



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: M Wheeler, (Chair), G Kennett MBE, C Fleury, G Cameron, C Bray, A Bamford, A Harris, K Lloyd (items 1 to 5 and 13), B Hobbs, J Medland and B Hinton MBE and Sandra Allen.

Members of the public: none

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr D Eccles.

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

None

3. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER 2015.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th October 2015 having been circulated were agreed.

4. PRESENTATION FROM MR AND MRS PRIDDLE REGARDING LOCAL EVENTS (5 MINUTES).

Mr and Mrs Priddle gave some details about the objectives of the event. They wished to continue to be the coordinators of a local community event. They felt that it was easier for two people to do this than a committee. A company limited by guarantee had now been set up which could be used in the future. The event would not be dependent on the Parish Council and it would be for venues to fund their own entertainment.

Cllr Hinton said that the event had been brilliant and he hoped that it would continue.

Cllr Wheeler thanked Mr and Mrs Priddle. He pointed out that the Parish Council had funded the 2015 event. He suggested that improvements could be made. Cllr Wheeler said that the organization this year had been at times chaotic. It was unclear who was doing what with problems on communication. Cllr Hobbs said that there had been a clash with buskers on the green and the library entertainment.

Mr Priddle said that they would take on board feedback and would put a program together.

Cllr Cameron suggested a template of procedure.

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

None present.

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

Cllr Medland's written report had been circulated. Cllr Bamford said that work was being done on information for a new display re the gun carriage. Cllr Allen said that the gun carriage was now in a place where people would see it. Most people did not know that it was at the Memorial Hall. Cllr Medland to liaise with Cllr's Bamford and Allen on this. Cllr Kennett said that the message about this had not gone out and it should be something for the next "Flyer".

Cllr Harris suggested that consideration be given to putting up plaques for important buildings. This was felt to be a good idea. Cllr Hobbs pointed out that she had not received input from other councillors regarding the local list of buildings.

Cllr Wheeler mentioned a public meeting re fracking on 16th November.

**7. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.
Drive Less, See More 2 fund**

The expression of interest for a grant based on improvements to the Yarmouth/Freshwater cycleway did meet with approval. However it was not possible to proceed with the grant application because timescales were not feasible.

Jubilee Field/Stroud Recreation Field lease

New draft lease incorporating MUGA and skate park now received. Working party of chairman, Cllr Hobbs and Clerk to look at terms. Note work on MUGA due to start 3rd November.

Pensions

NALC and SLCC have at last released their guidance on this. Freshwater PC staging date is 1st February so setting up of a pension scheme will now be urgently addressed.

Skate park vandalism

Damage from vandalism caused around 22nd October reported to police and offending boards removed from skate park (with Cllr Lloyd's help).

Spectrum banner at Black Hut Green

This has now been removed and a final invoice has been sent to Spectrum.

Photographs for the website

Cllr Bamford has arranged for Clint to take additional photographs for the Parish Council website. Cost will be £150.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Cllr Hobbs declared an interest.

Accounts for Payment

Payments October 2015 - by internet banking

IW Council
 HM Revenue & Customs
 SMC Bookkeeping Services Inv 187

The Avenues Business Rates October 168.00
 PAYE & NIC Jul-Sept 15 838.95
 Bookkeeping - September 192.00
1,198.95

INTERNET BANKING TOTAL**Debit Card payments during October 2015**

D/Card Southern Water Inv 713001108726
 D/Card Flower Garden

Metered bill 16/5-16/9/15 30.49
 Funeral Flowers; previous FPC Chair 25.00

Direct debit payments during October 2015

DD BT

Telephone & Broadband 260.02

Cheques drawn for payment 3rd November 2015

400714 Brighstone Landscaping Inv 18245
 400714 Brighstone Landscaping Inv 18240
 400714 Brighstone Landscaping Inv 18312
 400714 Brighstone Landscaping Inv 18313
 400714 Brighstone Landscaping Inv 18367
 400715 Friends of Freshwater Library
 400716 Hillbans Pest Control Inv P22254
 400717 Hooke Society
 400718 IW Music, Dance & Drama Festival
 400719 Junior Golfer, Albert Newman
 400720 MALCO Inv 1356
 400720 MALCO Inv 1357
 400720 MALCO Inv 1358
 400720 MALCO Inv 1359
 400720 MALCO Inv 1360
 400721 New Avenues Group
 400722 Ricoh UK Inv 100342419
 400723 Rotary Club of the West Wight
 400724 Sign Company Inv Pro-Forma
 400725 Vidahost Inv 561671
 400726 WWSC
 400727 WWYFC

Extra Works supply root cuttings 46.15
 Grounds Maintenance + Spinfish + new areas 1,974.00
 Extras Selwood Road 100.99
 Jubilee Field 690.00
 Tree Works 1,404.00
 Community Grant approved 6/10/15 200.00
 Wasp Nest Grannys Mead 42.00
 Community Grant approved 6/10/15 200.00
 Community Grant approved 6/10/15 50.00
 Community Grant approved 6/10/15 250.00
 Precept (Second half 2015/16) 4,797.50
 Office Cleaning (Second half 2015/16) 200.00
 Archive Room Rent (Second half 2015/16) 182.50
 Rent of Tennyson Suite (Second half 2015/16) 200.00
 Parish Office Rent (Second half 2015/16) 594.00
 Community Grant approved 6/10/15 300.00
 Copier rental 1/10-31/12 and charges 1/7-30/9 208.35
 Community Grant approved 6/10/15 50.00
 Christmas Banner 74.40
 Hosting; FPC Archive 27.59
 Re Spectrum Invoice 04 300.00
 Community Grant approved 6/10/15 200.00

Sub Total 12,406.99

Petty Cash Purchases April
 Petty Cash Purchases May
 Petty Cash Purchases June
 Petty Cash Purchases July

Postage, stationery and meeting refreshments 21.39
 Stationery 43.97
 Meeting refreshments, picture, sundries 57.24
 Cllr Hobbs Expenses 31.09
 Our Place: Milk for meeting 2.00
 Stationery 3.11
 Key Cutting 2.50
 Key Cutting 6.50
 Stationery 2.99

205 Co-Op
 206 Staples
 207 Hursts
 208 Hursts
 209 Sainsburys

210	Co-Op	Refreshments for meeting	2.09
211	Sugaloaf	Our Place: Refreshments for meeting	60.00
212	Co-Op	Our Place: Expenses	2.00
		Sub Total	234.88
TOTAL			13,840.82

10. BUDGET MEETING ON TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS – REPORT ON MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL DUE TO BE HELD @ 5PM ON 3rd NOVEMBER (CLLR WHEELER).

Cllr Wheeler had attended the meeting that evening. It had been chaired by the Council leader Cllr Bacon and was attended by John Metcalfe. They had asked for ideas. Clustering and transfer of freeholds were proposed. All possibilities were being considered. There was to be a further meeting in 4 weeks time. Several councils had said that they would not support initiatives if the support grant was withdrawn.

Cllr Kennett pointed out that notice of the meeting was sent out with short notice and this would have created difficulties for those councils with part-time clerks. It was unfortunate that Isle of Wight Council continued to take a paternalistic approach to working with town and parish councils.

Cllr Wheeler said that toilets would be on the list of services which Isle of Wight Council were seeking to transfer to parishes.

Cllr Kennett mentioned the £17 million Asda fund. There had been criticism that bids had not been put in. There was risk of a downward spiral.

11. REPORT ON MEETING OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE HELD ON 27TH OCTOBER (CLLR WHEELER) – LIBRARY, HIGHWAYS COMMUNITY FUND AND PUBLIC TOILETS.

Cllr Wheeler said that Isle of Wight Council had initially said that the freehold would not be available but it now appeared to be possible. He had made it clear that having limited leases could stall negotiations. The community toilet scheme had not been successful. On community highways Isle of Wight Council had agreed to contribute to a fund to work with Island Roads and communities. Cllr Wheeler said that there was a lot of concern about accruals (cost of ongoing maintenance when additions were made to the network).

12. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR THE VILLAGE – UPDATE (CLLR’S FLEURY AND BRAY).

Cllr Fleury said that all was going well. Agreed that lights would be switched on on 6th December which was the same date as the Christmas tree at the Vine.

13. SKATE PARK – PROJECT WITH DRUM MEDIA COMPANY – REPORT AND UPDATE (CLLR LLOYD).

Cllr Lloyd said that this had been a big success. Publicity had included coverage in the national press. The skate park competition had been better attended than that in the summer. The Council now had some drone video footage which was shown during the meeting. Some obscene graffiti had been drawn on boards which had now been removed.

There had been a lot of interest in the event on Facebook and Twitter. Cllr Bray mentioned the tree which was overhanging the skate park and contact needs to be made with the Isle of Wight Council tree officer.

Cllr Wheeler congratulated Cllr Lloyd.

There was discussion about the CCTV camera and the position with the existing CCTV camera to be checked with Police Sergeant Mark Lyth. The possibility of a new camera for the MUGA and skate park to be investigated.

14. TO APPROVE £100 DONATION TOWARDS COST OF THE SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCH TO BE HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL.

Resolved to contribute £100 towards cost of the seniors Christmas lunch to be held at the Memorial Hall.

15. PLANNING. TO CONSIDER WHETHER IN PRINCIPLE THE COUNCIL SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE COSTS OF A PLANNING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER THROUGH IWALC OR THROUGH THE WEST WIGHT LOCAL COUNCILS GROUP.

I W Cllr Paul Fuller had been asked for figures but these were not yet available. Cllr Wheeler said if it were one day per week it might cost £8000 to be divided between an area. However the question was how would it work.

Cllr Hinton said that he strongly opposed paying the wages of someone in County Hall. He had no objection to a freelance person.

Cllr Harris said that it needed people with statutory powers.

Cllr Medland agreed and said that Isle of Wight Council did not know how to devolve this function.

Cllr Cameron said that if money was not provided the service would be lost.

Cllr Kennett said that if the cost were looked at per capita it was not very much.

Cllr Fleury suggested taking this forward to the next meeting of the West Wight local councils group.

Resolved that this be supported in principle.

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

Cllr Kennett referred to the response which Ventnor TC had made. 100's of people in the Freshwater area would be affected by this. **Resolved** that the IWALC response be supported.

17. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT RENEWAL – UPDATE.

The Clerk confirmed that the contract would start on 1st April 2016 and details would be given at the December meeting. It was intended to advertise in December and to consider tenders at the February meeting.

18. NEW ROAD NAME APPROVAL SMALL HORSE FARM MADEIRA LANE – TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT TO OBJECT TO SMALL HORSE FARM CLOSE AND/OR SMALL HORSE CLOSE

There were no objections and Small Horse Farm Close was preferred.

19. TO CONSIDER PROVIDING A SEAT IN MEMORY OF THE LATE PETER PLUCKNETT (PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR 1991 TO 2002) – COST ESTIMATED AT £561.

Resolved to provide a seat in memory of the late Peter Plucknett at an estimated cost of £561. The seat to be located at Granny's Meade (Freshwater Bay side). Cllr Kennett will inform the family and agree wording for the plaque.

20. SEATS – TO CONFIRM THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND TO CONSIDER QUOTES.

The quotation from Leon Bicheno was accepted but numbers 893 and 916 were Isle of Wight Council responsibility and would therefore not be included. The total cost was therefore £1378.15.

21. ALLOTMENT PLOT NUMBER SIGNS – APPROVAL OF QUOTES.

Resolved to accept quote from Island Signs in the sum of £114 plus £25 fitting and to proceed with stakes. Tony Bray may be able to make up stakes. If so resolved to purchase stakes from Mole Country Stores. Otherwise the alternate quote was accepted.

22. CLERK’S OFFICE – FUTURE SUPPORT ROLES.

The Clerk explained current roles so that councillors would know who best to contact in the office. Emma to take on some open spaces work once Christmas project is completed. Sue Clarke to assist with grant applications.

Agreed that the Clerk circulate details of hours and days.

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

Cllr Fleury asked about the background to a letter from the Department of Communities and Local Government which had been circulated. Cllr Kennett said that this was because IW Leader Cllr Bacon had said that the Isle of Wight Council was considering not passing on the grant to town and parish councils.

Cllrs Fleury and Allen will be attending a business support event on 9th November.

Cllr Wheeler would be representing the Parish Council at Remembrance Sunday in Yarmouth.

Cllr Medland asked about office accommodation. Cllr Wheeler said that a decision re the Avenues was to be made no later than March. Cllr Medland queried whether “Live Wire” shop had been considered. Cllr Wheeler said that the Parish Council had previously decided the Parish Office should not take up shop premises.

Cllr Wheeler reported on the situation re the library. The idea of Library Plus was to include other things which would mean increasing the footprint. FoFL would be critical. Cllr Hobbs said that FoFL would not want to take on management. Cllr Bamford said that the meaning of a partnership with Isle of Wight Council would need clarification.

Cllr Kennett said that a business case was required.

Cllr Hobbs said that the commitment was to cover running costs of £10000 including rates. She felt that rates were an issue.

Cllr Bamford said that changes were coming regarding changes in rating for charities.

Cllr Kennett asked what the commitment from Isle of Wight Council was in terms of staff.

This was understood to be 1 person.

Cllr Harris queried whether an option could be included for the Parish Council to acquire the freehold in say the next 3 years.

Cllr Wheeler said that his vision was for 3 stages – take over the costs, look at grant funding for the “plus” and then look at refurbishment.

There was a condition survey but a structural survey would be needed.

24. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

None

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.