

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th MAY 2010 AT 7.25 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett (Chair), A Sutton, M Wheeler, G Bale, P England, C Bray, B Hinton MBE, C Davidson, B Hobbs, C Lillywhite, C Fleury, A Harris
Town Centre Manager

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs: G Cameron

Absent: Cllr V Ottway

2. TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA:

Cllr Fleury Agenda item 4 – Member of FCI, item 7 – IWALC delegated member to HIOW LGA, item 9 – member of Skate Park Committee with responsibility for Skate Park and CCTV Project.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

It was resolved the Minutes of the previous meeting held 13th April 2010, having been circulated and read, be approved and signed (BH/CL).

4. WEST WIGHT PLANETWAY:

Mr Dennis Rapley attended to give a presentation on the project to date.

A letter from Mr Rapley, (giving points for Cllrs to consider) had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Mr Rapley said before he started sourcing funding he wanted to confirm that local PCs were happy with the project and to take on future maintenance responsibility for the plaques, of which there would be 12 for Freshwater.

Existing posts would be used to fix the plaques to where possible and they would 'Southern Vectis' timetable type frames. The Sun, which he hoped could be positioned in Moa Place, was to be made from Portland stone with a Portland stone plinth.

Colour photographs, maps and diagrams were circulated round the table for information. Discussion on costings.

Cllr Hinton said he commended Mr Rapley's energy for the project but asked the relevance of having the Planetway in the West Wight – Mr Rapley replied it could be put anyway as we live in the solar system.

Cllr Hinton felt West Wight a beautiful area and felt this project added to the clutter.

Cllr Sutton felt the project a great idea but suggested it would be good to have all the plaques accessible by bicycle and the project would probably obtain more funding that way – suggestions of WWLP and Sustrans mentioned). Mr Rapley stated he had applied for a grant from WWLP but been unsuccessful as they would not fund two projects which they felt related to Robert Hooke.

Cllr Hinton gave his apologies and left the meeting.

Cllr Harris proposed the project use the PC name for the planning application, seconded Cllr Sutton. Discussion on a position for the Sun and how many planning applications would be needed for the project.

Cllr Kennett proposed that if everyone was happy the matter be added to a Planning Meeting Agenda for further discussion and agreement. Cllr Harris proposed colleagues of Totland, Shalfleet and Yarmouth be invited to also attend and they be informed that Freshwater PC happy to support the project and take the lead, with the planning application going in their name.

Mr Rapley said he did not expect the PC to help with funding the project and confirmed the FCI had committed £6,000 with further funding being sought from National charity funding sources.

Mr Rapley agreed to copy Planetway information for the Clerk.

Resolved – Freshwater invite members of Totland, Yarmouth and Shalfleet to attend meeting on 15th June 2010 at 6.45 pm. Mr Rapley to attend.

The Chairman thanked Mr Rapley for attending and giving his presentation and he left the meeting. Later in the meeting suggestion made of Black Hut Green for the 'Sun'.

The Chairman left the room and in the absence of the Vice Chair, it was agreed Cllr Sutton take the Chair.

5. ENVIRONMENT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD OFFICERS REPORT: Tabled, noted and will be put on the PC website.

Mr Nelson reported the CCTV mast had been installed, dog bag dispensers had been removed and he had not seen an increase in dog fouling.

The Probation Service had cleared the entrance to The Crundles, as well as Longhalves and following the request from the Clerk, he would be arranging for them to refurbish the memorial seats in the Parish that the PC are responsible for. Clerk agreed to give him a map of the Parish showing these. Cllr Bray commented that litter picks seem to be held in the same areas all the time – noted Mr Nelson not responsible for these.

Cllr Davidson asked if he could let Neighbourhood Watch have a copy of the Police crime statistics for the area. Cllrs agreed and it was noted these were accessible to the public and on the PC website. Mr Nelson was thanked for giving his report.

6. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA, FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

Mr Graham Gosden attended for this item on the Agenda and the Chairman gave him permission to speak regarding a letter he had sent to the PC regarding Freshwater Cricket Club. The Club have been using West Wight Middle School as its home ground since 1984. They have concerns about their future and written to both the IWC and the Headteacher asking for information on the future of the school but had no replies.

