

# FROCESTER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 7.30PM ON LINE

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Present were Cllrs. Bill Flude (Chair), Wendy Hawkins (vice Chair), David Holpin, Peter Williams and Jane Davis

1. Apologies - None
2. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 were read, approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.
3. The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2020 were read, approved by councillors and signed by the Chairman.
4. Matters arising
  - a. It was noted that the defibrillator training date could not be set until COVID restrictions allowed.
  - b. Cllr. Hawkins will determine the next steps for the War memorial refurbishment grant application.
5. Parish Council Elections
  - a. Cllrs. were told that the SDC Elections team are working hard to make preparations for undertaking the May polls in a Covid-19 environment, more details shortly. Nomination packs are expected to be sent from SDC for return between 24<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021.
6. Finance
  - a. Bank account – balance at 08/01/2021 £2,675.54 + £619.71
    - i. Receipts since 01/01/2020 - £218.25 Cambridge Solar; £1,666.66 HMRC VAT Return; £550 Precept; £14,000 Pounds Close; £5,057.34 Pounds Close; £3,721 HMRC VAR Return; £550 Precept; £3,546 Pounds Close; £3545.60 Pounds Close; £100 The Berkely Hunt
    - ii. Payments since 01/01/2020 - £44.16 GAPTC annual subscription; £334 Parish Council Web annual support; £221.81 Community First Insurance; £162 Community Heartbeat annual support; £1,440 Deacon Groundworks – war memorial; £14,000 J M Landscapes; £6,724 J M Landscapes; £7,000 J M Landscapes; £3,545.60 J M Landscapes
    - iii. The receipts from Pounds Close and the payments to J M Landscapes enable the parish council to claim the VAT portion of the bills from HMRC, then final outstanding VAT claim of £1,757.60 is for the completion of phase 2 which will be paid to Pounds Close charity
  - b. Precept Request – sent to SDC 19/01/2021 requesting £1,100
  - c. British Gas are still sending us monthly bills for the red phone box, approximately £1.50 per month
  - d. Zurich Insurance have been informed of my change of address
  - e. The Lloyds Bank contact address is being changed, it required that the clerk became a signatory on the account
  - f. The payment to Parish Council Websites included the cost of updating the website framework to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1 AA) accessibility standards
7. Highways - Stroud District Road Safety Group terminated all activities on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. All remaining funds at the end of 2020 will be divided equally among the twenty parishes, including Frocester, that supported the group.
8. Planning - S.20/1303/HHOLD | Removal of two dormers to be replaced with one large dormer window over garage | Callowell Court Road Frocester Stonehouse Gloucestershire GL10 3TN – permission granted 01/10/2020.
9. Any other business – the Cllrs. expressed concern at the severity of tree clearance on Frocester Hill in the name of ash dieback safety, this to be better understood by the clerk.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.00pm on line. The meeting closed at 7.50pm.