

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 1st April 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT: Councillors: C Fleury (Chair), K Lloyd, C Bray (item 12 onwards), A Harris, B Hobbs, M Wheeler, G Cameron, P England, C Lillywhite, B Hinton MBE, S Allen

Mr Terry Noyce

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also welcomed the new Parish Clerk to his first meeting.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs Kennett MBE and Bray (first part of meeting only). Cllr Medland.
Absent: Cllr D Eccles.

PC BAGGOTT OF THE WEST WIGHT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM ATTENDING TO UPDATE THE PARISH COUNCIL ON POLICING MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed PC Baggott to the meeting.

PC Baggott said that crime had mainly been low level crime which he felt had been successfully dealt with by the police. The Parish Council had received the beat report. Cllr Hobbs asked about groups who had been seen drinking by the library and PC Baggott confirmed that the police will keep a check on this in future. PC Baggott confirmed that the police bicycles were now being used. He confirmed that the move to the Harbour Office at Yarmouth was being finalised and there was no date set but likely to be July.

The Chairman thanked PC Baggott for attending.

2. TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA:
None declared.

3. TO AGREE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 4th March 2014:

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the previous meeting held 4th March 2014, having been circulated, be approved and signed.

In answer to a question from Cllr Wheeler the Clerk confirmed that he would check that all matters minuted as requiring action by the Clerk would be dealt with.

4. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA, FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES): Mr Noyce asked that Minutes should be written so that they could be more easily understood by members of the public.

5. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY

Cllr Eccles was absent. Cllr Medland had come to the meeting but was unwell and had had to leave before the start of the meeting. He would send a written report.

6. CLERKS REPORT:

The Clerk had been in post since 25th April and he felt that a written report was not appropriate. The Clerk read an e mail from Isle of Wight Council offering to arrange a meeting to discuss the future of discretionary services in the parish. It was agreed that the Parish Council would welcome such a meeting and a date will be arranged in due course.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you card from Samuel Pearson
Thank you card from Feline Welfare

Thank you letter from Victim Support
 IWC – TPO Trees in church place conservation area. All Saints Church, Freshwater
 IWC – TPO Cherry Trees, Linstone Drive
 West Wight Youth Football Club Letter from Jan Cave re: Fees for hiring the Jubilee Field.

Tabled:

Sovereign – Mad March Offers
 SLCC – The Clerk Magazine – March Issue 2014
 Clerks and Councils Direct – March 2014 Issue 92
 The West Wight Practice – Minutes from 27th February 2014 meeting.
 The West Wight Practice – Patient update 18th March 2014

8. NORTON GREEN

Cllr Wheeler reported that he felt that the current problems could be resolved by the installation of a pipe in parallel to the existing pipe. This would be much cheaper than other options which had been previously considered. He felt that the cost might be in the region of £1200 to £1500. The property was on the market and the owner of it would be willing to contribute to costs. After discussion it was **resolved** that the Parish Council would put the work out to tender and reconsider the issue in the light of the figures and contribution available from the property owner.

9. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR TO AFTON WARD

This had been advertised in Isle of Wight County Press and no one had come forward. **Resolved** that the matter should be advertised again.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Accounts sheets, confidential salary slips and bank reconciliation sheets were circulated. **Resolved** accounts be accepted for payment.

Payments March 2014 - by internet banking

SALARIES TOTAL	1588.80
HMRC PAYE & NIC Payment	1407.00
TOTAL	2995.80

£

Cheques drawn for payment 1st April 2014

		£
IB IWC1	credit rec'd in error returned	75.60
Debit Cd BT Inv SD44324534M0009 5&	2nd line rental Mar + fees	25.75
400486 RTPI South East Inv SE 99 14	Martha James NP course 03/04/14	54.00
400487 Petty Cash	Petty Cash	200.00
400488 NALC/IWALC	Annual Affiliation fees	752.67
400489 Natural Enterprise Ltd Inv 6783	Avenues: Badger survey & report	420.00
400490 BL Ltd Inv 15943;15933	Jub Field tree remove; Sch Gn Rd ditch litter pick	180.00
400491 Clive Fleury	Chairmans Annual allowance	500.00
400492 Hillbans Pest Control Inv P20631	Pest Control Feb	60.00
400493 Business Supplies Inv 00076248	Stationery	54.85
400494 S Water Inv 700001595247	15/11-28/02	23.56
400495 S Water Inv 704001223144	10/09-06/03	23.41
400496 Island Signs (IW) Ltd Inv 3314	Jub Field 3 signs	429.30
400497 MALCO Inv 879	hire Small Hall & T Room - Admin/Fin/NP	103.95
400498 Mark One Maintenance	School Gn Rd: repairs to seat nr Black Hut Green	149.50
400499 BT Inv VP 54897270 Q027 51	1/4 rent & useage main line	239.44

