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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2015 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

PRESENT: Councillors: M Wheeler (Chair), C Fleury, C Bray, A Harris, B Hobbs, A Bamford, B Hinton MBE (to item 21), K Lloyd, G Kennett MBE, P England, G Cameron and D Eccles.

Isle of Wight Cllr J Medland

Members of the public: 6

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr C Lillywhite.

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

Items 13 and 14 FOFL member Cllr Kennett and Cllr Wheeler.

Item 16 Freshwater Live Cllrs Lloyd and Wheeler.

Item 12 Cllrs Hobbs, Bamford and England Memorial Hall Art and Leisure Company.

3. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 5th May 2015.

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th May 2015, having been circulated, be approved.

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

A member of the public spoke about the problems at Easton Lane. He summarised the difficulties and the steps which had been taken. It appeared that there was a trespass on Isle of Wight Council land and a breach of planning condition but Isle of Wight Council were not helping. He asked for assistance from the Parish Council regarding replacement of the hedge.

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

Cllr Medland submitted a written report.

Cllr Eccles mentioned the changes there had been with regards to committee chairs. There were problems with access to information which were likely to get worse. A large reduction in the grant was expected next year. Valuable staff were leaving. Cllr Eccles said that he would work with Cllr Medland to try to move things forward.

Cllr Medland said that things were slowing down.

The quality of the objections re Co-operative site meant that it would be difficult for Co-op to get this through. The party now interested in the site made it an exciting opportunity.

In response to a question regarding enforcement being devolved to the parishes Cllr Medland said that this would need looking at. It was suggested that IWALC be approached regarding this. Cllr Cameron would speak to the Head of Planning.

6. CLERKS REPORT.

Jubilee Field

Cllr Wheeler had received verbal confirmation from Isle of Wight Council that the matter will be approved shortly.

Discretionary services

Isle of Wight Council ceased the litter collection for the 2 bins on Stroud recreation ground with effect from Monday 11th May. The Parish Council has therefore taken over the service from that date under the terms of the existing contract.

Responses for Chairman of the Council's Scrutiny Committee are due in by close of business on Wednesday. The Clerk to submit comments.

Blackhut Green

The Clerk gave confirmation on 14th May regarding the installation of a new water pipe at 100 School Green Road. This was for replacement of an old pipe which was in a poor state of repair. Work will be done by mole so will not require re-instatement.

Easton Lane

Cllr Medland had dealt with this in his report. This matter illustrates the difficulties which the Parish Council will face as Isle of Wight Council become less and less able to respond to cases of this sort. It took a month of pressing for Isle of Wight Council to check their deeds. They then said that they did not own the land but later accepted that they did. Planning have not had resources to deal with this at all.

Lea Croft Cottages

The Clerk has been contacted by an owner of property with regard to parking in Queens Road blocking the entrance to Lea Cottages. An inspection of documents concluded re Freshwater Fields shows that Freshwater Parish Council have responsibility of this area of roadway. A meeting will need to be arranged with Spectrum to look at re-instatement of the road and landscaping in this area.

Open Spaces

Report from Chair of Open Spaces Committee deals with the following:

Brighstone Landscaping have been asked to cut the shrubs at Moa Place which are growing out into the road, the area around the Sub Station and the back ditch at Black Hut Green.

4 posts are required at Spin Fish (they have all rotted) price £60 + vat

Removal of the weeds etc off the ledge in the stream in School Green Road is required as this is very over grown now & spoils the area. Cost is £295 + vat

Extra cuts to the grass at Norton Green has been requested and would cost £80 + vat.

Councillor training

Councillor Bamford has attended the IWALC training.

Solent Swim

The Clerk is attempting the Solent Swim on 28th June.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED DOCUMENTS.

8. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved that the following payments be approved

Payments May 2015 by internet

banking

SALARIES TOTAL

1470.43

Cheques drawn for payment 2nd June 2015

			£	
400653	FPC; Funds Transfer to Barclays	£150,000 and £100,000 to fixed deposits with Barclays	Transfer	iss 5/5 iss
400654	WWSC	Annual payment, replacement to chq 400646	30000.00	5/5
400655	Darren Robertson Inv 00103	N Plan: Inflatable Pub 4 hr hire, replacement to chq 400645	195.00	Iss 19/5
400656	Alan Howard Inv 23052015	Transport Tables & Chairs to and from Library	40.00	
400657	Brighstone Landscaping Inv 17533	Q4 Maintenance	690.00	
400657	Brighstone Landscaping Inv 17574	Extra Works - Spinfish Lane	348.00	
400658	VOID; Hillbans, see 400659		0.00	
400659	Hillbans Pest Control Inv P21756	Pest control for April	61.80	
400659	Hillbans Pest Control Inv P21819	Pest control for May	61.80	
400660	MALCO Inv 1242	Parish Office Electricity April 2015	70.00	
400660	MALCO Inv 1243	Precept (First half 2015/16)	4797.50	
400660	MALCO Inv 1244	Office Cleaning (First half 2015/16)	200.00	
400660	MALCO Inv 1245	Archive Room Rent (First half 2015/16)	182.50	
400660	MALCO Inv 1246	Rent of Tennyson Suite (First half 2015/16)	200.00	
400660	MALCO Inv 1247	Parish Office Rent (First half 2015/16)	594.00	
400661	Michael Mills Expenses 19/54	Leaving Present Artframes Inv 53	109.50	
400662	NALC	LCR Magazine Subscription Renewal 1/6/15-31/5/16	17.00	

400663	Southern Water Inv 704001407188	The Avenues metered water supply 27/2/15- 15/5/15	18.64	
400664	Southern Electric Inv 321580952 05	The Avenues Electricity Q1 to 30/4/15	18.68	
400665	Robin Day	Honorarium (webmaster)	50.00	
400666	Jane Blackmore	Finances May	60.00	
400667	WWSC	Re Spectrum Invoice	300.00	
	Debit			Pd
	Cd IW Council	The Avenues Business Rates May	168.00	7/5
	Debit			Pd
	Cd BT Inv MO23 SF	2nd Line 753329 May Rental + April Charges	27.60	14/5
	SMC Bookkeeping Inv			Pd
	IB 149	Bookkeeping Induction	43.50	14/5

Sub Total **38253.52**

TOTAL **£39,723.95**

9. FRESHWATER & TOTLAND ARCHIVES - THE ARCHIVES FUTURE VISION. PRESENTATION BY MRS JANET HAIRE.

Mrs Haire gave a short history of the group. Recently the group had produced a book “Freshwater Reflections” for which there had been several reprints. The groups most pressing need was now a permanent base.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Haire and Cllr Hinton suggested that room might be looked at when Parish accommodation was considered.

10. WRITTEN REPORT FROM FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL ARCHIVIST MRS JENNY WILLIAMS.

Cataloguing the archived material is well on the way to completion but it is a slow process.

1. Each box has to be sorted into categories and the grouped into different items. Staples, paper clips and sellotape must be removed and if necessary replaced with brass paper clips to avoid corrosion.

2. Photographs, maps and drawings are scanned if possible and then wrapped in acid free paper.

3. Each item or group of items is given a unique catalogue reference comprising of a 2 number category, a 2 number group and a four digit item log. E.g. 01(category)+01(group)-(0001) = 0101-0001. If the item is scanned then it has a letter added to the code eg 0001-0001A.

4. There are 18 categories which are subdivided into 10 groups. This has provided enough versatility for the wide variety of items which have been collected in the Archives over time. UP to the present time, 650 items have been processed with a probability of another 300 items awaiting processing. I hope to have this finished by the end of the year.

5. When an item has been through the above process, then it is entered on the spreadsheet, and on an individual printed item page which is filed in the relevant folder in the filing cabinet. Up to now Robin Day has uploaded the spreadsheet and scans to the Parish Council Website.

I have a good working relationship with the Freshwater and Totland Archive Group and have had several enquiries from them for information or documents.

1. I have recently passed to them on permanent loan, a set of recorded interviews with local people talking about their memories of Freshwater in 1975.

