

FROGMORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025 AT 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HAL

In attendance: Peter Stanford, Gethin Thomas, Jeremy and Barbara Masters, Barbara Gay, Sue Richardson, David and Louise Scialom, Sarah Jane and Roger Procyk, Ben Johnson, Anna and Barry Bennett.

Present: Tim Trumper (TJT), Ruth Inch (RI), Phil Inch (PI), Juliette Bird (JB), Fiona Dye (FD), Terry Dye (TD), Anthony Greenwood (AG), Kelley Kirklin (KHK) and Debbie Kirklin (DK).

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| 1 | Apologies: Don Scargill, Jo and Brett Parsons. | Noted |
| 2 | The Chairman signed the minutes of the last AGM on 12 March 2024. | Noted |
| 3 | Matters arising from the minutes on 12 March 2024 | |
| 3.1 | <p>Proposals for <i>Emergency WhatsApp group & Checking in WhatsApp group</i></p> <p>DK reported that there have been no expressions of interest in either of the above, nor in joining a sub-committee to find out if there is sufficient interest in the village in these ideas, and, if so, to propose how this might work in practice. These ideas were not therefore taken forward by the FVCA committee. A wide ranging discussion took place about this idea. Digital accessibility, or otherwise, was raised as a relevant factor. Informal existing support networks within the village were mentioned, as were externally available systems, including personal alarms and 'Call 24'.</p> <p>FD agreed to include an article in an upcoming issue of the Croak about these various existing sources of support. The article would include an invitation to readers to contact the FVCA committee with any thoughts or suggestions.</p> | FD |
| 3.2 | <p>Proposal to hold a Frogmore Open Garden Day 2025</p> <p>This proposal was explored by a sub-committee including Pete Stanford, Gethin Thomas, and Eileen Ashby. Insurance would be required to ensure individual garden owners were not personally liable for any accidents on their property. Unfortunately, this Open Yellow Insurance" costs thousands of pounds. The Frogmore Open Garden idea will therefore not be taken forward.</p> | Noted |
| 3.3 | <p>Proposal for a "Friends' of Frogmore" of similar, to raise funds for FVCA</p> <p>At last year's AGM various ideas for fundraising were suggested, including a 'Friends' of Frogmore" (with members making monthly donations to village funds) and a "100 Club" (essentially a monthly lottery). The former idea had supporters and detractors in equal numbers. There was concern that latter idea, as a form of gambling, might run afoul of the Charity Commission. Neither idea has therefore been taken forward. If anyone, however, wishes to make contributions- regular or otherwise- towards the</p> | Noted |

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| | cost of maintaining the village hall, these will be welcomed. | |
| 4 | Chairman's Report | |
| | <p><i>"Another busy year for FVCA characterised by careful management of the accounts whilst maintaining our traditional offering for community events. The shrewd and watchful eye of Kelley Kirklin has meant that across the year the FVCA ship has been kept on an even keel. We are very grateful to our Treasurer for all his efforts.</i></p> <p><i>The year's programme was enhanced by the very generous donation of profits from first the music quiz hosted by the legendary Steve Hart and John Horsley, and later in the year a general knowledge quiz overseen by Kevin Moore. Ben and his Globe team provided wonderful hospitality and both events handsomely boosted FVCA coffers. Our thanks to our quiz masters and to Ben for his thoughtful and generous support of the FVCA programme.</i></p> <p><i>Throughout the year, the monthly coffee mornings are always supported by a loyal and appreciative group of villagers. The main organising team of Ruth, Phil, Debbie and Kelley are equally committed and generous with their time, a good deal of which goes into producing the most amazing variety of homemade cakes for these events.</i></p> <p><i>'New boy' Anthony Greenwood earned his stripes by organising and hosting an excellent early summer BBQ at the village hall. Ant and Pat are of course long-standing residents of the village, and this is Ant's second stint as a Trustee – it great to have him back on board.</i></p> <p><i>Our phone box is cared for by a team of unsung heroes. This year it received a coat of paint courtesy of our very own Banksys, Pete and Gethin. Alison and Ravi maintain an overview of the book collection. Alison very cleverly applied for some extra cash from Devon County Council to fund the work to tile the floor. The result is a huge improvement. Our grateful thanks to this devoted team of community minded volunteers.</i></p> <p><i>The sun shone on this year's Creekside Fair. A decent crowd were drawn to races on the water and tug of war on the foreshore. The catering team was as usual first class.</i></p> <p><i>Our thanks to Nick and Rosie for the use of their lovely garden. Congratulations must go to Sonny Tucker who this year managed to dish out a proper amount of sweets as prizes, as opposed to scoffing the lot! The Creekside venue makes a magnificent setting - it always looks cared for and chipper – thanks in no small part to David and his trusty mower. Thank you, David for your care and attention of this much-loved community space.</i></p> <p><i>In November, an unheard-of occurrence – a dry and moonlit evening for Bonfire Night. A good crowd took full advantage of the ideal conditions. The Guy made a wonderful centrepiece and didn't last long on Terry's magnificent glowing cauldron. The traditional chorus of ohs and arghs, accompanied a magnificent firework display and the catering team did its usual sterling work. Ant's pulled pork rolls were a great addition. We are very grateful to friend and neighbour Steve Tucker, for the loan of a generator, and to David Heath, for a supply of wood. From set up to break down, the whole event was characterised by a great spirit of teamwork, joined by many friends, to put on an event that is hugely popular with the wider community. Our thanks to everyone who was involved. Bonfire Night always gets a spectacular write-up in The Croak which remains the envy of our friends in neighbouring villages. Fiona maintains a scrupulous eye over its production, and we continue to be in her debt for all of her care and attention to detail.</i></p> | Noted |

