

# FROGMORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 7 MARCH 2023 AT 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

**In attendance:** Peter Stanford, Gethin Thomas, Jeremy and Barbara Masters, Diana and Roger Hardiman, Ruth Inch, Nikki Boulton, Julie Hadley, David and Louise Scialom, Pauline Bond, Nigel and Sarah Sture, Brett and Jo Parsons

**Present:** Tim Trumper (TJT), Fiona Dye (FD), Terry Dye (TD), Amanda Starkey (AS), Peter Hadley (APH), Anna Bennett (AB) and Debbie Kirkin (DK)

Ref:	Item:
1	<b>Apologies:</b> Peter Boulton, Kerry Walker-Harper, Juliette Bird, Don Scargill and Kelley Kirkin, Eileen Ashby and John Mellings.
2	The Chairman signed the minutes of the last AGM on 7 March 2022.
3	<b>Matters arising from the minutes on 7 March 2022:</b>
3.1	Item 9.1 Graffiti in the Perraton Field: TJT reported that the graffiti had been removed from the shelter. Undergrowth had been cut back and the top gate was locked to the field. Signs were erected with "we are watching you" written on them. Since then, TJT was pleased to report that to date, there had been no more problems.
4	<b>Chairman's Report:</b>
4.1	After the disruption of the last two years with Covid restrictions, we returned to booking events for 2022.
4.2	The Regatta in Pool Meadow has always given us a steady income over the 40 years it has been held, but that era has now ended. In 2022, we decided to hold a Creekside Village Fair on the creekside of the village. This generated a much lower income but as a good idea, as the green lawn off Stabbs Lane was cleared and made bigger for the event, along with the very kind use of two back gardens fronting on the Creek by Stabbs Lane. This was a great success. The green lawned area is still in the stage of completion with the area made good and a new boat store being made along with landscaping etc.
4.3	Other events held in 2022 are reported on in JB's Financial Report.
4.4	However, as we do not have any income from the Regatta, we did suffer a loss by the end of the year. Therefore, in order to ensure we remain financially secure and viable, we must operate differently going forward. We will need to subsidise events at a more realistic level, especially the Christmas Lunch and Bonfire Night. This was discussed and all those attending the meeting agreed wholeheartedly that a small fee would be requested in the future.
4.5	2023 has seen an optimistic start with the Village Hall lighting that has been updated. The first event of the year, our Bangers & Mash evening was held in February and we made £400 profit as well as raising almost £300 for the British Heart Foundation.
4.6	TJT concluded that there was already a list of events planned for this year. With everyone's ongoing support and commitment to FVCA, there will be guaranteed success.

<b>5</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report on the 2022 FVCA accounts:</b>
5.1	In JB's absence, DK read out her report:
5.2	2022 opened with a balance of £30,843.21 of which £19,389.90 was invested in ABRDN. Cash/bank holdings were £11,453.31. 2022 closed with a balance of £24,984.16 of which £17,847.94 was invested with ABRDN. A wide range of uncertainties (Ukraine, energy, Liz Truss etc) undermined everyone's investments across the market this year. End of year cash/bank holdings are £7,136.22.
5.3	<b>Income:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hall hire took off again after Covid. We now have regular art, Pilates, and line dancing classes and have hosted science lessons, U3A lectures, first aid courses, Parish Council meetings as well as private functions. Hire income total: £1,566.50.</li> <li>Frogmore Regatta was no longer an option and so we opted for more smaller locally focused events, so no major income this year.</li> <li>We were grateful recipients of George Howard's bequest (which has contributed to improvements to Frogmore Village Hall facilities), a final Covid grant from SHDC and a Jubilee grant from the Parish Council to subsidise our celebrations.</li> </ul>
5.4	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas 2021 took place in March 2022 due to a Covid surge in December 2021. Costs were less than £300 (most expenses were met in 2021).</li> <li>The generosity was great from Frogmore re Ukraine and Christmas raffle and auction raised £940 to the DEC appeal – thanks to everyone.</li> <li>The Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June for the late Queen – we relied on local cooks to give goodies for a Jubilee tea party and was supported by the Parish Council and FVCA costing of £112 overall.</li> <li>The first Creekside Summer Fair replaced the Regatta in July and we made a small profit, as did the Summer Barn dance.</li> <li>Frogmore's Fireworks was well attended with around 300 people attending. Food and drink were charged for and we managed to reclaim £378 of costs.</li> <li>At Christmas, we celebrated with carols round the tree and BBQ. This was followed by the Christmas Lunch a week later. A collection for FVCA at the lunch meant our total costs for carols and lunch were reduced to £150.</li> </ul>
5.5	<b>Projects:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ken and Margaret Johnson celebrated leaving the village and a special coffee morning was arranged complete with cake and present. Janet Stanley, a long term resident recently passed away and a plaque was made to commemorate her life and placed on the bench by the Creek. Costs for these totalled to £500.80.</li> <li>The community donated £940 to the Ukraine Appeal, facilitated by raising £512 by Bridge for Hope events at the hall (this supported a refugee family now housed in Kingsbridge). Regular donations from FVCA coffee mornings to the Kingsbridge Food Bank throughout the year with money raised from raffles at FVCA coffee mornings.</li> </ul>
5.6	<b>Improvements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New additions to the hall have been table lamps and uplighters (£75) used for social events.</li> <li>We purchased a contactless payment device (£100).</li> <li>Much needed repairs to the porch/entrance (£1,800).</li> <li>Industrial dishwasher repairs (£580).</li> <li>New coffee morning equipment (£186).</li> <li>High speed broadband (£26.99pcm instead of £16 pcm).</li> </ul>