Cllr Sutton said he believed that in the Primary Capital Programme the plan was to demolish West Wight Middle School and move it. Obviously the Cricket Club do not want to invest money in a new pitch and it then had to be moved.

Discussion on site of previous pitch, on Stroud Recreation Ground – Cllrs felt it would be more secure within the school confines.

Resolved letter be sent from PC to School Re-organisation Officer asking what is happening to the West Wight Middle School site with copy to Mr Gosden.

Cllr Bray gave Mr Gosden contact details of the IW Playing Fields Association who may be able to help the Club.

7. CLERK'S REPORT:

Mini Motor Bike – Request for land will go in June Beacon.

Problems around Golden Hill reported to Police who have taken action and Clerk informed residents.

Jigsaw Puzzles – Memorial Hall administrator has arranged for these to be removed from the Parish Archives.

RCC Community Support – Clerk confirmed representative attending the July meeting.

Village Voices – Assistant Clerk now involved in this group and helping to take project forward. First meeting held and report to be made by committee member under reports.

Colwell Road – Cllrs noted that further emails had been received from Mr Dunn which stated the speed reactivate sign which was installed, now removed and when he questioned the IWC, had told him it had been temporary anyway. Mr Dunn very concerned as the sign had had the desired affect and slowed down traffic. He contacted IWC again who informed him that their data confirmed that a significant number of motorists still exceeded the 30mph limit but majority reduced their speed upon seeing the sign. Therefore, the permanent installation of a speed reactive sign would clearly benefit this location.

IWC said they do not have a Speed Information Display sign available for permanent installation at the moment but do have a 30 plus slow down (same as on the eastern side of Colwell Road) available and will arrange for this to be installed in the near future.

Mr Dunn asked if the PC could push for the case for a permanent electronic indicator sign when finances permit.

After discussion and Cllrs noting that signs are usually moved once it is felt drivers have been educated, **resolved** letter to be sent to Highways asking for them to put back a Speed Information Display sign.

War Memorial – Clerk requested three quotes to clean for the November Remembrance Day Service and also spoken to British Legion contact who confirmed they do not do give local grants for this any more.

Memorial Hall – Letter sent to MALCO Chairman, as agreed at last meeting. As Chairman away, PC Chairman agreed this item be deferred to the June PC meeting when hopefully PC will have had a response.

Please note, for information, that when Clerk checked – PC had agreed a 2.5 % increase for the Memorial Hall for 2010, at the Finance Meeting, which had been requested by MALCO.

Concert Band – Arrangements underway and Clerk will arrange publicity. Already in Beacon report. Reminder 3.30 pm on Sunday 30th May 2010 at the Memorial Hall.

School Green – Discussions deferred due to absence of Cllr Ottway.

Apple Game - on Stroud Recreation Ground. Cllr Fleury took ‘apple’ into safe keeping – Clerk contacted Wicksteed who kindly sent necessary bolts and fixing equipment free of charge. Contractor had agreed to repair as soon as time allows – hopefully this week.

Archives – Clerk wrote to WWLP asking for terms of reference – email reply confirmed the archive group not a WWLP initiative. They just allowed the group use of Madeira House as a meeting place and photocopied a couple of things for them. Not aware of terms of reference and suggested asking those that attended. Feels all parties should work together to the same goal.

Copy of letter from Caroline Dudley addressed to Totland PC received – Chairman agreed with Clerk that this be discussed at the 18th May meeting.

Noticeboard – Literally fell apart – one door fell off – Clerks husband repaired, replaced broken glass with Perspex, and painted.

Open Spaces – Clerk liaised with Brighstone Landscapes – informed them of comments of Cllrs at the Open Spaces meeting, of what good work he has been undertaking in the Parish, including comments from MFC Tree Services Ltd from Tree Report.

Norton Green – Cllr Wheeler had site meeting with Brighstone Landscapes on 28th April 2010 – they will send in options and quotations. Thanks to Cllr Wheeler for undertaking this.

Black Hut Green – Clerk arranged and had site visit with Roger Hanley re installation of further posts. Found to be a couple of options which Clerk will discuss with Open Spaces Chairman.

