

FLISCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Monday
25th November 2019
At the Memorial Hall, Freshford.

After the formalities of the meeting were concluded we had a productive break out session of 50 residents debating a number of questions on how to improve the Galleries business. One of these was to create a Welcome Park for new residents introducing the shop and extolling the benefits of volunteering. It was pointed out that this should extend to all aspects of the community from local businesses and walking paths to community clubs and societies and might be better co-ordinated by the Parish Councils. Freshford Parish Council along with Limpley Stoke Parish Council have been asked if they are prepared to be involved in this, and if so, the Galleries would be happy to support.

The Galleries building is now ten years old and it is felt that by improving the business through an increased footfall more finance would be forthcoming to put aside for further maintenance as the building ages. Should additional usage of the shop take place then the question of parking arises.

The question of using a part of the Village Green to provide for additional parking was put forward by a member of the community. The Chair asked for a show of hands for those in agreement with the suggestion. The number of hands raised showed considerable interest in this suggestion.

Having attended the meeting as the Freshford Parish Council representative for Flisca I put forward my thoughts regarding the laws set out for the protection of the Village Green together with the fact that only the Secretary of State could make any decision regarding releasing land for this purpose.

However, I was asked by the Chair to take this back to the Parish Council for discussion. I have therefore asked that this be put on the Agenda for the December meeting.

Jean Hawker.
Freshford Parish Council.

