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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett MBE (Chair), C Fleury, Brenda Hobbs, C Bray A Bamford, A Harris, T Nicholson, B Hinton MBE, V Lowthion, D Eccles and J Medland.

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES. Cllrs M Wheeler and G Cameron.

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH JULY AND 16TH AUGUST 2016.

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 5th July 2016 and the 16th August 2016 having been circulated were agreed. Item 20 on the July minutes would be expanded to make it clearer.

3. MS KRISSY LLOYD TO TALK ABOUT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AT THE SKATE PARK INCLUDING A REPORT ON THE COMPETITION HELD ON 28TH AUGUST.

Ms Lloyd introduced Connor who was a skate park user.

Work had been done on the skate park but had only just been finished in time for the competition. Ms Lloyd suggested that communication by the Parish Council had been an issue. There had been some 40 entrants for the competition including some from the mainland. Ms Lloyd felt that the Parish Council could have done more to promote it particularly on Facebook. Cllr Lowthion offered to help with social media in future.

Cllr Nicholson said that he wanted to point out that the litter problem around the skate park had improved considerably.

Cllr Fleury said that he had counted 132 people at the skate park on the day of the competition.

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

Item 15 Cllrs Bamford, Nicholson and Hobbs (MHALCO members)

Item 16 Cllrs Bamford, Hinton and Hobbs (Library Plus committee)

Item 10 Cllr Fleury

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 Eccles referred to the proposed Solent Devolution Deal.

7. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Clerk's report

Island Roads

Were asked to deal with repair of bollard in Tennyson Road (13/7/16) and repair of bin by Memorial Hall (23/8/16).

Isle of Wight Council

Were asked to deal with removal of dead fox in Spinfish (1/7/16).

Bins at Skate park

Following a meeting with Derek Bean on 13th July Island Roads have finally accepted that they are responsible for the emptying of these bins. This will be monitored in the future.

Environment Officer

Complaint of fly tipping at Fort Victoria passed to the Environment Officer on 21st July. The matter was investigated but there was insufficient evidence to pursue the matter.

Gate Lane toilets – water bill

The Clerk spent some time speaking with Southern Water regarding what appeared to be an incorrect water bill. This involved visits to check the meter and carry out a “stop test”. Eventually the matter was resolved following a complaint by the Clerk and the invoice was withdrawn.

Gate Lane toilets – rates bill

Valuation Office Agency (VOA) have confirmed that the property was rated following an inspection. This presumably followed notification from IWC that the lease on the toilets had been transferred to FPC. 2 other town or parish councils are also affected and IWC has offered to assist with representations and advice.

Easton Lane

Enforcement action now being investigated by Isle of Wight Council.

Jubilee Field

Letter written to property in Windmill Lane re tipping of grass cutting (11/8/16).

Tree work

There is currently about a day's work for one man. This includes some work at Spinfish, 3 dead elms opposite the Conservative Club in Queens Road and a tree in the pond at Marsh Green. This could conveniently be done by instructing Will Cross on a daily rate.

Car washing by the Co-operative Store

2 complaints have been received.

Cllr Fleury said that he had been sprayed with water from the washer when walking past. Cllr Bray was worried about safety issues arising from water on the pavement particularly if there was a hard frost.

Advertising at Black Hut Green

Slimming World have paid £50 to advertise for a 2 week period.

Stroud Playing Fields and Jubilee Field

Papers received from Isle of Wight Council's solicitors on Friday 2nd September, in respect of the transfer of the fields to the Parish Council

Meeting with Gift to Nature

Site visit currently being arranged. 9am on 21st September is suggested.

Stroud Coppice

Work has now started on the management plan (tree felling). Concerns have been expressed by Mrs Barrett.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The following payments were approved.

Payments July / August 2016 - by internet banking

		£	Paid
IB	Island Cleaning Solutions Inv 11-16-17	Toilet Cleaning June	638.00 1/7
IB	SMC Bookkeeping Services Inv 255	Bookkeeping June	328.00 8/7
IB	WUP Doodle Ltd Inv 5231 / 8402	Skatepark; Equipment	1,764.00 20/7
IB	July Salaries	July Salaries	1,911.26 25/7
IB	Island Cleaning Solutions Inv 16-16-17	Toilet Cleaning July	638.00 5/8
IB	Island Cleaning Solutions Inv 16a-16-17	Toilet Maintenance July	58.00 5/8
IB	IW Council	The Avenues Business Rates August	169.00 12/8
IB	IW Council	Moa Place Toilets Business Rates August	223.00 12/8
IB	IW Council	Gate Lane Toilets Business Rates August	230.53 12/8
IB	August Salaries	August Salaries	1,926.13 26/8

Debit Card payments during July / August 2016

		£	
D/Card	Southern Water Inv 721000971520	Moa Place Toilets; Water 1/4-16/5	282.74 22/7
D/Card	Waitrose	High Sheriff Luncheon	77.85 25/7
D/Card	NEST	Pension Contributions July	22.70 25/7
D/Card	Waitrose	High Sheriff Luncheon	202.99 26/7
D/Card	NEST	Pension Contributions August	22.70 26/8
D/Card	Post Office	Stamps	27.50 26/8

