actions and consideration for budget.	JD
Maintenance for Street Lighting Cllr Walker has liaised with SSE and schedule of annual maintenance costs received and forwarded.	MW
War Memorial Cllr Maddicott needs wording from Cllr Adler before posting message on Parish Communications. Cllr Adler will send wording. Cllr Maddicott will post message.	JA TM
Asset Management Cllr Walker has prioritised the work to be undertaken.	
The Tynning It was agreed that Councillor Daniels should instruct James Lock to replace the missing softwood bollard at a cost of £65. The nature of type of bollards used on the Tynning in the future to be discussed in a later meeting	JD
Stream Cllr Daniels met with Jim McEwan of BaNES last Wednesday to discuss the stream/culvert from the Galleries to the sinkhole and issues of flooding thereof. McEwan agreed to ask B&NES contractors to clear the part of the culvert that runs above ground near Galleries. McEwan	

<p>advised it is the responsibility of the Parish Council to appoint a new flood rep to monitor the whole length of the culvert. Cllr Stevens thought Gez Rideout had expressed interest in such a role. Cllr Daniels recommended her report be considered at January's meeting in the first instance.</p>	
<p>164/29 Open Forum 3 members of the public came to talk about matters regarding the development at <u>Freshford Mill</u>; Phil Affleck 10 years ago BaNES highway recommended refusal of the development because of the unsuitable infrastructure of roads needed to access the development. A significant increase in volume and speed of traffic and Sat Nav preferences has only exacerbated the issue. It is the only large-scale development in Freshford in living memory and all associated traffic is using Rosemary Lane. Phil seeks a solution to the issue and asks for it to be discussed by the Councillors and for them to visit the site. Mark Collins Reiterated what Phil Affleck had stated and expressed concern that it was a time bomb which residents were not prepared to ignore. Lulu Brouard Further expressed the issue as a point of urgency. Raised concern that once people have moved in it will be difficult to make changes and introduce retrospective restrictions. With only 3 points of access the top and bottom of Rosemary Lane and Sharpstone, Lulu believes all things need to be considered including closing certain sections.</p> <p><u>Parking</u> Graham Jenkinson Graham Jenkinson attended the FLISCA meeting (25.11.19), where parking was discussed and a proposal made for parking to be created through sensitive design and landscaping of part of the Tynning. With demands for parking in all areas of the village now beyond capacity, Graham considers the matter a disaster waiting to happen. He acknowledged that there are very few solutions but considered the Tynning a real prospect. Historically the 'Getting About Group' produced drawings for such a proposal for the Freshford and Limpley Stoke Neighbourhood Plan, although it was omitted from the final document. Graham would be available if anyone would like to help in developing such ideas, but asks for the issue of parking to be recognised.</p> <p>Cllr Adler thanked all attendees for their comments that he acknowledged were well made and well understood. With regards to the Mill, he advised that he had been contacted by Neil Butters and Martin Chivers from BaNES who acknowledge the issue and recommend the closure of the bridge to prevent through traffic. Cllr Adler asked Cllr Carpenter, as the Transport representative for the Council, to discuss that matter with residents of Rosemary Lane, Cllrs Butters and BANES with a view to presenting some options for future action. Cllr Carpenter to take contact details of those present to follow up on this matter and report back to the Parish Council in February 2020.</p> <p>Cllr Daniels asked if anyone had approached BaNES since May. Phil had and had received the same recommendation. Cllr Stevens' last contact with Chris Griggs was with regards to access</p>	<p>JC</p>

<p>but felt that further measures were needed. Cllr Stevens reminded the meeting that the development company is now in receivership but still hope to complete Phase 1 of the development. Cllr Adler reiterated that the matter needed looking into properly. With regards to parking, he advised that the matter would be given due attention within the meeting agenda.</p>	
<p>165/19 Correspondence Received Correspondence received as per schedule and acknowledged.</p>	
<p>166/19 Planning Applications and Decisions</p> <p><u>Planning Applications</u> 19/05075/FUL - Tynning View, New Road, Freshford, Bath BA2 7WA - Erection of rear extension to house following demolition of existing extension. Stewart Sellers of Tynning View was present at the public forum. Cllr Stevens proposed support is given for the planning application in the way recommended by Cllr Batchelor-Wylam in her written report of the same. Cllr Adler asked for Craig Underdown's considerations re light pollution to be considered. Mr Sellers advised that due to the topography the majority of that aspect of the extension is below ground level and therefore should have minimal impact. Cllr Batchelor-Wylam didn't consider it to be a concern. Cllr Stevens proposed support as indicated. All Cllrs gave unanimous support. Cllr Adler to construct email to BaNES planning team, using wording from Cllr Batchelor-Wylam's report.</p> <p>19/04935/FUL - Homewood Lodge, Warminster Road, Hinton Charterhouse, Bath, BA2 7TB - Iterations to the approved scheme (19/01385/FUL) to include a first floor extension and minor internal alterations. Cllr Batchelor-Wylam, minor amendments, only concern being Hinton Charterhouse Parish Council consulted not Freshford. Cllr Adler has taken similar concerns to the Cam Valley Forum and has asked BaNES to address along with issues where properties are in neighbouring local authorities. Cllr Hawker asked what Hinton's response had been to the application. Cllr Walker confirmed Hinton had supported the application. Cllr Stevens proposed supporting the application as the amendments are minor and don't alter the scale of the proposals. Cllr Daniels supported the proposal.</p> <p><u>Tree Applications</u> 19/04805/TCA – 1 The Orchard, Freshford, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA2 7WX - Sycamore Tree (T1) – Fell Cllr Daniels proposed support Unanimous support</p> <p><u>Decision Notifications</u> 9/04526/FUL – Chapel House, Pipehouse, Freshford, Bath, Bath and North East Somerset – Extension to studio and erection of outbuildings (Resubmission). - Permit 19/04128/LBA - Peipards Farm Access Road From Warminster Road To</p>	<p>JA</p>