400500	Mrs D Mason	Island Magazines advert & distribution	95.00
400501	S Electric Inv 661572955/002	Avenues 25/1 - 01/03	8.14
400502	Wight Community Access Ltd Inv 14/00106	Hire FYT Bus Cowes Yacht Haven re Training Course	70.00
Sub total			3465.17
TOTAL			£6,460.97

In answer to a question from Cllr Cameron it was confirmed that the Parish Council were not required to pay tax or national insurance on the Chairman's allowance. The Responsible Financial Officer would be asked to confirm that cheque number 400484 related to the Spinfish Gabions and Lime Tree Court.

11. SPEED LIMITS, PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING IN MOA PLACE speed limits, parking restrictions and parking in Moa Place

Cllr Harris suggested that the Parish Council make strong representations regarding the withdrawal of the current half an hour's free parking in Moa Place. Cllr Cameron suggested that both Isle of Wight councillors should be asked to lobby the cabinet. He said that they should work for the Parish Council on this. **Resolved** that Isle of Wight councillors be asked to lobby the cabinet and report back to a future Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman allowed a comment from the public. Mr Noyce commented on how difficult it would be particularly for certain sections of the community if Isle of Wight Council's proposal to close public toilets was followed through.

12. POUND GREEN

Cllr Bray circulated photographs which showed damage which was being caused to the land by vehicles being driven over it. A stone had gone and needed to be replaced and chippings needed to be moved. Also some old posts were a safety hazard and needed to be knocked into the ground. It was **resolved** that the matter be referred to the Open Spaces Committee due to take place on 22nd April 2014 when costs for the work should be available.

13. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Wheeler gave an update. He said that all objectives had been received back from working groups this week. The next stage was to send out questionnaires to all 3000 households in the parish. The target date was 22nd May. Maximum publicity would be required. He would be getting prices for printing and for banners etc in the next 2 weeks.

14. SPINFISH OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Resolved that the matter be referred to the Open Spaces committee due to be held on 22nd April 2014.

15. MEETING OF WEST WIGHT TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS.

Resolved that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be authorised to arrange a meeting

16. FLOOD RESCUE BOATS FOR PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS

Cllr Harris confirmed that this had been raised with the Lifeboat Committee. He also confirmed that the lifeboat was classed as a resource in the flood plan. It was for the Parish Council to say what they would like done but it was not expected that a lifeboat itself would be used. Cllr Harris would

respond on the Parish Council's behalf. It was also noted that the promenade would need to be blocked off for launch and recovery of the lifeboat for safety reasons. It seemed that the Isle of Wight Council were in agreement with that. Freshwater Bay residents were to be thanked and Cllr Hinton agreed to do that.

17. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEES.

Cllr Wheeler had ascertained that the cost for a timber boundary sign was in the region of £450. This would be 40"x 32" and would have the name "Freshwater" and the Parish logo. He queried whether the Parish should continue with the same logo. Cllr Hobbs queried whether wood was appropriate.

18. PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

Cllr Cameron suggested that Island Roads be invited to attend a meeting to explain why they are not responding satisfactorily to enquiries.

Jubilee Field. A letter had been received from West Wight Youth Football Club Letter re fees for hiring the Jubilee Field. Cllr Wheeler said that this was still under discussion and the Parish Council needed to set out what it costs to run the field. Cllr Fleury said it was not fair to subsidise the field at the expense of other ratepayers and groups using the field needed to look for grants and other support.

Community grants.

Boundary signs.

Bank mandates and the opening of a new bank account.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.