Memorial Seat – Clerk liaised with IWC Officer/Open Space Chairman and Mrs Pontin and arranged for her seat to go at top of Queens Road to replace one of the undedicated seats, the other undedicated seat, plus the one on Pound Green the IWC kindly agreed to refurbish and re-install one at West Green.

Annual Meeting – Please note this to be held after the next Planning meeting on the 18th May 2010. At this meeting election of Cllrs onto committees will be agreed.

Police – Call to say they have appointed a new PCSO for West Wight – Fern Wherry – due to start mid May. They report everything going along well in the West Wight.

MUGA – At the request of the Chairman, Clerk asked electrician to alter floodlight timer so it adheres to planning conditions and lights go off at 2130 hrs.

Village Design Statement – Cllrs agreed this be sent to the local Library and Freshwater Bay Residents Association and details of the link be sent to West Wight Middle School, as well as surveyors, estate agents and ‘Freshwater’ in Australia.

Brookside Road Pathway – Further to email from Highways, Clerk contacted IWC and asked them to look further into whom responsible for the tarmac path.

Granny’s Meade – Email from Alison Finch asking Clerk if items could be added to the existing Open Spaces contract and other finer details.

After discussion the Cllrs agreed, as PC custodians, they wanted Granny’s Meade to remain as natural as possible and for the Chairman of Open Spaces to liaise with the Wildlife Group who had plans for Granny’s Meade, to ensure this rather than extension plans being drawn up which would not be to the PCs liking. Also to confirm timescales and funding issues. Clerk to inform.

8. HOOKE MEMORIAL:

Cllr England gave an update on the project to date explaining the group wanted to involve young people and get them interested in Hooke, through school activities.

Noted PC had agreed for the Hooke Memorial to be located on School Green and photograph shown of the proposed location – nearly opposite the Library in front of the toilets. Goggle map showing position to scale agreed to be made available to Cllrs in due course.

Cllrs noted there was sufficient funding already available for the information plaques.

Cllr England showed Cllrs a mock up model of the proposed Memorial which would be a universal joint inside a polycarbonate block. This to stand on a paved base with a polycarbonate and stainless steel structure about 25 feet across with pictures in relating to Hooke (model shown). It was felt if Hooke alive today he would use modern materials and Cllr England asked Cllrs if they liked the concept.

Cllrs Bale, Davidson and England declared an interest in the project.

Cllr Lillywhite said he supported the project and proposed it be pursued with speed, seconded Cllr Bale. Vote taken (10 For, 1 Abstained) – agreed project proceed, subject to planning consent.

Hooke Talk – Cllrs England reminded Cllrs Dr Allan Chapman, Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society and historian of science will be giving a talk on the work and legacy of Robert Hooke at the Memorial Hall at 8 pm on 13th May 2010. WWLP and PC invited to put on displays.

Thanks given to Cllr England and the rest of the Hooke Project Team for their efforts.

9. REFURBISHMENT OF SKATE PARK:

The Minutes of last Skate Park Committee meeting held in March, which had just been received, were circulated and agreed at the meeting.

Cllr Fleury gave an update to Cllrs. He confirmed that a quotation for tarmac reinstatement works, once existing ramps were moved, was being obtained and it was felt this work should not be too difficult or expensive.

Confirmation given that the power had been installed to the CCTV mast and the grass reinstated and 4 made good.

Cllr Fleury and Mr Nelson had submitted another bid for a further £3,000 funding, towards the CCTV, from the TTCG.

Prices for the CCTV and Skate Park were given, as below:

CCTV Pole	- £1,000
CCTV Cameras	- £7,960
Training, configuration and commissioning of CCTV Camera	- £450
Move ramps and made good work as outlined in the RoSPA report	- £500 plus VAT
Make good trip hazards at Skate Park entrance	- £150 plus VAT
Infill sides of moved ramps with galvanised sheet to meet RoSPA requirements	- £500 plus VAT
Make 'Coffin' jump	- £350 plus VAT
PC previously agreed Half Pipe costs, of which £4,200 has been paid	- £11,500
Extra:	
Make good damaged ramp	- £430.

Cllrs noted that the Court had ordered compensation of £50 be paid by the person who set fire to the skate park ramp.

Cllr Kennett requested the Clerk sent Totland PC a copy of item 9 of the Agenda to Totland PC for information, in readiness for their meeting next week.

Cllr Hobbs proposed the PC accept the above prices, for which £24,000 funding had been secured, seconded Cllr Fleury – **resolved**.

10. TO CONSIDER DONATION REQUESTS:

It was noted that the PC consider donation requests twice a year in May and November and below are the requests received to date:

1) Planning Aid: Cllrs note what a good service they give. Cllr Hobbs proposed PC donate £25, seconded Cllr Kennett – **resolved**.

2) Short Mat Bowls Club Charity Tournament:

Cllr Bray declared an interest as her husband involved with the Bowling Club.

Cllrs noted PC gave £50 last year. Cllr Lillywhite proposed PC donate £50, seconded Cllr Hobbs – (2 Cllrs abstained) **resolved**.

3) West Wight Community Carnival 2010:

Noted last year gave £650 from Development Fund.

Discussion on fact the WWLP has funding available for carnivals. Cllr Lillywhite confirmed this went to carnival workshops held mainly in Ryde. He understood funds not to be used for revenue but for capital.

Cllr Fleury said he felt parishioners should not pay towards the carnival when money is available from WWLP. Cllr Wheeler suggested PC ask for a breakdown of West Wight Community Carnival costs.

Cllr Kennett proposed PC donate £500 from the development fund towards the West Wight Community Carnival this year, seconded Cllr Wheeler – matter to vote – 1 abstained, rest agreed and it was **resolved** £500 be donated and to ask for a financial breakdown of costs after the carnival.

4) Open Spaces – Request received after Agenda sent out, for donation towards 'Reopening the gates' campaign. Cllrs **resolved** not to give a donation.

Noted £700 in Grants and Donation budget for the year, therefore £625 remaining.

11. TO CONSIDER LETTER AND PHOTOGRAPHS FROM AUDLEY COURT, FRESHWATER ASKING FOR PC COMMENT AND SUPPORT FOR RESTRICTED OR ZONED PARKING IN THEIR CUL DE SAC:

Photographs showed vehicle parked on double yellow lines.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed this was not a PC problem but an IWC one and an enforcing issue. He suggested that if residents wanted to put in a residents parking scheme they could do so but there would be costs involved.

Cllr Kennett pointed out when residents of Tennyson Road had approached her over a parking scheme she had been told as they lived near a public car park they could not have one.

ENO had been spoken to on this matter and PC agreed residents should go through IWC.

12. TO CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON EMAIL FROM MR AND MRS DUNN REGARDING SEA DEFENCES AT COLWELL BAY:

The Cllrs discussed this email and the ownership of slipways and beach – some under private ownership.

Clerk asked to notify Mr and Mrs Dunn that there was a Foreshore Management Plan and Yarmouth Sea Defence Plan which actively looked into sea defences and when the PC have an update on these they will let Mr and Mrs Dunn know.

Comment made that it was rain water that was causing erosion of the cliffs not sea water.

With regards to the rubbish problem, Cllrs asked ENO to action and add Colwell Beach to the next beach collection/Big Tidy Up.

13. REPORTS:

West Wight Youth and Community Centre Management Committee – Cllr Fleury gave a report on the recent meeting, to which only three members attended. The Senior Youth Worker had given his report which included average attendance figures to the Youth Centre. Reports also given by the Call-In Centre and Funky Friends Youth Worker.

It had been agreed to transfer all equipment in the Centre to the IWC now the Council had confirmed the Committees future rights and the fact that all items will remain at the Centre.

The Treasurer had given his report – still no direction on the dispersal of the Barclay Trust funding for the MUGA held by this committee.

Cllrs noted some Youth Centres on The Island may have to go as IWC felt there were too many.

Copy of Cllr Fleury's report on file. Thanks given to Cllr Fleury.

Village Voices – Report given to Cllrs by Cllr Hobbs on recent meeting attended by Mrs Tyrell, Cllrs Bray, Hobbs and Hinton.