2. I have also loaned them, on a short term, a poster depicting a revue held in Totland in 1934 for their latest exhibition.
3. I have asked for help in finding a photograph of the frontage of the Royal Standard Hotel which they were able to provide.
4. One of their members has sent time looking through old Parish Council Minute Books while he was researching the location of “the signal hut” on the cliff above Freshwater Bay.

Thoughts on the future of the Archives Record

1. To find a way of uploading the information on to the Council website.
2. There will soon be a need for another double door cabinet but I do not know where it would fit in the archive room!
3. Perhaps it would be possible to “sell” the spreadsheet to interested groups.
4. We would need to research who (apart from council members) would be interested in the accessing the material.

11. TO NOTE SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL 2014 – 2015 AND ASSOCIATED PAPERWORK AND AGREE THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK SIGN THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2015

It was agreed to move this to be considered first by Finance Committee and then by a subsequent parish council meeting.

12. MEMORIAL HALL. PRESENTATION FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL ARTS AND LEISURE COMPANY.

Progress was being made but this would be better dealt with at the July meeting.

13. LIBRARY PLUS STEERING GROUP - UPDATE.

Cllr Wheeler said that he had met with John Metcalfe of Isle of Wight Council. There now needs to be a public consultation. The suggestion is that a 125 year lease will be offered but not the freehold. A condition survey would be done. Heads of terms for Niton library were being looked at and funding and company set up were being considered.

14. PROPOSED REDUCTION IN STAFF AT FRESHWATER LIBRARY AND RETIREMENT OF LIBRARY SUPERVISOR.

It was agreed that the Council would formally pay tribute and provide a picture. The supervisor is retiring on 30th June. The position with the Library Service would need to be ascertained.

15. FRESHWATER FIELDS. TO CONSIDER A LETTER FROM THE ISLE OF WIGHT MP REGARDING PRIORITISING HOUSING AT FRESHWATER FIELDS.

Cllr Wheeler said that there appeared to be no breach of condition. John Metcalfe had confirmed that Isle of Wight Council were not aware of any breach of condition with this developer. Cllr Hobbs thanked Cllr Fleury for his report.

16. FRESHWATER LIVE – UPDATE.

The event is due to take place on 22nd August. Library, Methodist Church and Dimbola are involved. It will be the 45th anniversary of the Isle of Wight Festival. Memorial Hall have been approached.

There will be food stalls, 5 bands and a marquee.

The Skatepark would be used as would Jubilee Field.

There would be a website soon and the budget was £5000.

17. PLAY EQUIPMENT FOR STROUD RECREATION GROUND. CONSIDERATION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS SHOULD BE A PROJECT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015/2016 AND IF SO BUDGET.

Cllr Bray said that the Council had been talking about this for some time. There were now 2 new housing estates but no new equipment. Youngsters were going to Totland where facilities were better.

Cllr Fleury pointed out that we had no leases as yet.

Cllr Wheeler said that what was needed was a game plan for the whole area.

Options needed to be considered. Cllrs Bray, Fleury and Lloyd would look into this.

There was a question about the Stroud becoming village green. Cllr Eccles will investigate this and report back.

18. COMMUNICATIONS AND UPDATES ON WEBSITE AND IT EQUIPMENT.

Cllr Bamford had been doing various things for the website and a further report would be made at the next meeting.

19. LENGTHSMAN. TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR A LENGTHSMAN AND WHETHER OR NOT THIS SHOULD BE AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE WEST WIGHT LOCAL COUNCILS' MEETING.

The Clerk's report was considered and agreed. This would also be raised at the meeting of West Wight local councils. It was noted that Totland Parish Council had a handyman.

20. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.

Cllr Bamford said that the final documents were now being written.

Cllr Lloyd said the event at the library had been very successful.

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

IWALC – Cllr Cameron said that there was a £25 million gap in Isle of Wight Council's budget and the contingency had been spent.

Cllr Fleury will be attending the AGM of the Co-operative.

Cllr Harris mentioned the situation with the lifeboat and the boat park. Cllr Medland said that the 2 parties did not seem to get on. Any transfer would need the agreement of the tenants.

22. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Projects (DE)

Fire station update (CB)

The meeting closed at 8.59