



# FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.25 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

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

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: M J Mills

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### 1. APOLOGIES

None.

### 2. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 21ST AUGUST 2018 (ATTACHED FOR CLLRS)

The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> August (having been circulated) were agreed.

### 3. TO REVIEW AND IF NECESSARY UPDATE THE RISK ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE (ATTACHED FOR CLLRS)

The risk assessment was agreed with slight modifications.

### 4. TO NOTE AND REVIEW THE MONITORING SHEET.

The monitoring sheet was noted.

### 5. TO AGREE A PRECEPT FOR 2019/20 TO PRESENT TO THE JANUARY 2019 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Councillors had a draft “working” document and considered budget items individually. Cllr Bray said that external painting was needed at the Library and for Land Management there would be a new contract for grounds maintenance and there was much tree work to be done.

Cllr Eccles suggested a provision of £100,000 for Gate Lane toilets.

The Chairman said that bridges needed work. He said that the skate park also needed work. Much of it would need taking apart and the wood needed treatment. Cllr James queried whether steel could be used instead of ply and whether there might be grants available.

Cllr Bray queried making an annual grant for All Saints Church.

The Chairman mentioned the war memorial and that the Remembrance Day Parade in November 2019 would be in Freshwater.

Cllr Kennett said that an application for a grant had been made through “Power to Change”. They had met 4 of 5 requirements. The West Wight Sports and Community Centre were raising around £200 per month from the sale of books.

Cllr Eccles felt that the reserves figure as it stood was too high.

Cllr Kennett gave an update on the local area co-ordination situation. It seemed that Isle of Wight Council would put in £22,000 for each of Freshwater, Ryde and Newport. However this would leave a shortfall if the existing LAC was going to be kept. This would be going to the care board in January 2019 and things would be clearer after that.

Cllr James suggested funding of Gate Lane toilets by public works board loan and it was agreed that some form of borrowing would be necessary.

A draft budget was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.23 pm.