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| | <i>The FVCA's catering is always top notch and is particularly top quality at Christmas when the village hall hosts the traditional Christmas Lunch. We are so fortunate to have Pat and Ant who willingly give of their time and expertise to provide a really excellent spread. The atmosphere was as usual jovial and convivial, the singing tuneful and Santa tipsy. The Christmas lunch remains a highlight of the FVCA year, a true community event. Long may it continue. My thanks to Debbie for her sterling work as Secretary and to Phil for being the most loyal and reliable Vice Chair that this Chair could wish for."</i> | |
| 5 | Treasurer's Report on the 2024 FVCA accounts: | |
| 5.1 | <p>Opening position: £21,848.48 of which £12,376.96 was in IFSL Investment Account and Cash/bank holdings of £9,471.52.</p> <p>Closing position: £23,649.07 of which £12,854.45 was invested and Cash/bank holdings/Octopus Security Deposit of £10,794.62.</p> <p>Total income in 2024: £11,391.39</p> <p>Total expenditure in 2024: £10,068.29</p> <p>Net operating gain: £1,323.10</p> <p>A Comparison sheet of 2023 and 2024, including sources of income and categories of expenditure is attached to the back of the minutes.</p> | Noted |

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| 5.2 | In summary, funds raised by the two Quizzes at the Globe (thanks to the generosity of Ben Johnson), increased hall hire, continuing to charge for events such as Bonfire Night and the Christmas Lunch, and careful financial management of both individual events and day to day costs of running and maintaining the village hall, have together resulted in a significant improvement in FVCA finances for 2024. | Noted |
| 6 | Appointment of new Trustees: Sue Richardson was appointed a Trustee of the FVCA Committee. | Noted |
| 7 | Nominations invited for the Trustees to re-stand for a further year: All Trustees unanimously invited to stand for a further year. TJT was thanked for all of his hard work throughout the year. | Noted |
| 8 | Any other business: | |
| 8.1 | JB asked whether the new governments proposed planning changes will affect Frogmore residents. Ben Johnson (BJ), a Parish Councilor, was asked to comment. He reported that this was being explored by the Parish Council and encouraged villagers to attend Parish Council meetings for further updates. | BJ |
| 8.2 | Gethin Thomas raised the possibility of the village or Parish Council acquiring the land behind the Globe that was being considered for a housing development, and which has an access lane, but is now due to be sold for agricultural use. It was agreed that Ben Johnson would share this new information with fellow Parish Councillor, Peter Hadley, to explore this idea further. | BJ |
| 8.3 | Sarah Jane Procyk asked whether the village coffee mornings, recently switched from the 3 rd Thursday each month to the 3 rd Wednesday each | DK/RI/PI/KHK |

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| | month, would stay at this time. DK explained that the initial idea had been to switch to a different Thursday, which all regular attendees of the coffee mornings, including Sarah, could have attended. A new group- for mothers and toddlers, then asked to rent the hall on every Thursday. This seeming that an asset for the village, this arrangement was agreed, and the coffee morning dates then had to be switched to another day. Sadly, the mother and toddler groups were not a success. However, the dates for the coffee mornings for 2025 having been publicised in the Croak, it is difficult to change dates for this year. DK apologised to Sarah for her oversight in not remembering this would be problematic for her. Dates for 2026 will be set following discussion with those who attend or wish to attend. | |
| 8.4 | Thanks to a suggestion by Jo Parson, and with the able support of RI, the FVCA will be holding a VE day 80 th Anniversary tea party on Monday 5 th May, from 3 to 5pm, entry will be free, 1940s fancy dress encouraged, and a 1940s singer in attendance. | Noted |
| 8.5 | Louise Scialom (LS) proposed having music at events, including Bonfire Night. TJT agreed to pursue this idea. | TJT |
| 8.6 | LS Asked that volunteer WhatsApp groups be set up as a way of coordinating volunteers to help at various events, well in advance. TJT agreed to pursue this idea. | TJT |
| 8.7 | Sarah Jane Procyk (SJP) asked whether the village hall hanging baskets would be filled again this year. PI is coordinating this effort. He noted that last year's baskets were a great success. PI, SJP and LS all stated their willingness to contribute again this year. Eileen Ashby, who also contributed last year, will be invited to do so again. | PI |
| 8.8 | Pat and Ant Greenwood have agreed to host Ascot Day in their garden, Rudheath, with the funds raised shared between FVCA and Kingsbridge Food Bank. TJT thanked Pat and Ant for their generosity and support with AG encouraging those present to attend the event with friends and neighbours. | All |
| 9 | Date of next AGM to be in March 2026. Date to be advised nearer the time. | |

There being no further business the AGM meeting was closed.

Signed by:

Tim Trumper
Chairman

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