



# FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 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, J Medland, D Eccles and B Hinton MBE (to item 19).

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: M J Mills

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**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Sandra Allen, Brenda Hobbs and G Cameron.

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

Item 15 – Cllrs Kennett and Fleury as Trustees of West Wight Sports and Community Centre.

Item 5 – Cllr Hinton partner employed by Age UK

Item 12 – Cllr Bamford as chair of Memorial Hall Arts and Leisure Co committee

Item 18 – Cllr Medland (has previously been involved with Timebank)

**3. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016.** The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 having been circulated were agreed.

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

None present.

**5. PRESENTATION RE “MEN IN SHEDS” - LOIS PRIOR AGE UK (5 MINUTES).**

Ms Prior explained that this was aimed at men over 50 years of age. It aimed to address social isolation particularly after retirement. It was hoped to start a shed in Freshwater. Research would be done now on what men wanted and then premises would be sought. The Parish Council could help by promoting the venture, advice re venue and signposting people.

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

Cllr Eccles said that he had been concentrating on the budget. He had been speaking to Gouldings and Adelaide. The next meeting was 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Cllr Medland’s written report had been circulated. He said that he had written to Paul Fuller on different issues and he had invited him to meet the Parish Council. Also he was hoping for a meeting with Island 2000.

**7. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.**

**Stroud coppice**

Application for tree works as per the management plan has now been determined. Awaiting details from the consultants on how the matter is to progress.

**Estates strategy workshop**

The Clerk attended an estates strategy workshop (My Life a full Life) at St Marys on 12th January.

**Training**

The Clerk attended training on contracts, tendering and trading on 20th January.

**Toilets**

Meeting arranged for 2nd February with Isle of Wight Council and National Trust re Compton Bay toilets.

**Website**

Meetings have been taking place with our website “manager” re development of the website.

**Totland Parish Council**

The Clerk has met with the Totland Clerk to discuss a number of issues. Date suggested for the joint meeting is Wednesday 17th February.

**Tree by the Old Ambulance Station**

Discussions are ongoing with Scottish and Southern Electric regarding cutting back branches in the willow tree which may be interfering with the nearby power cable.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

**RESOLVED** that the following payments be approved.

<b>Payments January 2016 - by internet banking</b>			£		
<b>INTERNET BANKING TOTAL</b>			<b>0.00</b>		
<b>Debit Card payments during January 2016</b>			£		
Debit Card	Vistaprint	Neighbourhood Plan; printing	72.10	Pd 8/1	
Debit Card	Vistaprint	Neighbourhood Plan; printing	67.98	Pd 20/1	
Debit Card	Vistaprint	Neighbourhood Plan; printing	88.03	Pd 21/1	
<b>Cheques drawn for approval 4th February 2016</b>					
400747	Mike Wheeler	Chairman's Allowance 2015/16	500.00	Iss 19/1	
400759	Jenny Williams	Archivist's Honorarium 2015/16	250.00	Iss 19/1	
400760	IW County Press Inv 622161	Official Tenders	96.60	Iss 19/1	
400761	Parish Online Inv POL-2015-00mw008	Annual subscription 24/11/15-24/11/16	100.80	Iss 19/1	
400762	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd Inv 18632	Extras; Selwood Road	100.99	Iss 19/1	
400763	MJC Tree Services Limited Inv 16/003	Annual Tree Survey	834.36		
400764	Ricoh UK Ltd Inv 100419219	Copier rental 1/1-31/3 & charges 1/10-31/12	264.27		
400765	Signpost Express (IW) Ltd Inv 33526	Banners	52.80		
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>2,427.93</b>		

## 10. FEEDBACK FROM PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING HELD ON 27TH JANUARY.

There was a feeling that displays could be improved in the future.

Cllr Bamford said that the feedback on Neighbourhood Plan had been good. It was disappointing that businesses had not got more involved.

Cllr Kennett said that a meeting was taking place for businesses and Cllr Cameron was a former chair of the business association. Tapnell Farm appeared to be doing very well.

