

# FROGMORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2024 AT 6.00PM AT THE VILLAGE HAL

**In attendance:** Peter Stanford, Jeremy and Barbara Masters, Julie Hadley, Sue Richardson, David Scialom, Pauline Bond, Nigel Sture, Sarah Jane Procyk, Brett Parsons, Eileen Ashby, John Mellings, Ravi and Alison Balasingam, Anthony Greenwood.

**Present:** Tim Trumper (TJT), Juliette Bird (JB), Jo Parsons (JP), Terry Dye (TD), Kelley Kirklin (KHK) and Debbie Kirklin (DK).

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1	<b>Apologies:</b> Fiona Dye, Ruth, Phil and Sarah Inch, Peter Hadley, Don Scargill, Gethin Thomas, Louise Scialom.
2	The Chairman signed the minutes of the last AGM on 7 March 2023.
3	<b>Matters arising from the minutes on 7 March 2023:</b>
3.1	<b>Free CPR training with <i>Becca's First Aid Training</i></b> Available to all Frogmore residents, 5.30pm, 24 <sup>th</sup> April, Frogmore Village Hall.
3.2	<b>Proposals for <i>Emergency WhatsApp group</i> and a <i>Checking in WhatsApp group</i></b> Expressions of interest were invited to join a sub-committee to find out a) if there is sufficient interest in these ideas, and if so to b) propose how this might work in practice. Those interested in joining or running either group asked to mail <a href="mailto:frogmore.village@gmail.com">frogmore.village@gmail.com</a> or to speak to a committee member.
4	<b>Chairman's Report</b>
4.1	TJT thanked the Trustees for all their contributions over the past year, including DK in her role as Secretary, JB in her role as Treasurer, and KHK for his work on the website and with hall bookings.
4.2	FD was thanked for her work producing the Croak.
4.3	Alison and Ravi Balasingam were commended for their work in overseeing the Kiosk Library, with Alison replying that the Kiosk would become an increasingly important resource as the DCC mobile library service ended. She also reported plans to upgrade the Kiosk by installing a raised and tiled floor.
4.4	TJT thanked all those across the community who volunteer their time to help to make village events possible and to maintain and upgrade village resources.
4.5	He reported that the Committee's efforts to improve FVCA's finances by careful management of event costs was yielding dividends, with ongoing efforts continuing. He deferring to the Treasurer for more details in her report.
4.6	As part of an extensive list of events for 2024, Ben Johnson has agreed to host two Quiz nights at the Globe, with Kevin and Steve as Quiz Masters. Proceeds will support going maintenance costs of the village hall. TJT thanked Ben, Kevin and Steve for their generosity and support.
4.7	Reviewing village events during 2023, TJT commended the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <u>Monthly Coffee Mornings</u>, overseen by RI, PI, DK, KHK and Sarah Inch, with additional cake contributions from Eileen Ashby, JP, and various others.</li><li>- <u>Coronation Tea</u>, orchestrated by JP and RI and a host of other volunteers.</li><li>- <u>Creekside Lawn regeneration</u>, with Peter Hadley - aided by the Neighborhood Plan- laying the foundations on which Rupert Stephens, Paul Whalley, and their</li></ul>