<p>Peipards Farm Freshford, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset - Creation of new access drive and associated parking, along with amendments to previously approved landscaping scheme – Consent</p>	
<p>167/19 Finance The following payments were agreed: Standing Orders - None Direct Debits - None</p> <p>Receipts Alan Duck invoice £140 – signed and approved by Cllr Adler and Vice Chair Hawker James Lock invoice £300 – signed and approved by Cllr Adler and Vice Chair Hawker</p> <p>Cllr Adler to complete bank recs and circulate for approval Cllr Adler confirmed accounts are in budget</p>	<p>JA</p>
<p>168/19 Highways and Transport</p> <p><u>Village Hub Bus Stop</u> Cllr Walker to obtain 2 more quotes for construction and report back at January's meeting. Cllr Carpenter applied to GWR Community Fund but won't hear back until April. Confirmed £3250 required. Councillors discussed the best route forward to secure funds. FLISCA was considered a possibility but no further action is recommended until Cllr Carpenter has heard back from GWR. Cllr Adler recommended alerting FLISCA to possible need for application.</p> <p><u>Parking</u> Councillors expressed concern over the suggested conversion of part of The Tynning into a car park, considering it to be against the reason for purchase and purpose. Cllr Daniels to consult the school about parking during holidays and after hours in the staff car park and propose the children engage in developing parking solutions for the village in light of climate change emergency and energy sparks initiative. Cllr Adler acknowledged the views raised by FLISCA and Graham Jenkins and recognised parking issues in Freshford as long standing issues which need further consideration without compromising the integrity of the village green. Cllr Stevens further acknowledged that it is not just a Parish Council matter, rather, an aspect in which all villagers have an interest. Cllr Adler recommends that rather than the various isolated interests, the problems need to be fully understood and all pertinent issues considered in the round. All councillors agreed. Cllr Hawker proposed and it was agreed by all, that a Parish Council response be drafted by Cllr Stevens for the attention of Simon Coombe as Chair of FLISCA for prior consideration by the Parish Council.</p>	<p>MW JC JD NS</p>
<p>169/19 Asset Management Reviewed and prioritised by Cllr Walker.</p>	
<p>170/19 Natural Environment <u>Cemetery</u></p>	

<p>Cllr Stevens advised there are big issues that need addressing Cllr Daniels will pass quotes from Alan Duck to Cllr Stevens Cllr Adler thanked Cllr Stevens for his additional work in this regard in the absence of a clerk. Cllr Walker recommended passing the work to Alan Duck not the village. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p><u>The Tyning</u> Significant damage to ground on The Tyning has been reported to the PC, allegedly due to a villager or guest of a villager horse riding there. Cllr Adler to speak to villager concerned. Cllr Batchelor-Wylam proposed planting an avenue of trees in place of the bollards as a more effective and environmentally friendly way of achieving the same end. All councillors agreed in principle.</p> <p><u>Hedges and Walls</u> Councillor Daniels will contact Hinton Charterhouse about fallen tree on footpath in their parish.</p> <p>Councillor Daniels will report back to February 2020 meeting about replacing bollards with trees on Tyning.</p> <p>Cllr Daniels advised that equipment to maintain hedges has been stored in John Agers garage, but that the maintenance needed now surpasses the tools capabilities. JD has received 1 quote for £1,500 for work needed, but will seek further quotes, including one from Alan Duck. Once the work is done subsequent maintenance can be done with said equipment. Once quotes have been received consideration can be given as to whether or not a grant application can be made to FLISCA for the works.</p>	<p>JD</p> <p>JA</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p> <p>JD</p>
<p>171/19 Budget for 2020/21 Cllr Adler asked for feedback and comments to be provided on his initial draft budget at January's meeting and outlined that the current draft budget requires a precept increase of 3-5%.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>172/19 Exchange of Information Chairman's Report <u>PC website</u> Cllr Adler advised that the site needs work to meet statutory requirements and enable ease of access and update. He asked that all councillors look at the Limpley Stoke website as an example of how improvements could be made. Cllr Maddicott supported the need for the website platform to be more accessible. Cllr Adler to contact designer of LS website and discuss further.</p> <p><u>Parish Sweeper</u> Decision to be made at next meeting whether or not to remove or continue funding.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 9.05pm Date of next meeting 13th January 2020</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>Signed (Chair)..... Date.....</p>	

