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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: M Wheeler, (Chair), G Kennett MBE, C Fleury, C Bray, A Bamford, A Harris, K Lloyd, and Sandra Allen.

Members of the public: 2

Clerk: M J Mills

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs G Cameron, D Eccles and B Hobbs, J Medland and B Hinton MBE.
- 2. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**
None
- 3. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15TH SEPTEMBER 2015.**
It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th September 2015, having been circulated, be approved.
- 4. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES) (see Item 19).**
- 5. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY CLLRS/QUESTION AND UPDATE SESSION (UP TO 15 MINUTES FROM BOTH CLLRS).**
Neither ward councillor was present.
- 6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.**

The Parish Council Seal

This has now been repaired by Peter Haire free of charge. It was agreed to provide a gift to Peter.

Remembrance Service

Councillor Fleury declared an interest as a member of the British Legion. A wreath has been ordered on behalf of the Parish Council. The cost of the wreath to the Royal British Legion is £18.50. Agreed to make a donation of £50.

Posts at Pound Green

Agreed to proceed with quote from Mark Churcher in the sum of £295.

Computers

Upgrade now completed subject to teething problems.

Broadband

BT Infinity now installed.

Drive Less, See More 2 fund

The Clerk has prepared an expression of interest for a grant application based on improvements to the Yarmouth/Freshwater cycleway.

Jubilee Field/Stroud Recreation Field lease

The Clerk will be sending out a full report on the terms of the lease but the Clerk has now been through the existing draft in detail and feels that it is satisfactory subject to minor amendments.

Metal detecting

A Freshwater resident has asked for permission to carry out metal detecting on parish land. He will declare any "finds" and he will make a donation to the council. The Clerk to make it clear that this is on the basis of any damage being made good.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

8. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – LIST TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION.

Payments Sept 2015 - by internet banking

SALARIES TOTAL Sept

£

1,895.16

IW Council	The Avenues Business Rates Sept	168.00
SMC Bookkeeping Inv 179	Bookkeeping - August	248.00
BT Inv FO27 WG	2nd Line 753329 Closing Bill	1.07

INTERNET BANKING TOTAL

2,312.23

Debit Card payments during Sept 2015

£

D/Card Post Office	Stamps 50 x 1st class @ 63p	31.50
D/Card Microsoft Inv E05001DPPG	Office 365 Software	73.80
D/Card Microsoft Inv E05001DP2R	Office 365 Software	230.26
D/Card Post Office	Stamps	13.20
D/Card Preservation Equip Inv 0342116	Office Stationery	82.82
D/Card JCB Imaging	Printing	33.12
D/Card Southern Water Inv 570436	Allotments 26/2-11/9/15	116.09
D/Card Staples	Our Place: Stationery	72.48

Cheques drawn for payment 6th Oct 2015

400701 Hybrid Action Sports Inv 001/2015	Freshwater Live; Skate Park Comp	297.00
400702 Skate Club Inv 31	Freshwater Live; Skate Park Comp	250.00
400703 Tower Mint Ltd	QEII Commemorative Medallions	558.24

400704	WWSC Inv 4574	Our Place: Buffet 28/8 - ABCD	79.20
400705	WWSC Inv 4575	Freshwater Live; Huxley Magic	80.00
400706	PC Consultants Inv 23299	Firewall, router and antivirus	495.79
400707	PC Consultants Inv 23325	Supply & Install PCs, set up Office	2139.83
400708	FYTbus Inv 000131	Freshwater Live; Shuttle Service	50.00
400709	Hillbans Inv P22201	Pest Control Sept 2015 - Brookside	63.40
400710	MALCO Inv 1328	Parish Office Electric August 2015	70.00
400711	PC Consultants Inv 23390	Configure Internet Connection	76.80
400712	WWSC Inv 4597	My Life A Full Life; Meeting 16/9	34.40
400713	W Hurst & Son Inv F3391328	Skatepark - Rubbish Bags	3.58

Sub total **4,851.51**

TOTAL 7,163.74

9. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR THE VILLAGE. TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND SPECIFICATIONS (CB/CF).

Cllr Fleury presented a written report. It was noted that the Memorial Hall would not be having a Christmas tree this year but would be having lights instead. **Resolved**

- a) To contribute £50 to Rotary Club towards the Christmas Tree at the Vine
- b) To provide a tree at the Library 20 foot tree 15 foot above ground at a cost of £190
- c) To put up existing trees at shops as in 2014 at a cost of £200
- d) To have lights in the Yucca tree at Moa Place at a cost of £200
- e) Plugs and timers to be installed in lamp posts (7) between Memorial Hall and the Social Club at a cost of £1919.80 with decoration at a cost of £805
- f) 6 sets of lights to be provided for the library at a cost of £199.40
- g) A banner (1 metre by 2.5 metres) to be purchased and put up at Black Hut Green with a Christmas message at a cost of £100 – councillors Lloyd and Bamford to assist with design.
- h) Total cost £3614. This would be paid from the events budget which was estimated at £3050 and the finance committee would determine allocation of the remaining balance.

ACTION – PARISH OFFICE

10. SKATE PARK – PROJECT WITH DRUM MEDIA COMPANY. TO CONSIDER MAKING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION (EXACT AMOUNT TO BE CONFIRMED BUT IN THE REGION OF £4000) TO THIS PROJECT INVOLVING YOU TUBE PRODUCTION AND ADDITIONS TO THE SKATEPARK INCLUDING BUDGET ALLOCATION.

Cllr Lloyd said that Totland Parish Council has agreed to put in £3000 with an extra £1000 contingency if required. She had met with Drum representatives on site and work could start week commencing 12th October when the skate park would need to be closed (padlocks will be required for the gates). Graffiti boards will not stay at the park after the event and will need to be stored. **Resolved** that the Parish Council will make a contribution of £4000 from the projects budget.

11. THE OLD AMBULANCE STATION. TO CONSIDER QUOTE FOR WORK AND TO DETERMINE THE REQUEST FROM THE ROTARY CLUB FOR RENEWAL OF THE LICENCE.

Resolved to proceed with quote from Mark Churcher at a cost of £3250. Quote to be obtained for the electrics as a matter of urgency. Licence to be offered to Rotary for a further one year period.

ACTION – PARISH OFFICE.

12. THE AVENUES - QUOTE FOR WORKS.

Cllrs Bamford and Allen had visited the site and reported that the stored office furniture was of no value and stated that they had not appreciated the poor condition of the building. Although it was appreciated that this would only provide a low level of refurbishment Cllr Harris said that it was important to tidy up the site as an example. It was agreed to proceed with the quote from Mark Churcher in the sum of £1795 **but resolved** that a final decision would be made on the future use of the site by March 2016.

ACTION – PARISH OFFICE.

13. COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE (KL).

The Chairman and Cllr Lloyd to meet next week to prepare the first issue of ‘The Freshwater Flyer’ for publication 20th Oct.

ACTION – CLLRS LLOYD and WHEELER.

14. REPORT FROM CLLR WHEELER ON MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS REGARDING FRESHWATER PROJECTS (REPORT TO BE CIRCULATED).

Cllr Wheeler’s report had been circulated. He felt it had been positive and there was a further meeting re Avenue Road public realm on 12th October. In answer to a question Cllr Wheeler said that the IWC Executive would be considering the future of the Library Service on 27th October and it was likely that this would be an agenda item for the December Parish Council meeting.

15. FRESHWATER BAY BOAT PARK – TO CONSIDER HOW THIS AREA SHOULD BE MANAGED AND BY WHOM.

Cllr Harris said that Freshwater Lifeboat would be interested in taking this on but it was felt that Isle of Wight Council would prefer to lease it to the Parish Council. The land could easily be included in the lease of land being taken on by the Parish Council.

Cllr Bray was concerned about responsibilities for clearing the area and pointed out that the road had been closed last year when storms had washed up stones and shingle.

The Chairman asked that Freshwater Lifeboat make a formal proposal.

ACTION – CLLR HARRIS TO LIAISE WITH FRESHWATER LIFEBOAT.

16. OUR PLACE – UPDATE INCLUDING FEEDBACK ON THE ASSET BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SESSION HELD ON 28th AUGUST 2015 AND THE MEETING ON 1ST OCTOBER 2015.

Cllr Kennett said that the first meeting had taken place on 1st October and had been reasonably well supported. The scheme was about giving people access to information and advice. Ideas were now being collated and would then be refined. It remained to be decided whether there would be a physical hub or whether existing organisations be used with a standardised approach. Lee Hodgson from Isle Help had attended and Age UK were also keen to be involved.

17. MEMORIAL HALL – UPDATE ON IMPROVEMENTS AND REDECORATION.

Cllrs Bamford and Allen presented their written report. The Hall will be having an event to launch the redecorated small hall. A program of events is being prepared and will be circulated.

18. REPORT FROM CLLR WHEELER ON THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY ON SEPTEMBER 20TH AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Cllr Wheeler said that this had been attended by some 120 people. There had been presentations from organisations and schools. It was hoped that it would become a yearly event.

19. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT CONSULTATION. TO CONSIDER HOW TO RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION (NOTE CONSULTATION CLOSSES ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2015).

A member of the public spoke and expressed his concerns about how withdrawal of benefit would affect him. Cllr Wheeler explained that this was being imposed by central government. Cllr Harris pointed out that there was a CAB benefits adviser attending the West Wight Sports and Community Centre. Cllr Kennett said that Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils were meeting on 15th October and this would be discussed. It may also be appropriate for a meeting of West Wight Local Councils Group. Cllr Kennett suggested that the parish council become a member of Isle Help. Cllr Wheeler said that details of contacts for advice would be included in the Freshwater Flyer.

ACTION – INCLUDE IN FRESHWATER FLYER. CLERK TO REQUEST DETAILS OF NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AFFECTED.

20. COMMUNITY GRANTS – APPLICATIONS FROM NAGS GROUP, WEST WIGHT FOOTBALL CLUB, THE HOOKE SOCIETY AND A JUNIOR GOLFER.

Grants approved were as follows

Junior golfer £250

Hooke Society £200

IW Music Dance and Drama Festival £50

Rotary (for Christmas Tree) £50

Friends of Freshwater Library £200

New Avenues Group £300

West Wight Youth Football Club £200

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

Cllr Fleury mentioned the Compass meeting he had attended on 22nd September (Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and Police). His report had been circulated. Cllr Fleury pointed out that money was available for projects.

Cllr Bray had prepared a report re Golden Hill to be circulated.

22. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Town manager – possibly funded by projects money.

23. OTHER MATTERS

The Chairman of Finance asked that Councillors send details of what budget they would be seeking for the next financial year to the RFO by the end of October.

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm.