



Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 January 2026
in the Village Hall at 19:00

1. Opening Remarks

- The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting. He informed those present that he intended to move agenda item 19, White House Farm Solar and Storage Facility, to be item 3 to be addressed

2. Attendance & Apologies

- Freystrop Community Councillors: M R Harries (Chair), T F Holder, A M Simpson, E Utting
- Pembrokeshire County Councillor (Llangwm Ward): M J John
- Apologies: Councillor W D Thomas (Vice Chair), sickness
- Prospective Councillor: J Morris
- Mr George Senior, Mr L D George
- A large contingent of residents and non-residents
 - No register was taken

3. White House Farm Solar and Storage Facility

- i. Copy of submission to Axis in response to the PAC by Councillor M J John received
- ii. Hard copies of draft planning application received from Qair
- iii. Cllr Ross Harries spoke at length detailing the procedures expected in terms of the planning application and its timescales
- iv. PEDW will review and request adjustments and clarification before the application is available for consultation. The current submission was not going to be addressed by PEDW until at the earliest 2 February
- v. The Chair offered the public attending the opportunity to leave the meeting if they were not interested in the business of Freystrop Community Council
 - J Forrest was one of the last to leave and, in departing, thanked the Chair for his "consideration" in moving this item for discussion earlier in the meeting
 - The 2 Mr Georges were the only members of the public who remained

4. FCC Policy on Declarations of Interest

- Attendees were reminded of the policy

5. Minutes of the 10 November 2025 Monthly Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting were passed as a true representation
 - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: T F Holder
 - No hard copy was available for signature

6. Matters Arising

- No matters were raised

7. Presentations & Questions from the Public

- There have been no receipts

8. County Councillor's Report

- Pembrokeshire County Councillor M J John updated FCC on PCC matters
 - **Changes to bus service** a consultation is open until the 26th January on several services including the 308, Haverfordwest-Llangwm-Burton circular. 25 mins earlier in morning and 10mins later in afternoon. This was due to bus being late in morning and people missing connection of late for 9am start if working. Encouraged all to comment
 - **Repairs to Westfield Bridge** essential repairs needed to maintain this bridge and planned for start on 19th January. 3 months work including weekends and evening. Traffic control will be used and delays expected
 - **Fishguard North by-election** will take place on 10th February following sad passing away of Cllr Jordan Ryan
 - **Cllr Stoddart** another Cllr, Mike Stoddart, passed away on Sunday last week. Known as "Old Grumpy" he will be known to many for his blog posts and previous newspaper Milford Mercury
 - **Budget 2026-2027.** Pembrokeshire CC has received a revised provisional AEF settlement from WG which, after tax base adjustments and transfers, is an increase of 4.2%, £10m. This still leaves a projected funding gap of £13.6m to be made up from Council tax, savings and efficiencies. Each

1% of Council tax equates to approx £0.9m

- **50 + Health and Well Being Day In Hook Sports Club Thursday March 12th 2026 (10am-4pm).** Hook Community Forum are hosting this and invite organisations to have a stand. This will be the third time that they have organised such a day and some may have attended those days (one in 2017 and one in 2019) **Aims of the day:**
 - * To showcase the many services provided in Pembrokeshire for older people
 - * To give people the opportunity to access information around issues pertinent to them as an individual
 - * To enable the elderly and less able bodied to access services to allow them to stay safe, independent and age well in their own homes
 - * To support carers to enable them to attend the day
 - * To promote healthy but manageable exercise regardless of age and ability
 - * To enable people to socialise and have an enjoyable day out
- **Cllr M J John reminded all to raise any issues they wanted information on and he would report back**

9. Vacancies

- o Community Councillor
 - o Jennifer Morris was attended as a prospective Community Councillor
- o Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
 - o No update

10. Community

- o Buckingham Palace Garden Parties May 2026
 - o To be addressed at the next meeting
- o "Bring your Community Together through Food"
 - Not discussed
- o Northmoor Common Maintenance Taskforce
 - Cllr A M Simpson updated Council on the Maintenance Taskforce

11. Highways & Rights of Way

- o Damage to private property during repairs to Moorland Road potholes
 - No comments
- o Salt bins
 - No procedures in place for monitoring and maintaining the bins
 - The salt bin at Freystrop Cross has been installed
 - Request for salt bin near Freystrop Church by G Walters
 - * noted
- o Safety of schoolchildren awaiting the morning buses
 - PCC has again committed to pay a site visit

12. Planning Matters

- o Cross View Farm revised submission - 25/0727/PA
 - Decision to be made by 19 January
 - No comments were made
- o PCNPA LDP3 Timetable published

13. Cemetery, Bus Shelters, Kiosk & Other Assets

- o No comments

14. Training/Seminars, Consultations & Presentations

- o Working Better Together – 27 January 2026, 19:30
- o Biodiversity Action Plan Workshops AMS to attend
- o What you need to know about Community Boundary Reviews"

15. FCC Administration

- o Completion of Audit 2024/25
 - No progress
- o Community Newsletter & Annual Report 2024-25
 - No progress
- o New OVW Guidance Notes received
 - Copyright
 - Participating in Webinars
- o Section 6 Reporting approval request

- This report is overdue, Cllr A M Simpson requested approval to publish
- All approved the publication
- o Multi-location Meetings
 - No progress

Handwritten notes:
10/2/26

Signed:
Date:

16. FCC Financial Matters

- o Receipts November 2025 -January 2026
 - Deposit Account Interest - £69.51
 - Precept - £4,000
- o Payments November-January 2025
 - Clerk's final salary - £1,537.69
 - PHFRP November Inspection - £60
 - PHFRP December Inspection - £60
 - For the purposes of audit/minuting
 - * Councillor E Uttng ignored the request to raise the payment for the supplier
 - * Councillor W D Thomas requested Councillor A M Simpson make arrangements to raise the payment
 - * Councillor A M Simpson requested the former clerk raise a payment request which she then approved for payment
- o Upcoming Payments January-February
 - PHFRP Inspections - £120.00 – January payment due
 - Freystrop Cross Salt bin awaiting invoice
- o PHFRP Fencing
 - Mr Lewys George presented estimates for the provision of fencing around the 'pitch'
 - It was agreed that FCC would seek grants to fund this work
 - AMS would make initial approaches regarding the Pride in Place grant from PCC
- o Bank accounts
 - Current Account Balance: £4,140.00 at 7/01/26
 - Deposit Account Balance: £29,621.24 at 7/01/26
- o Precept submission
 - Last submission date 23 January 2026
 - The budget for 2026/27 was approved
 - Proposed: A M Simpson Seconded: T F Holder

17. Other Matters

- o One Voice Wales
 - Social Impact Assessment Survey completed
 - Pembrokeshire Area Committee Meeting 26 January
 - * No update
 - Wales Regional Energy Strategic Plans (RESP)
 - * Forwarded to Councillors

18. Councillors' Requests

- o No requests were made

19. Date of Next Meeting

- o Next scheduled meeting 9 February 2026 in Freystrop Village Hall at 19:00
- o Items for inclusion on the agenda should be received to the clerk by the Wednesday prior to the meeting



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Approval proposed by: **AM SIMPSON**

Seconded: **TF HOLDER**

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