5.7	<p><b>Running costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overheads - (upkeep, utilities, insurance and banking costs), together amounted to £5,570.57. Producing Croak and flyers £759.20.</li> </ul>
5.8	<p><b>Opening position:</b> Bank balance £11,328.97, cash held £124.34, Total: £11,453.31.</p> <p><b>Closing position:</b> Bank balance £7,031.07, cash held £101.15, Total: £7,136.22 (£4,317.09). Bond value £17,847.94 (represents a decrease of £1,541.96 over the year).</p> <p><b>Total income in 2022:</b> £9,559.23 <b>Total expenditure in 2022:</b> £13,876.32 <b>Loss for 2022: £4,317.09</b></p>
5.9	<p><b>Total monies held:</b> <b>£30,843.21 for 2021 of which Bond £19,389.90</b> <b>£24,984.16 for 2022 of which Bond £17,847.94</b> <b>A Comparison sheet of 2021 and 2022</b> was presented to the meeting and is attached to the back of the minutes.</p>
5.10	<p>In summary, we concluded that we need to charge for big events such as Bonfire Night and the Christmas Lunch and more. Exact details will be discussed within the Committee when planning the next events. All present agreed that this was the way forward as we made a loss in 2022.</p> <p>We could make more money at the Bonfire Night by charging a nominal sum at the gate of the Perraton Field or in the village hall before the procession to the field. To discuss further.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Resignation of Trustees:</b>
6.1	Kerry Harper-Walker, Anna Bennett and Don Scargill have resigned as Trustees of the FVCA Committee. The Committee thanked them for all their hard work.
<b>7</b>	<b>Resignation of Secretary:</b>
7.1	FD resigned as Secretary of the FVCA Committee. She will remain as Trustee and author of the Croak.
<b>8</b>	<b>Appointment of Secretary:</b>
8.1	Appointment of DK as Secretary of the FVCA Committee. DK is already a Trustee.
<b>9</b>	<b>Appointment of new Trustees:</b>
9.1	Kelley Kirklin, Ruth Inch and Jo Parsons were appointed as Trustees of the FVCA Committee.
<b>10</b>	<b>Appointment of new administrator for the Frogmore Website:</b>
10.1	Kelley Kirklin has taken over from FD as the administrator of the Frogmore Website.
<b>11</b>	<b>Appointment of Deputy Chairman:</b>
11.1	PI was appointed as Deputy Chairman of the FVCA Committee and takes over from Don Scargill. PI is a Trustee.
<b>12</b>	<b>Nominations invited for anyone else to stand as a Trustee:</b>
12.1	No one took up this offer.
<b>13</b>	<b>Nominations invited for the Trustees to re-stand for a further year:</b>
13.1	All Trustees unanimously invited to stand for a further year.

<b>14</b>	<b>Any other business:</b>
14.1	Louise Scialom discussed whether we could have a talk/training day for the defibrillator and CPR training. Everyone thought this was a good idea. Also, DK and Louise suggested setting up a What's Ap group for village people to call in an emergency. DK also suggested that we have a What's Ap Group, especially for those living alone with other villagers, so they can be contacted on a regular basis. DK and Louise to get together and discuss setting these items up.
14.2	JB has requested that the accounts need to be read through by an auditor. An accountant is not needed as the income generated in the accounts is not enough (Charities Commission ruling). We all thought this a good idea. Julie Hadley suggested Fiona who lives in the village (an accountant). To ask Fiona.
14.3	PI asked the people attending if there was any event they would like other than what was already on the calendar for 2023? No one had any new ideas. APH said he had just completed a poster for the Coronation Tea Party and said that the Parish Council will give Frogmore a £200 grant for this event.
<b>15</b>	<b>Date of next AGM to be in March 2024. Date to be advised nearer the time.</b>

There being no further business the AGM meeting was closed.

Signed by:

Tim Trumper  
Chairman

Date: