



MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2026
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FREYSTROP AT 19:15

1. Opening Remarks

- The new Chair, Councillor C P White thanked Councillor W D Thomas for his years of service

2. Attendance & Apologies

- Please refer to the Attendance, actions & Declarations document published for this meeting

3. FCC Policy on Declarations of Interest

- The declaration of interests form must be completed, signed and returned to the acting clerk prior to any discussion on the related matter

4. Minutes of the 11 May 2026 Monthly Meeting

- The minutes were accepted as being a true record
 - Proposed: W D Thomas Seconded: E Utting

5. Matters Arising

- No matters were raised

6. Presentations & Questions from the Public

- G Utting requested details concerning planning proposed for The Old Manse, Lower Freystrop. Neither Councillor M J John or the acting clerk had received any notification of plans

7. County Councillor's Report

- Pembrokeshire County Councillor M J John update
 - Pembrokeshire County Council AGM was held on 15 May. Tessa Hodgson is the new Leader of Council. Delme Harries Chair of Council and Deputy Presiding Member. Nick Neumann, Vice-Chair of Council
 - By-election announced in Pembroke Dock
 - 75% of Pembrokeshire can now access gigabit broadband
 - GoSafe. Concerns have been sent on for assessment
 - Nash Lane to Troopers Inn should be reduced to 50mph
 - PCC have introduced a new payment system
 - Landlords made aware of Leasing scheme
 - Coastal buses re-started on 20 May
 - Eisteddfod in August
 - Objection reports received for 2 schools but vote was to close them
- Councillor M J John thanked Councillor W D Thomas for all the work he has done for the Freystrop Community

8. Joint Working Party update - White House Solar & Storage Facility

- No meetings have been held
- Councillor A M Simpson asked if there any requests from FCC to be added to the submission to PEDW. There were no requests
- The planning application is under consultation, responses required by 10 July
- Meeting by FaFSAG on 17 June in Freystrop Village Hall.
- A discussion was held to decide the best process to co-ordinate submissions
- 1 July for FCC extraordinary meeting at 19:00 to enable Councillors to discuss the submission by FCC

9. Community

- West Wales Biodiversity event at PHFRP on 15 May Report
 - Very well attended. Compliments on the biodiversity of the community. It is hoped to hold an event on Northmoor Common
- Fun Day Event 6 June Report
 - £653.33 raised
- Pride in Place Impact Fund
 - FCC were invited to apply for funding for play area works. An expression of interest was submitted by the acting clerk

10. Highways & Rights of Way

- Targate Road Minor Works Fund Update
 - A petition is available for signature to support the Minor Works Fund Application
 - A poster should be displayed in the field noticeboard
- Road Safety Community Grant Fund
 - Notification of this grant has been received but appears inappropriate for Freystrop



11. Planning Matters

- [19/1026/PA](#) – Clayston Garage
 - Amendment to design/layout of approval 19/1026/PA to provide MOT facility for class 4 and 7 vehicles with ancillary display area
 - Councillors did not wish to respond to the consultation

12. Assets

- New Road Bench
 - T F Holder to obtain a quote for repairs

13. Training/Seminars, Consultations & Presentations

- LDP2 online meeting on 16 June Councillor W D Thomas to attend
- Basic computer and phone support for the over 55s
 - Provided by AbilityNet (funded by BT)
- Pembrokeshire Community Transport Strategy Launch Conference – 2nd July 2026
- Training plan requires update
- New Councillor training
 - Councillor J Morris attended:
 - Biodiversity, community place plan, code of conduct

14. FCC Administration

- New OVW Practice Development Notes
 - Martyn's Law
 - Standing Orders
 - AI
 - Agenda Format
 - Insurance
- Councillor Vacancy
 - The acting clerk has posted the Notice of Casual Vacancy following the resignation Councillor T F Holder
- Clerk vacancy
 - 3 candidates originally. 1 candidate remains interested
- Audit 2025/26
 - R Howells internal audit complete
 - Internal audit report was favourable making one recommendation to ensure FVH financial dealings were referenced at meetings
 - Annual Governance Statement report completion was undertaken
 - Sign off of 2025/26 Accounts
- OVW Civility & Respect Pledge
 - No record of action recorded at last meeting
 - All agreed that it should be signed but no action was proposed

15. FCC Financial Matters

- Zurich Insurance renewed £300 – precept band changed to 10-20K
- Maintenance support payment to Middle Hill Chapel
 - Cllr W D Thomas made the donation by cash, this was reimbursed
 - Although not the best method of payment it was deemed necessary to avoid the possibilities of a cheque being returned also because of mismatched account names
- Receipts May/June 2026
 - Return of maintenance contribution by Middle Hill (Barclays Account) - £150.00
 - Deposit Account Interest - £14.04
- Payments May/June 2026
 - PHFRP Grass cutting - £100.00
 - Annual contribution to grounds maintenance
 - Middle Hill - £150.00 – via reimbursement to Councillor W D Thomas
 - Clerk's salary December 2025-May 2026 - £1973.70
- Upcoming Payments June/July
 - PHFRP Inspections - £70.00
 - PHFRP Grass cutting as required
 - Zurich Insurance - £300
 - OVW - Creating a Community Place Plan - Module 12 - £44.00
- Bank accounts
 - Current Account Balance: £3,681.45 at 15/06/26
 - Deposit Account Balance: £12,927.22 at 15/06/26



16. Other Matters

- One Voice Wales
 - Councillor W D Thomas had nothing to report

17. Councillors' Requests

- There were no requests

18. Date of Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting 13 July 2026 in Freystrop Village Hall at 19:00
- Items for inclusion on the agenda should be received by the clerk by 3 July 2026

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Approval proposed by:

Seconded:

Signed:

Date:

13/7/25