



# FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2018 AT 8.20 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

**PRESENT:** Councillors: C Fleury (Chair), D James, D Eccles, G Cameron, A Bamford and C Bray.

Members of the public: 0 Clerk: M J Mills

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### 1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Hobbs and Kennett.

### 2. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 (ATTACHED FOR CLLRS).

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 (having been circulated) were agreed.

### 3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR.

Cllr Eccles was elected.

### 4. UPDATE ON THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018.

The RFO confirmed that the return had been submitted to the external auditors.

### 5. NEW BOOKKEEPER – HANDOVER ARRANGEMENTS.

Two handover sessions were being arranged.

### 6. TO REVIEW THE MONITORING SHEET AND BUDGET SHEET.

Cllr Eccles raised the issue of work which had recently been undertaken at the Memorial Hall. He felt that from a liability issue the Parish Council should have taken responsibility for the whole project rather than dealing with different contractors.

Cllr Bray thought that trees were likely to go over budget. The arboriculturist was looking into this.

Cllr James thought that the fund raising event of Gift to Nature may have lost money. He thought that the Parish Council should ensure that support went to maintaining the open spaces at Golden Hill and Afton Marsh. Cllr Bray said that the contribution of the Parish Council did not cover all the expenditure so fund raising was not the Council's concern. It was agreed to remove the budget heading for Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan.

### 7. CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTS.

Projects included Gate Lane public conveniences, the war memorial (CB/CF), road signs (DE), Moa Place notice board (DJ), Avenue Road car park, business association (GC/DE), Freshwater Bay green (TN) and allotments (AB seeking additional site). Cllr James

suggested community composting. He also suggested upgrading facilities at the skate park. He said that the West Wight Sports and Community Centre needed to look at business development and customer service. He asked about the proposed extension to the gym. Cllr Fleury explained the reason for the need for the extension. Cllr Eccles said that he would like to meet with the WWS&CC. he felt that the Council spent a lot of money but got little back. Cllr Cameron mentioned the boat park and benches along the Causeway. Cllr Bamford said that Stroud playing field was still a project. Cllr Bray said that more picnic benches and play equipment were needed. Consideration needed to be given to fencing off the play areas.

**8. TO CONSIDER ANY REVISIONS TO THE BUDGET.**

Removal of the budget heading for Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan.

**9. CONSIDERATION OF SUITABLE INVESTMENTS FOR RESERVES.**

The Clerk's report had been circulated. It was felt that this needed further consideration.

**10. OTHER MATTERS**

It was felt that the monitoring sheet should be circulated quarterly. Consideration should be given to a finance committee meeting in July rather than August next year.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.