Cllr Hobbs said she had been asked to edit what had been produced to date and was not editing it very much as she felt good left as it is.

Discussion on where photographs and videos can be obtained on 'utube' which did not have copyright, as well as possibility of putting some or all of the project on tape for people to listen to or on DVD.

Cllr Kennett proposed the PC agreed that Village Voices be an official Parish project (as requested by the group) seconded Cllr Fleury – **resolved**.

Cllr Hobbs confirmed the group were approaching WWLP for funding.

Copy of report on file.

FYT Bus – Report given to Cllrs by Cllr Harris. Project proceeding well – first draft application for funding has been sent to the RCC for comment. Thought being given to funding and resourcing strategy. Some funds needed now to cover ink and printing costs regarding community engagement. Cllr Kennett proposed £100 from the development fund is given to this scheme, seconded Cllr Sutton – **resolved**.

Discussion on timetable of the bus (likely to be electric) and Cllr Fleury asked if it could be used to transport youngsters to Youth Clubs as some could be shut. Cllr Harris said – yes – it could be used as a special service bus.

Cllr Wheeler said as a worker with the Pixley Hill Group which was trying to reduce double deckers, he would be interested in working on the FYT bus project. Cllrs Harris agreed and agreed to talk to Cllr Wheeler to update him on the project in more detail.

Cllr Harris thanked the PC for their support.

Copy of report on file.

Japanese Knotweed – Cllr Bray report this was growing again by the old Ambulance Station – **resolved** Clerk arrange for another treatment to try and get rid of this

Pound Green – When asked by Cllr Bray, Clerk confirmed Cllr Cameron was hand delivering letters to residents and contacting Highways to obtain advice.

Norton Green – Cllr Wheeler reported he had met on site with Brighstone Landscapes and looked at the damage areas of green, including those that were felt needed reinstating, and discussed whether to install posts or boulders to prevent cars parking on the grass. Brighstone Landscapes agreed to forward quotations for these works. It was noted that the posts or boulders may need to sit back from the carriageway. It was noted there were 16 entrances that may need demarcation.

Cllr Wheeler confirmed properties; Hazelmere and Providence House were the two whose hedges were overgrown, so much so they were affecting the cutting of the grass underneath them. **Resolved** Clerk send letter to property owners stating PC aware, and ask them to cut back otherwise PC will arrange and send account.

Copy of letter Cllr Wheeler proposed be sent to Norton Green residents to inform and consult with them on the above, circulated at meeting. **Resolved** PC should work together with Norton Green residents and letter be sent.

14. CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Mr David Baggott (including photographs) regarding the Memorial to E L M on Afton Down asking it to be cleaned and restored. Copy also sent to National Trust whose land it is on. Clerk contacted National Trust who confirmed it is their responsibility and they will arrange work in due course.

NALC/AON Council of the Year Awards 2010 – Email received thanking PC for submitting an entry – unfortunately not successful.

Letter from Graham Gosden sent on behalf of Freshwater Cricket Club – dealt with under item 6 of the Agenda.

Copy of letter from the Chair of IWALC (Cllr Gill Kennett) to Cllr Pugh, IWC. It was noted that there was again no representation from the IWC at the Hampshire and IWALC January meeting held in Southampton and indeed there had not been representation from the IWC for sometime. Concerned that the Island voice is not being heard at this meeting. Letter asks for a response for the next IWALC meeting on 20th May 2010.

Notice from the IWC Tree Officer refusing works to Copper Beech tree which has a TPO on it at Mayfair House, Afton Road.

Email from IWC giving Notice of Amendment to the Dog Control Exclusion IW Order 2008 and details of where the full order can be inspected.

Copy of letter from The Royal Standard Hotel to IWC reference their request for a bench and litter bin to be removed from directly outside their premises due to odours and possible health and hygiene issues. Copy of IWC reply states there has been a bench and bin located in this location for quite some considerable time without issues. However, views shared with Waste Management colleague who will make a site visit with a view to considering the current position of the bin and whether there is a more suitable location within this area. With regards to the bench – copy letter forwarded to PC as they are responsible for this facility and locally best positioned to decide on what effect its removal would have on the public and to make a decision on as where it could be relocated to.

Cllr Lillywhite said there had been a seat in this position for some time, it was well used and proposed PC do not support it being moved, seconded Cllr Kennett – **resolved** letter be sent to the Royal Standard and IWC informing them of PC decision.

Update from the RCC on Voluntary and Community Sector Support Service – Clerk confirms a representative from the RCC should be attending the July PC meeting.

Details of exhibition and talk on play requirements at Bembridge on 26th May 2010 noted.

Letter from Courts – Court ordered £50 compensation be paid by local young man who damaged skate park.

Tabled:

Kompan Playground Catalogue – can also source funding and arrange free site visit if site found and PC or group wish to go ahead – Cllr Bray took.

Conservation – copy of letter from Conservation Officer to IWALC regarding enforcement and recording of local heritage.

NALC – Communications Briefings, Legal Topic Notes and report from Cllr Fleury on Youth Reorganisation

Bouncy Castle Hire details

Minutes of MALCO meeting held 24th March 2010 including accounts

‘Moments in Time’ A Hundred Years of Girlguiding on the IW book

WWLP Newsletter

NALC Event Programme 2010

IWC Bulletin

West Wight Extended Services Newsletter

Woodberry Catalogue

Governance Toolkit for PCs CD

DO You Care? Information and News for Carers

NALC Information on new power for Local Councils to boost Affordable Rural Housing

RCC News

FCI Minutes of last Meeting

Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners - copy of AGM Presentation

Police Statistics

18. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

Archive Group – The Chairman reported Cllr Hinton was very upset following a letter sent to Totland PC from a member of the FVA who had not realised Totland PC had an archivist. Cllr Hinton believed the newly formed group were asking for residents to donate archive items which would then go through to the County Records Office, making them difficult to access. Cllr Kennett said she had made enquiries and found out these items would remain local. She had met with the Totland PC Chairman and they agreed both Parish archives were difficult to access but this had no reflection on the archivists. Cllr Kennett said she was doing what she could to mend a possible rift between the FVA group, who were working with other local residents and library staff, and Cllr Hinton as the Totland archivist.

The Clerk confirmed she had spoken to Mr Roy Tyrell and he was willing to continue as Freshwater PC archivist.

It was agreed it would be good for groups and archivists to work together and have a presentation of local archive material.

MUGA – The Chairman outlined problems with management leadership regards this facility and she was looking to have a formal meeting with the IWC Commissioner for Positive Activities to resolve this. She explained there had been problems around the MUGA Development Officer too and expressed concern that this asset needed better management and she was working with the IWC to achieve this.

It was noted that the PC had in the past had no dealings with Barclays Bank and the originally funding for the MUGA and the Treasurer of the WW Youth and Community Centre Management Committee holds the funds for the MUGA.

19. QUESTION FROM CLLRS:

Old Ambulance Station – Cllr Bale said he had been in contact with Southern Electricity who had deemed the wiring on this premises to be defective. They were going on site on the 10th May 2010 to put in a new underground feed from the mains. Noted Clerk had not received official notice of this.

20. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Accounts sheets, Monitoring Sheets and ? Bank Reconciliation sheets circulated at the meeting.

Resolved accounts be paid. (CF/CL).

Payments April 2010 - by internet banking

	£
Sally Woods April 10 basic: £1418.56	1337.59
Gratuity £141.86	
Overtime £130.20	
Mileage £15.26	
Clint Oliver April salary	110.85
Emma Carter April salary	363.78
Sandham Office Service Ltd - April photocopier Account	29.38
TOTAL	1841.60

Internet Bank Transfers

15/04/2010	Bank Transfer	20000.00
27/04/2010	Bank Transfer (Skate Park Funding)	5000.00

Cheques drawn for payment 1st May 2010

	£
2352 Nash Fabrications Skate Park Half Pipe	4935.00
2353 WBS Stationery- Inv 95942	87.74
2354 Petty Cash	100.00
2355 Beacon - May Edition	129.25
Sub total	5251.99

Petty Cash Expenditure:

Postage	10.08
Misc.	97.18
Total	107.26

TOTAL 7200.85