	<p>hardworking team, built. TJT noted that the official launch of the Creekside Lawn, at which the new Kilnside Board will also be unveiled, will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Creekside Fair 2022</u>, saw a healthy crowd of locals enjoy a range of land and water activities, as well as turning a modest profit. TJT thanked Nick and Rosie for opening their garden for children’s games,</li> <li>- <u>Bonfire Night</u> was the only local firework event not to be cancelled, attracting – despite the torrential rain – a sizeable crowd who thoroughly enjoyed Peter and Julie Hadley’s impressive Guy, the fantastic firework display, and TD’s first-class bonfire. Without the heroic efforts of the team who braved the terrible weather none of this would have been possible and TJT thanked them on behalf of all attendees.</li> </ul> <p>To cover the overheads for the fireworks and generator hire (over £1200), an entrance fee was charged for the first time. This, along with income from sales of food and drink, led to an overall loss of just £80, which the Trustees considered a success, given the challenging weather conditions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Christmas Lunch</u> was well attended, and - thanks to the delicious food provided by Pat and Anthony Greenwood, supported by their usual helpers, including a very jolly Santa - much enjoyed by all those present. For the first time there was a modest charge to cover the cost of hosting the event.</li> </ul>
4.8	TJT concluded by reaffirming the Trustees’ commitment to fulfill their duties to maintain the village hall as a community resource. They will do this not only by hosting community events but also by ensuring sound finances. The latter are required to ensure sufficient funds are available for a) the day-to-day costs of running the hall and b) ad hoc and predictable repair and maintenance expenses.
4.9	A wide-ranging and lively discussion about how to improve village finances ensued, with many valuable contributions from those attending. Arguments were made both for and against attempting to revive the Frogmore Regatta. Some were strongly in favour of this idea. Others, including some trustees and regular event helpers, did not feel that there was enough manpower currently available to switch back from the Creekside Fair/ more local format to the Regatta/ larger format. DK concluded the discussion by assuring those attending that the Committee would continue to keep the issue under review, and by inviting anyone with an interest in being actively involved in taking the idea forward to email or speak to a Committee member.
<b>5</b>	<b>Treasurer’s Report on the 2023 FVCA accounts:</b>
5.1	<p><b>Opening position: £24,984.16</b> of which £17,847.94 was invested in ABDRN and Cash/bank holdings of £7,136.22.</p> <p><b>Closing position: £22,036.97</b> of which £17,565.45 was invested and Cash/bank holdings of £4,471.52.</p> <p><b>Total income in 2023</b> (including monies from liquidating Bond): <b>£29,173.57</b></p> <p><b>Total expenditure in 2023</b> (including £17,000 reinvested): <b>£31,838.27</b></p> <p><b>Balance on year: (£2,644.70)</b></p> <p><b>A Comparison sheet of 2022 and 2023</b> is attached to the back of the minutes.</p>

5.2	<p><b>Income:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hall hire:</b> £1,974.50, a continued improvement in second year 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.</li> <li>• <b>Donations:</b> £659.</li> <li>• <b>Grants:</b> £694.03</li> <li>• <b>Boat rack rental:</b> £465.</li> <li>• <b>Miscellaneous</b> (from liquidating Bond): £18,185.73.</li> <li>• <b>Events:</b> £7,195.31.</li> </ul>
5.3	<p><b>Outgoings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hall and other overheads</b> (upkeep, utilities, insurance and banking costs): £5,607.67.</li> <li>• <b>Croak:</b> £435.</li> <li>• <b>Projects</b> (New Kiln Board): £2,722.60.</li> <li>• <b>Events:</b> £4778.44.</li> <li>• <b>Reinvestment:</b> £17,000.</li> <li>• <b>Miscellaneous:</b> £4,017.16 (includes roof repair and purchase of second contactless payment device).</li> </ul>
5.4	In summary, charging for big events such as Bonfire Night and the Christmas Lunch resulted in a significant improvement the finances for 2023.
<b>6</b>	<b>Resignation of Trustees:</b>
6.1	JP resigned as a Trustee of the FVCA Committee. The Committee thanked her for all her hard work.
<b>7</b>	<b>Resignation of Treasurer:</b>
7.1	JB resigned as Treasurer of the FVCA Committee. She will remain as Trustee. The Committee thanked her for all her hard work.
7.2	Appointment of KHK as Treasurer of the FVCA Committee. KHK is already a Trustee.
<b>8</b>	<b>Appointment of new Trustees:</b> Anthony Greenwood was appointed a Trustee of the FVCA Committee.
<b>9</b>	<b>Nominations invited for the Trustees to re-stand for a further year:</b> All Trustees unanimously invited to stand for a further year. TJT was thanked for all of his hard work throughout the year.
<b>10</b>	<b>Any other business:</b>
10.1	A Proposal that Frogmore hold an <u>Open Garden Day</u> in 2025 was broadly welcomed. Anyone interested in opening their garden and helping to organise the event asked to email <a href="mailto:frogmore.village@gmail.com">frogmore.village@gmail.com</a> or speak to a committee member
10.2	A proposal for the establishment of “ <u>Friends of Frogmore Village Hall</u> ”, to recognise those who offer financial support to FVCA was discussed. While there was, by a show of hands, broad support in the room for this or a similar fundraising scheme, several people mentioned 100 clubs as a better way to encourage engagement. Those with personal knowledge of similar schemes were asked to email <a href="mailto:frogmore.village@gmail.com">frogmore.village@gmail.com</a> with more details. Other funding raising possibilities, including Bingo nights, sponsorship by local businesses, and a Promises Auction, were also proposed by those attending. The Committee agreed to explore these ideas.
10.3	<u>A proposal for sub-committees to run various village events</u> Invitations for expressions of interest in joining in sub-committees to run various village events were invited at various times throughout the AGM.
<b>11</b>	<b>Date of next AGM to be in March 2025. Date to be advised nearer the time.</b>

There being no further business the AGM meeting was closed.

Signed by:

Tim Trumper  
Chairman

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