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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT: Councillors: C Fleury (Chair), C Bray, A Harris, B Hobbs, P England, B Hinton MBE, G Cameron, C Lillywhite, K Lloyd. M Wheeler (to 7.50 pm), G Kennett MBE

ALSO PRESENT: Isle of Wight Cllr J Medland

Members of the public: Mr T Noyce

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs A Bamford and D Eccles.

2. TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA:
West Wight Sports Centre Cllrs Fleury, Kennett, and Lloyd
Skate Park Cllrs Lloyd and Fleury

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 2nd SEPTEMBER 2014:
It was **resolved** the Minutes of the previous meeting held 2nd September 2014, having been circulated, be approved and signed (GC/CB).

4. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA, FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES): None

5. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY COUNCILLORS
Cllr Medland said that any issues would be covered by the agenda

6. CLERKS REPORT:

Assistant clerk maternity cover

Emma started her maternity leave on 30th September. Sue Allen has had 4.5 hours overlap/training with Emma.

Jubilee Field

We continue to chase Isle of Wight Council. On 25th September they apologised for the continuing delay and promised to come back "shortly". Further e mail received 7th October to say still awaiting instructions.

Computers

Repairs carried out by Patch Computers to Archivist's computer at a cost of £45 and to office laptop at a cost of £65.

Electricity sub station

The lease has still to be completed. After some chasing the file was found to be still with Eldridges. It has now been passed to RJR. The Clerk has had a meeting with the solicitor and progress should now be made. Isle of Wight Council will need to be a party to the transaction as rights are to be granted over the car park at Moa Place.

Licence for land at Kedros

The prospective purchase of this property has fallen through and the licence has not therefore been completed.

Fencing at Black Hut Green

Signs warning that unauthorised advertising will be removed have now been put up.

Traffic at Moa Place

Report from member of the public about the difficulty elderly people have in crossing this road (opposite the charity shop). Lady concerned said that she had helped people on more than one occasion to cross the road and suggested reduction in speed limit. This to be referred to Cllr Medland.

Adult play equipment at Stroud recreation ground

Some minor repairs now carried out by parish council's handy man (tightening of "domes").

Signage for public conveniences at Freshwater Bay

Comments received that signage is required – possibly by the Albion. Referred very recently to Cllr Medland who has pointed out that Island Roads will require payment for any new signage. The Clerk will clarify Island Roads' policy and will ask for details of highway asset plan re any existing signs.

Copier

New photocopier has now arrived.

West Wight Police

They have suggested taking over responsibility for downloading information from the CCTV camera at Moa Place. They will be attending the December meeting of the Parish Council. They have asked whether the Beat Report contains sufficient information.

Selwood Road

Letter in correspondence from the solicitor. Matter is almost complete but a query on route of services is outstanding.

Parish online

The Clerk has had mapping software on test. This gives access to detailed mapping for the Parish and indeed the whole country. Information can be saved to an online map such as land in parish ownership, location of council assets such as seats and signs and tools are also available to measure distances and areas. The cost is based on size of the parish and for Freshwater cost would be in the region of £100. The evaluation licence expires on 12th October. Councillors felt that this would be a useful addition and Cllr Bray reported that she had found it to be very good.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated - Isle of Wight Council re Cowes floating bridge, Mr David Lewis re public consultation, RJR Solicitors re Selwood Road, Freshwater Early Years Centre letter of thanks, Isle of Wight Society for the Blind invitation. Tabled - Flier CAB money advise unit, LCR, Island Business.

8. COUNCILLORS' COMMITMENT TO PARISH COUNCIL DUTIES

Mr Terry Noyce thanked Councillors for their work.

The Chairman said that he appreciated that councillors had other commitments and duties often with other community bodies. Parish Councils were now being asked to take on more responsibilities and all must put their shoulder to the wheel. Cllr Hinton said that he felt it was a good thing that parish councils were taking on more functions. Cllr Wheeler said that he felt that certain councillors were not pulling their weight. He then left the meeting.

Cllr Kennett said that certain things were coming which could not be ignored. It was for the parish council to take the initiative. It was felt that the Isle of Wight Council had not handled issues as well as it might have done and it should co-operate more.

9. WEST WIGHT SPORTS CENTRE

It was **resolved** that the question of financial aid for the Sports Centre would be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. Cllr Hobbs felt it was a matter for public consultation also. Cllr Medland said that Isle of Wight Council were still looking for more cuts. He said any help would need to be from revenue.

10. SKATE PARK

Cllr Lloyd explained the position with phase 1 of the works and the reason for the project being over budget. It was not yet known if Totland Parish Council would be paying half. **Resolved** that the spending would be agreed (approximately £650). There had been no further communication from Environmental Health re the noise complaint and the monitoring period had now finished. It was hoped that the matter was at an end. Cllr Lloyd outlined plans for phase 2 which involved removal of the back fence and this was agreed. The quote of Mark Churcher for taking out the pole jam and putting back the grind box of £125 was approved (CB/AH).

11. PARISH ACCOMMODATION

Cllr Cameron had met with planners and the case officer has now moved on. Cllr Cameron had been informed that the Parish could make an application to vary the conditions on the planning permission and that it would be looked at in a different light. This matter would be considered again at the November meeting. **ACTION** Cllr Cameron agreed to make the appropriate application.

12. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The following matters would be considered for public consultation:

Parish accommodation

Discretionary services being discontinued by Isle of Wight Council

Moa Place car park

The spending of the proceeds from the Queens Road easement

Stroud playing field and the education land

The MUGA

The library

West Wight Sports Centre

Public conveniences

The letter from Mr David Lewis

Cllr Cameron suggested that this needed more than just one evening and suggested a 2 week programme with councillors manning a stand on a rota basis. He suggested a meeting at the end of the 2 week period. Cllr Harris pointed out that it was easy to let consultations become a sounding

board where nothing was achieved. It had to be clear that the Parish Council were making decisions. All councillors agreed to take part. Possible venues were main hall Memorial Hall (but not the small hall), West Wight Sports Centre, Dimbola, Conservative club, with the final meeting at the Memorial Hall.

ACTION the Chairman and Clerk to suggest appropriate arrangements.

13. MEETING OF WEST WIGHT TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Resolved that a further meeting be authorised. ACTION Clerk to arrange the meeting.

14. VENUE FOR DECEMBER MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Kennett had suggested the new Methodist Church. The Clerk confirmed that the hall was unavailable but the church was free although there may be some noise from the youth group. It was agreed that the meeting would take place at the church. ACTION Clerk to book the church.

15. CAR PARKING MOA PLACE

The Parish Council required legal advice on this issue which would be considered in committee and the matter would be considered at the end of the meeting.

16. DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

Cllr Bray felt that the MUGA should be last on the list. Cllr Hinton said he did not agree to paying towards the costs of environment officers but he felt that other services were important. Cllr Kennett said that she was concerned about the slipways at Freshwater Bay. David Burbidge was coming to talk to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils in November. Cllr Hobbs said there was no news on what was happening with the library. Freshwater was however the cheapest branch to run. Cllr Lillywhite pointed out that the precept would have to be considered next month and it was still unclear what services the parish would have to pay for. Cllr Kennett suggested that prices be obtained from our own contractors and this was agreed.

ACTION Clerk to obtain quotes.

17. PROCEEDS FROM THE EASEMENT AT QUEENS ROAD

This would now be the subject of public consultation. Councillors' ideas had been circulated.

18. APPRENTICE

Cllr Hinton felt that an apprentice would have to be of use. Cllr Bray expressed concerns over the rates of pay for apprentices. The Chairman and the Clerk were meeting the head of workforce development at Isle of Wight College to discuss this on 15th October.

19. WEBSITE

A letter from Mr Robin Day had been circulated. Agreed that councillors were pleased with Robin and they would wish to retain him. Cllr Cameron felt that security was paramount. Cllrs Lloyd and Bray would contact Robin direct regarding items they wanted to be added to the website. The Clerk would endeavour to keep the website updated.

20. NORTON GREEN DRAINAGE

Cllr Wheeler was not present. It was understood that the new owner of the property concerned might be willing to do some of the work himself. The matter to be considered at the November meeting.

21. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE ON COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Cllr Wheeler had stood down as Chairman and was being replaced by Cllr Bamford. Cllr Kennett asked that a copy of the Bembridge Neighbourhood Plan be made available for the next planning meeting. Thanks were recorded for Cllr Wheeler's hard work on the neighbourhood plan.

22. FRESHWATER OPEN AIR EVENT FOR AUGUST 2015

Cllr Lloyd said that this was in the early stages of planning. It was to be held on 22nd August. It would be like a fringe festival and may involve Rhythm Tree, West Wight Sports Club, Dimbola, Memorial Hall, a skate park competition and possibly the library. It would involve music, literature and drama. It was agreed that this project would be supported and an appropriate provision should be made in the budget. ACTION Finance Committee to consider with budget.

23. CHRISTMAS TREES

A report had been circulated. Cllr Lillywhite suggested that as the budget allowed more trees a total of 16 trees should be purchased. The cost would be £1528 plus fitting costs and batteries. Cllr Bray suggested lights in the trees at Blackhut Green. The chairman suggested that businesses should be put in touch with Rotary to consider a late night opening with eg mulled wine and mince pies. ACTION Clerk to purchase trees and notify businesses.

24. COMMUNITY GRANTS

Grants of £50 were approved for each of Isle of Wight Music Dance and Drama Festival and the Rotary Club of West Wight.

25. YARMOUTH COASTAL DEFENCE WORKING GROUP

A report had been circulated and was noted.

25A. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the following accounts be accepted (AH/PE)

| <u>Payments September 2013 - by internet banking</u> | | | £ | |
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| SALARIES TOTAL | | | 1798.52 | |
| HMRC | PAYE & NIC Payment | | 873.49 | |
| TOTAL | | | 2672.01 | |
| <u>Cheques drawn for payment 7th</u> | | | | |
| <u>October 2014</u> | | | £ | |
| Debit Cd | BT Inv VP54897270 ref | 1/4 rent & useage main line | 221.23 | paid 30/09 |
| | Q029DR | | | |
| 400556 | Petty Cash | Petty Cash | 150.00 | |
| 400557 | SLCC | Annual Membership | 147.00 | |
| 400558 | Groundsell Inv NS/398 | Spinfish Old Fire Station Japanese Knotweed | 86.40 | |
| 400559 | W Hurst Inv N2574412 | Skatepark Black bin bags | 3.58 | |
| 400560 | BL Ltd Inv 16638;16469 | Grounds Maintenance incl extra Spinfish no 5; Jubilee Field Apr-Jun | 1961.26 | |
| 400561 | IW Council Inv 9290648/7 | Golden Hill mgt costs 13/14 | 800.00 | |
| 400562 | MaLCO Inv 1029;1019;1027 | Office electricity Aug; Hire S Hall - Fin Meeting; Hire T Room - N Plan | 154.00 | |
| 400563 | Playsafety Ltd Inv 013516 | Skatepark addit inspection | 370.20 | |
| 400564 | S Water Inv 722000706531 | Allotments 7/3/14 - 29/8/14 | 284.64 | |
| 400565 | Island Signs Inv 3379 | Black Hut Green & Moa Place C Park signs re unauthorised banners | 72.00 | |
| 400566 | Jon Williams | Skatepark redesign works | 100.00 | |

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| 400567 | Wight Trash Inv 68 | Skatepark competition hosting & prizes | 500.00 |
| 400568 | Krissy Lloyd | Skatepark re-vamp & competition refreshments | 35.20 |
| 400569 | S Water Inv 704001293731 | Avenues Standing Chgs 17/05/14 - 11/09/14 | 27.07 |
| 400570 | Patch Computers | Archives computer | 45.00 |
| 400571 | Hillbans Pest Control Inv P21249 | Pest Control for Sep 2014 | 61.80 |
| Sub total | | | 5019.38 |
| TOTAL | | | 7691.39 |
| <u>Internet Bank Transfers</u> | | | |
| 23/09/2014 | Barclays Active Saver | | 10000.00 |

26. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES.

Cllr Kennett confirmed that the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee had heard that the plan to operate the bridge remotely was not going ahead (details previously circulated). Cllr Lloyd said that she had heard that the Isle of Wight Council were not intending to reverse their decision regarding Totland seawall. There were no further reports

27. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Revised work plans
Presentation of revised Parish Plan

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

28. SPINFISH

A quotation for work was approved.

29. MOA PLACE CAR PARK

The legal position was discussed.

30. STAFF ISSUE

A member of staff's terms of employment were discussed.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.