Cheques drawn for approval 6 September 2016

			Issued
100026	Hillbans Pest Control Ltd Inv P22839	Pest Control May - Brookside Rd	63.40 5/7
100027	L Bicheno Inv 15	Bench Maintenance	120.00 5/7
100027	L Bicheno Inv 16	Bench Maintenance	487.49 5/7
100028	Totland PC Inv 4-16-17	Public Works Loan 16/17	1,586.76 5/7
100028	Totland PC Inv 5-16-17	Toilets; Consumables & Supplies	403.70 5/7
100029	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd Inv 19346	Grounds maintenance	1,343.50 18/7
100030	Zurich Municipal Inv 22726133	Insurance	1,554.82 18/7
100031	L Bicheno Inv 17	Bench Maintenance	282.64 18/7

100031	L Bicheno Inv 19	Bench Maintenance	130.62	18/7
100032	Ricoh UK Ltd Inv 100576943	Photocopier Rent 1/7-30/9 + Charges	322.54	18/7
100033	WUP Doodle Ltd Inv 5231 / 8402	VOID: see IB payment 20/7/16	0.00	
100034	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd Inv 19420	Grounds maintenance	264.00	16/8
100034	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd Inv 19478	Grounds maintenance	1,271.50	16/8
100035	Hillbans Pest Control Ltd Inv P22918	Pest Control July - Brookside Road	63.16	16/8
100036	LCR Ref 781/31-05-2016	NALC Annual Subscription	17.00	16/8
100037	SSE Inv 0010	Avenues; Electricity Q2 2016 17	17.49	16/8
100038	Business Supplies Group Inv SORD00127127	Stationery	55.00	16/8
100039	SMC Bookkeeping Services Inv 262	Bookkeeping July	336.00	16/8
100040	IW Council Inv 9396616/4	Environment Officer	2,000.00	16/8
100041	Groundwork UK Ref OPA-0690	Our Place; Unspent Grant Monies	46.94	16/8
100042	MALCO Inv 1573	Parish Office Rent, Electric & Cleaning	2,705.23	6/9
100043	SSE Inv 0002	Moa Place Toilets; Electricity	56.92	6/9
100044	SSE Inv 0002	Gate Lane Toilets; Electricity	40.29	6/9
Petty Cash for approval September 2016				Paid
236	JCB Imaging	Stroud; Printing	24.50	16/6
237	Co-Op	Meeting Refreshments	4.00	16/6
238	JCB Imaging	Copying Plans	16.00	12/7
239	Sugarloaf	Our Place / Just Ask; refreshments	40.00	27/7
240	W Hurst & Son N2969433	Avenues; Key cutting	6.50	1/8
241	Co-Op 000057	Meeting Refreshments	2.09	16/8
TOTAL			£21,784.49	

10. REMEMBRANCE DAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2016. TO APPROVE A QUOTATION FOR CLEANING THE WAR MEMORIAL AND TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A REMOVABLE STRUCTURE TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE MEMORIAL.

Cllr Fleury said that 3 years ago there had been an incident where someone nearly fell. He felt that either removable wooden steps were required or permanent steps should be considered. He was seeking some quotes for the provision of steps up to the War Memorial

The Clerk had obtained a quotation of £600 plus VAT from Wight Stonemasonry for cleaning the war memorial. It had been difficult to find suitable companies. The quotation was approved.

11. SOLENT COMBINED AUTHORITY – CONSULTATION (CONSULTATION END DATE 30TH SEPTEMBER).

Cllr Eccles said that the fact that a Mayor was a requisite for the creation of the Combined Authority was a problem for some.. However he felt that we needed to go as far as possible with the discussions around the proposal although it was possible that things would change.

Cllr Fleury pointed out that the area involved 580,000 people and 30,000 business. The Isle of Wight could benefit from a share of business rates. 95% of imports and exports were by sea.

Cllr Medland agreed the proposal.

Cllr Hinton thought that the Isle of Wight could benefit from higher standards in Portsmouth and Southampton in respect of how the authorities were run.

Cllr Lowthion felt that there was a lack of information.

It was agreed to respond positively but expressing concerns over housing, representation and lack of necessary information.

12. TO CONSIDER MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL/ISLAND ROADS RE THE CONDITION OF THE PAVEMENT BETWEEN THE GARAGE AND AFTON NATURE RESERVE AND THE NEED FOR STREET LIGHTING.

Cllr Fleury said that the drain in Afton Road was still blocked.

Cllr Nicholson said that this should extend to the whole of the pavement in Afton Road along to Freshwater Bay.

Cllr Bray said that cars were often parked on the pavement. It was unacceptable.

Cllr Kennett pointed out the lack of street lighting between the Garage and the new Co-op

Cllr Eccles was concerned about the state of the pavement which was a responsibility of Island Roads. He understood that additional street lighting would need to be paid for, potentially by the Parish Council as it would not be paid for by Island Roads

Cllr Nicholson said that local residents were now leaving stickers on cars parked on the pavement in Afton Road to try to dissuade people from parking there

Cllr Kennett said that there was a safety issue at the junction because of the increased traffic

Cllr Harris suggested getting a quote for the lights and seeing if this could be shared with the Co-op and Rapanui.

Cllr Medland suggested meeting with Island Roads along with the Clerk.

ACTION Cllr Medland and the Clerk.

13. THE OLD AMBULANCE STATION – TO CONSIDER FUTURE USE OF THIS BUILDING ON EXPIRATION OF THE LICENCE TO THE ROTARY CLUB ON 31ST DECEMBER 2016.

The Clerk had spoken to Rotary and they would be having a sale in mid October. After that it would be clearer how much space they could make available.

Cllr Medland suggested it might be better to take over the building and let Rotary have space.

Cllr Eccles suggested a mezzanine floor.

Cllr Bray thought that there should also be a visit to look at electrics and plumbing. The Clerk would arrange this.

14. RESPONSE TO ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS FOR VIEWS IN RESPECT OF TRANSPORT ISSUES ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT (RESPONSE REQUESTED BY BEGINNING OF OCTOBER).

The Chair said that the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils were looking for someone to attend on their behalf. Cllr Medland would attend in his capacity as a Parish Councillor.

15. MEMORIAL HALL.

a) To consider amending the lease of the Memorial Hall to change responsibility for external repairs and insurance to Freshwater and Totland Parish Councils (subject to approval by Totland PC).

b) To agree the previous ring-fenced S106 money be used to stabilise the back wall.

c) To agree the remaining S106 to be used on works/repairs needed to the front of the building.

Cllr Bamford said that it was difficult for the Committee to manage issues like structural repairs. The lease was not very clear about who was responsible for what. The Clerk was tasked with preparing heads of terms for the new lease. The Chair would speak with Totland Parish Council regarding this.

Cllr Bamford said the front and back walls needed attention. The cavity had water in it and this would cause damp. Also the archive rooms were suffering from damp as lead had deteriorated and water was percolating in.

Cllr Hinton suggested that there should be a survey on both the front and back of the building before repairs were undertaken.

It was resolved to agree use of the section 106 money subject to a full survey being carried out.

16. LIBRARY. TO CONSIDER/APPROVE THE QUOTATION FROM DEAN PARKMAN. UPDATE FROM THE CLERK ON THE TRANSFER OF THE PROPERTY.

It was resolved to recirculate the quote and reconsider this at the next meeting.

17. TOILETS – TO NOTE THE LETTER OF 19TH AUGUST 2016 FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL AND AGREE TERMS FOR THE TRANSFER OF GATE LANE TOILETS.

The Chair had requested a meeting with Cllr Paul Fuller regarding this.

It was felt that it was essential to maintain this facility. Also the Parish Council needed to ascertain what refurbishment was required.

The Parish Council agreed that it was reasonable for there to be a clause restricting use to that of a public convenience but it was felt that an option for Isle of Wight Council to buy the property back was unacceptable.

18. JUST ASK CO-ORDINATOR – TO AGREE TO PAY THE ON-COSTS FOR THIS POST (EXCLUDING SALARY) IE NATIONAL INSURANCE, PENSION AND OTHER EMPLOYER LIABILITIES ESTIMATED AS A MAXIMUM OF £2600 PER ANNUM

The Chair said that £13000 was available from Public Health for the salary for 1 year. It was resolved that the Parish Council would pay the on-costs for a 1 year period. Southampton Solent University had expressed interest in evaluating the project on behalf of the Parish Council

19. AMENDMENT OF GRANT AWARDING POLICY TO INCLUDE DATES WHEN COMMUNITY GRANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.

This had been dealt with earlier and no amendment was required.

20. JUBILEE FIELD - TO CONSIDER THE USE OF THE S106 FUNDING (£14,600) FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.

Cllr Bray suggested fitness equipment for the School Close estate in a fenced off area by footpath F37. She had a meeting arranged with Wicksteed and she had also spoken with the manager of the Sports Centre.

Cllr Hobbs said that Spectrum had promised to do this. Also she felt as there was play equipment on Stroud Playing Fields further play equipment was not required on Jubilee Field.

Cllr Bamford said that she was concerned that this was not being looked at from a wider perspective.

Cllr Medland said that he was concerned about young children playing in the street and he welcomed the proposal.

Resolved that Cllr Bray should bring back a proposal to the Parish Council for discussion

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

Cllr Fleury said that the Freshwater Flyer had captured the imagination and should be commended.

Cllr Fleury reported that the unveiling of the commemoration stone for West Wight Middle School had gone well.

22. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Christmas Lights (CF).

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.