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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 5th May 2015 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT: Councillors: C Fleury (Chair), C Bray, A Harris, B Hobbs, A Bamford, B Hinton MBE, K Lloyd, M Wheeler, G Kennett MBE, P England and D Eccles.

Isle of Wight Cllr J Medland

Members of the public: 1

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES: G Cameron, C Lillywhite.

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

Item 17 FOFL members Cllrs Kennett, Bamford and Hobbs.

Items 18 & 19 Cllr Lloyd employed by West Wight Sports and Community Centre.

Item 13 Cllrs Hobbs, Bamford and England Memorial Hall Art and Leisure Company and Cllrs Fleury and Kennett trustees of WWS&CC.

3. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 7th April 2015.

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th April 2015, having been circulated, be approved (BAH/MW).

4. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES).

None

5. PS MARK LYTH ATTENDING TO UPDATE THE PARISH COUNCIL ON POLICING MATTERS

PS Lyth confirmed that he had sent through some details of changes to the beat structure. His area now includes Cowes and west of the Medina, the whole of the West Wight and Ventnor (but not Newport and Carisbrooke). Previously this area was divided between 3 sergeants. There had been no increase in staff. The area included 18 parish councils and 11 county councillors. More safeguarding issues had been taken on as well as more licensing activities. There was also responsibility for Countrywatch including hunting, issues with horses and animals and rural issues. The police would aim to come to parish meetings once per quarter in future.

There were still the same amount of officers on the beat. PCSO's were the officers mainly out and about and Police Constables were doing the more investigative work. The police were keen to take into account the priorities of the community. It was up to the community to tell the police by eg tweets or e mail from the clerk.

Attending the West Wight group of local councils meeting would be ideal from the police point of view as they are keen to maintain contact with the parish councils.

6. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY CLLRS/QUESTION AND UPDATE SESSION (UP TO 15 MINUTES FROM BOTH CLLRS).

Cllr Medland said that he had been trying to get the name of the person dealing with the issue holding up the lease on Jubilee Field. He was very disappointed that progress was not being made. Cllr Kennett suggested a contact who might be able to help with this.

Cllr Eccles had nothing to report.

7. CLERKS REPORT.

Jubilee Field

Still no progress on the lease. Jason Doughty had rung the office on 5th May to say he has still not been able to get a response to the issue re potential use of the land for education purposes. The site meeting was on 29th January and it is very disappointing that no progress has been made.

There has been correspondence regarding the fence. Jason Doughty has recently been appointed to deal with this. The Parish Council is being asked to help with the funding of a suitable fence. The Clerk has pointed out how unsatisfactory it would be to put in money when we are unsure whether or not the proposed lease is going ahead. The Clerk has suggested that should the Parish Council wish to consider this there should be a meeting as the matter has not progressed following "e mail" discussion over the last few weeks.

Isle of Wight Council have confirmed that the Parish Council will be consulted regarding new fencing in any event.

Cllr Kennett said that she had first been involved in this (in her capacity as chair of West Wight Sports & Community Centre) in June 2014.

So far as maintenance of the field is concerned Brighstone Landscaping have agreed to continue the contract at current rates.

Easton Lane

Site visit made on 13th April and matter reported to Island Roads and Isle of Wight Council planning enforcement. The matter has now been referred to Isle of Wight Council estates department who have confirmed that they are checking ownership.

Discretionary services

No problems reported under the new contract.

Transparency for local councils

The Clerk attended a training course on this on 22nd April at East Cowes Town Hall presented by Steven Lugg Chief Executive of Hampshire Association of Local Councils.

Precept

The precept of £202,222 was received from Isle of Wight Council on 13th April 2015. It is intended that money now be invested in fixed term deposits for 3 and 6 month terms. The RFO did try to arrange to invest some money with Co-operative Bank before her retirement but the Co-op require

new accounts to be opened. Barclays are able to do this without the need for new accounts and it was suggested that funds be transferred to Barclays. This was agreed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED DOCUMENTS.

9. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the following payments be approved

Freshwater Parish Council

Accounts for Payment

Payments April 2015 - by internet banking

		£		
SALARIES TOTAL		1890.27		
<u>Cheques drawn for payment 6th May 2015</u>				
400642	IW Computer Geek Inv B791/03/2015	Website design, SEO & support	490.00	issued 07/04
Debit Card	BT SD44324534	2nd line April	27.60	paid 16/04
400643	MALCO Inv 1200	Hire: T Suite Ourplace; WW Councils; N Plan	162.00	
400644	BL Ltd Inv 17504	Grounds Maintenance + Spinfish + New areas N Plan: Inflatable Pub 4 hr	1886.26	
400645	Darren Robertson Inv 00103	hire	195.00	
400646	WWSC	Annual payment	30000.00	
400647	George Cameron	Hants Assoc Local Councils conference	65.60	
400648	Ricoh Inv 100178082	Rent 01/04 - 30/06; useage 01/01-31/03	206.07	
400649	West Wight Timebank	Community Grant	200.00	
400650	F/W Badminton Dev Club	Community Grant	200.00	
400651	IWALC Inv	Annual Subscription	938.73	
400652	Gareth Hughes Inv 4/2015	Internal Audit	236.08	
Sub total		34607.34		
TOTAL		36497.61		

10. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE DECISIONS OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE AND THE ALLOTMENTS AND SEATS COMMITTEE HELD ON 21ST APRIL 2015.

Cllr Bray ran through the action points for Open Spaces. **Resolved** to ratify the decisions of the Open Spaces Committee held on 21st April 2015.

The pond at Selwood Road was mentioned. Cllr Bray said she had been keeping an eye on it and it dried out. Some wood had been stacked up in the pond and had not been removed through laziness.

Cllr Bamford ran through action points for Allotments and Seats. She said that a local supplier had now been identified for seats. Cllr Fleury said that the allotments had been neglected.

Money should now be made available. Cllr Kennett thanked Cllr Bamford for the way in which

she had managed to engage with the allotment holders. Cllr England agreed that this had been very positive.

11. THE SOUTHERN CO-OPERATIVE - NEW SUPERMARKET – UPDATE

An e mail from the Co-operative had been circulated. Co-operative hoping to open early July. The Clerk pointed out that the planning application for the existing site which had been discussed with the Parish Council some time ago had still not been submitted.

A member of the public mentioned that it appeared that land forming part of the SSSI had been taken into the pavement on the marsh side. Cllr Medland agreed to deal with this. Cllr Medland mentioned the position with the Conservative Club and he expressed concern over the way the Co-operative had dealt with it.

12. COMMUNITY BANK – TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTION IF ANY IS REQUIRED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

Cllr Kennett said that Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils would be putting this on an agenda.

Resolved that the matter be dealt with by IWALC.

13. PARISH ACCOMMODATION – TO CONSIDER THE PARISH CLERK’S REPORT RE CRITERIA FOR A NEW OR UPGRADED PARISH OFFICE

The report had been circulated and was noted. So far as the Avenues building was concerned the Clerk was getting some further information on value. Cllr Hinton pointed out that it would need to be opened up to bids. Cllr Wheeler pointed out the overage provisions.

14. COMMUNICATION MANAGEMENT INCLUDING UPDATE ON NEW WEBSITE.

Cllrs Lloyd and Bamford and the Clerk had met with the provider. The site is being constructed. There will be more information on the new site than there was on the old site. It will be possible to add to the site. Cllr Bamford has spoken with the photographer. A drone will be used.

A Facebook page is now up and running. Some “likes” are needed.

A proper procedure is being prepared for communication.

Cllr Wheeler congratulated Cllrs Lloyd and Bamford and pointed out that training may be required for some councillors.

15. FRESHWATER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION DAY ON 23rd MAY AT FRESHWATER LIBRARY. TO CONSIDER THE ARRANGEMENTS AND NOTE THE “POP UP PUB” COST OF £195.

Cllr Lloyd had suggested the “Pop up Pub” in order to provide an eye catching feature. FOFL would have a stall and there would be children’s walks around the village. There would also be story time and it was hoped to get Morris dancers but if not folk music.

Cllr Bamford asked that as many councillors as possible attend the event.

16. TRANSPARENCY FOR LOCAL COUNCILS. TO NOTE THE CURRENT REGULATIONS AND APPROVE WORKING PRACTICES.

The Clerk summarised the new requirements which involving publication of a greater amount of information than has been required in the past. It was noted that in future reports would be needed at the time agendas were sent out otherwise the matter would have to wait for the next meeting.

17. LIBRARY PLUS STEERING GROUP. UPDATE AND REPORT FROM MEETING.

Cllr Wheeler's report had been circulated. He said we now needed the criteria from Isle of Wight Council.

Cllr Bamford said that she had been looking into options for a form of managing company. There were 6 options and the CIO (charitable incorporated organisation) seemed as though it may be best as it was less complicated than a CIC (community interest company). However no decision had been made yet. The Parish Council was another option. All options would be considered.

Cllr Fleury asked about the title of the library. Cllr Bamford said that figures were being obtained for Totland users but this was not yet completed.

Cllr Hobbs said that it would be likely that the Parish Council would need to own the site and building.

Cllr Wheeler said that the matter would be referred back to the Parish Council once a meeting had taken place and service had been specified.

Cllr Hinton said that he was disappointed not to have been involved in the initial meeting. His skills and experience would be welcomed on the steering group.

Cllr Wheeler said that he may need to commission a feasibility study for the site and it was **resolved** that this should be carried out if necessary at a cost not exceeding £2000.

18. JUBILEE FIELD – TO NOTE THE REPORT FROM WEST WIGHT SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE.

The report was noted. The sum of £648.80 was due to the Parish Council.

19. CHILDREN'S CENTRE / JUBILEE FIELD CONSIDERATION OF THE POSITION RE FENCING AT ENTRANCE FROM MOA PLACE CAR PARK.

Cllrs Fleury and Kennett declared interest as trustees of the WWS&CC.

Cllr Fleury said that this might cost £3500 but he felt that the Parish Council may need to do it.

Cllr Hinton felt that the Parish Council should do the work themselves rather than paying Isle of Wight Council for it. Cllr Hobbs said that IWC were the ones who wanted it and the Parish Council should not be paying.

Cllr Bray was concerned about a fence inhibiting people coming and going from the field if there was an event.

Cllr Lloyd said that there was a risk from dogs as things stood.

Cllr Bray felt that a site meeting was needed.

Cllr England said that the problem was of the IWC's making. It needed discussion between the sports centre, the IWC and the parish council.

Cllr Wheeler asked about the process of obtaining money due under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act. Cllr Medland said that IWC controlled the money. He would take this up.

Cllr Eccles said that Newport Parish Council had had similar problems. The Clerk to speak to Newport's Clerk.

20. SKATE PARK – REPORT OF MEETING HELD ON 27TH APRIL 2015 AND CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURE.

Cllr Fleury said that he was waiting for Spectrum to come back to him about extending the skate park.

Cllr Lloyd reported that the committee had agreed to put up a sign. Cost was being checked but was thought to be under £100. The sign would include safety information for users and advice that use was at "own risk".

The caretaker should have an appraisal and the Clerk to arrange this with the Chairman.

There was a broken grind rail in the park which needed to be removed.

21. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES.

None.

22. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Library Plus (MW)

Freshwater Live (MW/KL)

Memorial Hall – 10 minute presentation about how it is managed etc (PE/BAH)

Archives – written report from the archivist (CB)

Play equipment on Stroud recreation ground (CB)

My Place (if response to our application) (GK)

Island Roads/Avenue Road (MW)

Lengthsman (AB)

Website/IT (KL)

The meeting closed at 8.40