



FREYSTROP VILLAGE HALL & PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28 JULY 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, FREYSTROP AT 19:00

1. Attendance & Apologies

- Tom Holder (Vice-Chair), David Thomas, Dawn Harries (Hall Supervisor), Anna Simpson (Treasurer/Bookings Clerk), Esme Utting, Russell Lavis (Secretary), Ross Harries (Chair)

2. Welcome

- Tom Holder took the Chair whilst the arrival of Ross Harries was awaited. The Vice-Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting

3. Presentations & Questions from the Public

- There were no questions from the public

4. Minutes of the 2 June 2025 AGM

- The minutes of the meeting were passed
- Proposed: David Thomas Seconded: Esme Utting

5. Minutes of the 2 June 2025 Monthly Meeting

- The minutes of the meeting were passed
- Proposed: Anna Simpson Seconded: Dawn Harries

6. Matters Arising

- David Thomas gave an update and full description of the document found in the Barclays Wallet relating to the Village Hall and its boundaries and what appears to be past planning on the land currently registered to Montrose. All the details have been passed to Steven Hill, solicitor for the current owner of Montrose

(Ross Harries assumed the role of Chair for the rest of the meeting)

7. Village Hall

- Supervisor & Bookings Clerk reports
 - There were no issues to report and bookings remained good
- Letter box
 - The box will be left at the hall ready for fitting when volunteer time is available
- Hall painting update
 - No date in August had been fixed although the decorator had agreed to do it in the quiet month
- Lighting replacement
 - The strip lighting has been replaced by LED lights. The committee were impressed by the work done and the resulting improvements

8. Parc Hamdden Freystrop Recreation Park

- Replacement rocker/Swing
 - PPS felt the work required more specialist knowledge and had approached the company they for the annual reporting
- Climbing frame
 - The Facebook posts requesting support to progress a lottery application to fund the installation of a new climbing frame were successful with over 50 positive 'Like' and several supportive comments. Two comments that were not entirely negative but would not add value to a grant application were deleted. The supplier will be sent the information to add to an application draft
- August Activities
 - A series of activities on each Friday in August have been planned in an effort to encourage more diverse use of the Park and more volunteers to assist with maintenance
- September 'Friends of the Field'
 - It was thought that the monthly 'Working Parties' may be deterring volunteers from helping maintain and develop the Park. From September a re-branding to 'Friends of the Field' would be made with the volunteer hours being changed to 15:00 to 17:00 on the second Friday of the month and 11:00-13:00 on the third Saturday of the month
- Keep Wales Tidy
 - An application for a second wildflower package to mirror the current installation has been submitted

9. Events

- Spring in the Park 2025 – 7 June update
 - The event was held in the Hall as the weather forecast was not promising. £741.90, including a £100 donation, was raised. The event was deemed to be very successful



10. FVH Administration

- Safety checks
 - Monthly
 - Fire alarm check successfully completed prior to the meeting
 - Subsidence measurement
 - 7 July measurements showed a static building
 - Play park inspection
 - Monthly reports received for June & July 2025
 - Quarterly
 - n/a
- The secretary suggested a 'mini-audit' of key holders be undertaken at the September meeting for field. This was extended to cover the hall keys also

11. FVH Financial Matters

- Invoice from PCC for inspection
 - Anna Simpson was working to cancel a request for payment for a park inspection carried out by PCC even though the contract had been cancelled over a year ago. The secretary has retained the report received as it contains a great deal of history
- FVH Treasurer Report
 - Standard monetary movements have occurred since the last meeting
- Bank accounts
 - Current Account Balance: £997.53 at 27/07/25
 - Deposit Account Balance: £18,613.37 at 27/07/25

12. Date of Next Meeting

- Date of next scheduled meeting to be discussed
 - The next meeting of the Freystrop Village Hall & Playing Field Management Committee will be on Monday 1st September at 19:00 in the Village Hall
 - Items for inclusion on any agenda should be sent to the secretary before the Wednesday before the meeting

R D Lavis

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T. HOLDER

Signed:

Date:

11/9/25