Cllr Wheeler referred to the proposed improvements at Avenue Road. It appeared now that Island Roads wanted to charge for design work. It might be appropriate to budget for preparatory work in the region of £2500.

Cllr Medland felt it had been an excellent event. 150 people had attended in the daytime and 60/70 in the evening. It should be a regular event and consideration could be given to a summer event.

Cllr Bray said that the school had been delighted. They will be putting something on their website. The Chairman had offered to go into the school.

Cllr Bray suggested having some food available at future events to attract businesses.

Cllr Fleury said he thought the Parish Council should not show an interest in Compton toilets.

Cllr Bamford said the public had said that the Parish should not to spend money on this but they felt it was a useful facility.

Cllr Wheeler pointed out that the National Trust had not budgeted for this.

ACTION Clerk to circulate further details of the “post it’s” feedback.

## 11. TO AGREE A PRECEPT TO BE REQUESTED FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL FOR 2016/2017.

The figures recommended by the Finance Committee were approved. A precept of £224023 should be requested. ACTION the Clerk.

## 12. FRESHWATER MEMORIAL HALL – TO CONSIDER PROCEDURE TO DEALING WITH REPAIRS AT THIS PROPERTY.

Cllr Bamford said that DARES had been instructed to do work re the sewer. There was a damp problem on the back wall and there was no retaining wall to stop the soil. It had been discovered that the building was an early example of a cavity wall building. It was structurally sound. The roof had been redone in the 1960’s. It was hoped to redecorate the hall but the damp could take

1½ years to dry out. There was also a problem with water coming in and works needed to be done to investigate this. A stream of funding would be required to maintain the building.

Repointing was also needed. Guttering had been replaced.

Cllr Fleury said that the “landlord” should be doing the repairs.

Cllr Medland said that it always was the responsibility of the parish councils to maintain the exterior.

Cllr Bray said that parish assets needed to be looked after. This should be the first item on the agenda for the joint meeting with Totland.

Cllr Wheeler suggested that this be looked at as a project.

It may be necessary to look at varying the existing lease.

**13. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A VEXATIOUS POLICY.**

It was felt that the existing draft was unduly complex. A simplified form should be available for consideration at the March meeting. ACTION the Clerk.

**14. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A POLICY FOR APPROVING TENDERS.**

**Resolved** to agree the draft policy. Cllr Fleury queried whether or not it should be incorporated in financial regulations.

**15. THE PATRON’S LUNCH. TO CONSIDER AN EVENT – HIRE OF WEST WIGHT SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE HAS BEEN PROPOSED.**

Cllr Bamford pointed out that it had also been proposed to have something at the Memorial Hall. It was suggested that there could be something for children at the Sports Centre and things for older people at the Memorial Hall.

**16. DOG FOULING AND KEEP FRESHWATER FRESH CAMPAIGN.**

The posters had been useful. Cllr Harris said that the dog bins at Longhalves Lane were often full. Cllr Bray said that this was a problem not only on the pavements but also on land owned by the Parish Council. The latter caused a difficulty for the Parish Council’s contractors.

Cllr Bamford thanked Lesley for putting up the posters.

**17. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – UPDATE AND CURRENT PROGRAMME.**

Cllr Bamford said that John Holsburt was very busy and he was getting out around the village. The chairman said that councillors needed to push this.

Cllr Eccles pointed out that there was no housing needs survey.

**18. COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS – APPLICATION FROM WEST WIGHT TIMEBANK.**

**Resolved** to give £200 to the Timebank. Community grants would also be considered at the March meeting.

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

None.

**20. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.**

None other than already agreed.

**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.**

**21. CONSIDERATION OF TENDERS FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKS AT JUBILEE FIELD/STROUD PLAYING FIELDS AND ON MANORIAL LAND, SELWOOD ROAD (THE POND), AND FRESHWATER BAY (GATE LANE TOILETS AND THE ESPLANADE) (AS ADVERTISED).**

A tender from Brighstone Landscaping for grounds maintenance work for a 3 year period was accepted.

**22. OTHER MATTERS**

A letter had been received about the flooding problems at Mentone. Cllr Wheeler will contact Crowne Park regarding that.

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm.