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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: M J Mills

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr D Eccles.

2. **TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2016.**
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th October 2016 having been circulated were agreed.
With regard to those minutes
Item 2 – Cllr Bray had now met with Matthew Chatfield
Item 5 – Isle of Wight Council had since said that they would have regarded this as the cricket club’s responsibility. It was questioned whether Hampshire Cricket Association might have funds to help.
Item 7 – the litter bin could be relocated
Cllr Wheeler will attend Remembrance Day
Item 15 – drawings had been done and Cllr Wheeler would be meeting building control next week.

3. **TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**
Cllrs Bamford re item 10.

4. **QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES).**
None present.

5. **TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY CLLRS/QUESTION AND UPDATE SESSION (UP TO 15 MINUTES FROM BOTH CLLRS).**
Cllr Medland had circulated a written report. He said that the vote on devolution was a very important issue.

Cllr Kennett was disappointed that 2 councillors had chosen not to vote.

6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Hooke Festival

Paul England reported that the Festival raised around £650. This has been given in the main to venues including £300 to the Parish Church and £150 to the Friends of Freshwater Library. There was a function coming up at the Library and Cllr Wheeler would attend.

Tree work

Aspin trees at Spinfish were removed following report of these having fallen and presenting a safety issue (tree surgeon was on site). Branches from Yew tree by the War Memorial removed to allow better public access. Total cost of £125 plus VAT. Other works in annual tree report now carried out with the exception of the trees on Stroud Playing Field.

Hedges

The hedges at Stroud Playing Field and Jubilee Field have now been trimmed. Although this was done on time (autumn) a number of enquiries had been received from the public.

SLCC meeting

The Clerk attended the local SLCC meeting held at the Tennyson suite on 19th October. Clive Joynes Electoral Officer attended as guest speaker to give information re next year's election.

Library

Mr Richard Beard has installed speakers at the Library free of charge.

Granny's Mead

This was cut later than usual this year (14th October). This has led to a small additional cost to remove grass cuttings.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence included a letter from Jan Cave (MHALCO) re the seniors lunch. £200 would be made available (subject to future ratification).

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

The following payments were approved.

Payments October 2016 - by internet banking	£		Paid	
IB	Island Cleaning Solutions Inv 21-16-17	Toilet Cleaning & Maintenance September	805.00	3/10
IB	The Sign Company	Christmas Banner	75.01	14/10
IB	SMC Bookkeeping Services Inv 277	Bookkeeping September	260.00	21/10
IB	BDO Inv 1548001	Annual Audit 2015/16	756.00	21/10
INTERNET BANKING SUB TOTAL			1,896.01	
Direct debit payments during November 2016			£	
DD	IW Council	The Avenues Business Rates November	169.00	1/11
DD	IW Council	Moa Place Toilets Business Rates November	223.00	1/11

DD	IW Council	Gate Lane Toilets Business Rates November	322.00	1/11
DIRECT DEBIT SUB TOTAL			714.00	
Debit Card payments during October 2016			£	
D/Card	Chant Lock Inv 40	Key cutting	24.60	13/10
D/Card	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd Inv F3447263	Office Sundries	5.91	19/10
DEBIT CARD SUB TOTAL			30.51	
Issued			Cheques drawn for approval 1 November 2016	
B 100052	Mark Adams Maintenance Inv 10001	Allotments; Maintenance	30.00	4/10
B 100053	Newport Parish Council Inv 20/9	20's Plenty Conference 5/10	40.00	4/10
B 100054	Totland Parish Council Inv 9-16-17	Skatepark; Competition Expenses	154.50	4/10
B 100055	IWCP Inv 637417	Just Ask; Sit Vac Suport Officer	212.22	4/10
B 100056	Mark Adams Maintenance Inv 10002	Events; IW Day Expenses	180.00	4/10
B 100057	Hilbans Pest Control Ltd Inv P23255	Pest Control September - Brookside Road	63.16	4/10
B 100058	Brighstone Landscaping Inv 19704	Grounds Maintenance	1,343.50	18/10
B 100059	Hillbans Pest Control Ltd Inv P23189	Pest Control September - Norton Green	122.00	18/10
B 100060	Chant Lock Inv 14829	New lock and keys	133.84	1/11
B 100061	TPC Inv 10-16-17	Toilets; consumables	576.49	1/11
B 100062	The Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreath Donation	50.00	1/11
B 100063	Ricoh UK Ltd Inv 100659552	Photocopier Rent 1/10- 31/12 + Charges 1/7- 30/9	280.30	1/11
CHEQUES SUB TOTAL			3,186.01	
Paid			Petty Cash for approval 1 November 2016	
PC 248	Tennyson Garage Inv S0040478	Chair Repair	10.00	3/10
PC 249	Co-Op 000087	Just Ask; Refreshments	4.54	20/10
PC 250	Honor & Jeffrey	Timber Treatment	11.54	21/10
PC 251	JCB Imaging	Photocopying	10.00	21/10
PETTY CASH SUB TOTAL			36.08	
TOTAL			£5,862.61	

9. FRESHWATER FLYER. UPDATE ON NEXT EDITION AND ARTICLES FROM COUNCILLORS.

Tuesday 29th November was the cut off date for articles. Cllr Bamford urged all councillors to contribute to the Flyer from time to time.

10. MEMORIAL HALL – TO NOTE THE SURVEY AND APPROVE ESTIMATES.

Cllr Bamford said that MHALCO had decided that a path was not required. 2 quotes had been obtained and they differed slightly for example one had a 3 foot wall and one was 2 foot. MHALCO had not yet decided which they preferred. The Clerk suggested that the instruction should be by MHALCO and this would be an agenda item for the December meeting to approve the expenditure.

Cllr Bamford said that the survey did not show damp. It would now be necessary to wait to water to get in in order the trace the problem.

11. TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL RETURN INCLUDING THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR CERTIFICATE AND REPORT. TO NOTE THE ISSUE ARISING AND TO DETERMINE ANY ACTION REQUIRED.

The annual return was approved. The Clerk explained the difficulties there had been with the bank to obtain a statement and it was decided that alternative forms of investment would be looked at in future to avoid this difficulty.

12. REPORT ON 20 MPH CONFERENCE (CLLRS MEDLAND AND NICHOLSON).

Cllr Medland had circulated a written report. He said that the suggested approach was to have a blanket 20 mph limit with exceptions for 30 mph. Cllr Nicholson said that he had been involved in applying for a 20 mph limit and they had decided that there was no point looking at individual areas.

Cllr Harris felt that this was unnecessary. There were some 40 mph areas which should be 30 and some areas should be 20.

Cllr Hinton suggested obtaining information on accidents but Cllr Medland pointed out that incidents were not recorded unless there was a record of the number plate of the vehicle(s) involved.

Cllr Kennett thought that there should be a 20 limit from the top of Avenue Road through the village but this situation would be helped by the works the Parish Council were funding in Avenue Road.

It was agreed to put something in the flyer about the issue.

13. ALLOTMENTS. TO CONSIDER THE REPORT RE BADGER ACTIVITY AT THE ALLOTMENTS AND TO DECIDE ON APPROPRIATE ACTION.

Cllr Bamford said that a report had been commissioned from a company recommended by the Badger Trust. The company had been surprised by the size of the sett. There was a risk that a third of the allotments could be lost. The suggested solution was to put in a fence and to move some allotments into the grazing field. It would be a huge project and there would be an emergency allotment meeting to explain it to allotment holders. The proposal would mean having to not renew the grazing licence.

It was felt that this had to be done and that as much notice as possible should be given in respect of the grazing field. Cllr Bray said that it was urgent to take action to save the allotments.

Resolved to give notice that the licence of the grazing field would not be renewed. The options recommended by the experts would be further considered by the Parish Council when further costings were available.

14. TO CONSIDER MANAGEMENT OF THE TOILETS – COMMITTEE OR CLERK’S OFFICE.

Cllr Medland confirmed that he would be happy to be involved.

Cllr Wheeler said that this was another issue for an asset manager. That would be an item for the December agenda.

15. UPDATE ON ACQUISITION OF STROUD PLAYING FIELDS AND JUBILEE FIELD.

Cllrs resolved that this should now be given priority and completed as quickly as possible.

16. TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF 6TH OCTOBER 2016 OF THE YARMOUTH COASTAL DEFENCE WORKING GROUP.

The minutes were noted. There was discussion about sea defences at Yarmouth. Cllr Kennett had witnessed a practice run which had been impressive.

17. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF MELANIE GARDINER AS THE JUST ASK SUPPORT OFFICER.

This was approved.

18. TO APPROVE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FREE PARKING IN AVENUE ROAD CAR PARK INCLUDING THE EXPENDITURE OF £470.

This was approved. Cllr Medland said that he had now been told that because of the drains the works in Princess Road would take an extra week. Cllr Wheeler had asked the Isle of Wight Council if the agreement could be extended but had not yet received an answer.

Cllr Medland said that it was good to see the Parish Council taking the initiative. Cars in the High Street had now been ticketed and it was poor that people had not been told about the parking restriction but bollards had simply been put out.

19. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME CONSULTATION (CONSULTATION ENDS 10TH NOVEMBER).

It was agreed to write a letter of objection.

20. TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE RESPONSE TO THE 2017/18 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT TECHNICAL CONSULTATION PAPER.

Letters from the Clerk to the DCLG and the MP were circulated and approved as well as a letter from the Chairman to the MP.

21. THE FUTURE STRUCTURE OF IWALC. TO CONSIDER THE LETTER FROM CLLR KENNETT.

Cllr Kennett gave some background. She felt that there was a need to change.

The Parish Council's view was that there should be no change until after the elections and thereafter it should be judged on how effective working groups were becoming.

The Chairman said that IWALC was important and highly valued by the Parish Council.

22. THE OLD AMBULANCE STATION – TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO OFFER A FURTHER LICENCE TO THE ROTARY CLUB.

The Clerk would write to say that there was a need to see the storage area and the matter would be reconsidered at the December meeting.

23. REPORT FROM IWALC REPRESENTATIVE TO TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE.

Cllr Wheeler had attended. He had argued that IWALC should have a representative on the task force. Cllr Wheeler had mentioned the Newport to Freshwater cycle track and this had been felt to be a great idea. Cllr Wheeler also suggested that there should be a formal process for Island Roads to work with town and parish councils and he offered to take this project forward.

24. UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

The banner was ready. 6 more shops had agreed to take trees and they would also pay £22 for the brackets. The mistletoe stars would need a power source but this was being investigated. Moa Place toilets had been suggested. It was suggested that Emma Carter might like to switch the lights on.

25. UPDATE RE FRESHWATER BAY, PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LAND ADJOINING FRESHWATER INDEPENDENT LIFEBOAT.

Cllr Nicholson gave some background. The plan involved reseeding part and resurfacing the rest of the area. Approval from Isle of Wight Council was still awaited and there would need to be discussions with the Freshwater Independent Lifeboat. The Chair of FIL was currently away but there would be a meeting on his return. Cllr Harris said that FIL would be interested in the lifeboat function only.

Cllr Nicholson said that Spring would be the ideal time for reseeding work to be carried out.

Cllr Kennett mentioned the 2 minute beech clean. They would put an information board on this area.

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

A report had been circulated regarding the meeting with Matthew Chatfield (CB).

27. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Asset manager (CF)

Archives (JM)

Projects update (MW)

ABC (JM)

28. OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Harris asked about a letter of welcome to Rapanui

Cllr Fleury suggested inviting the new police sergeant to the December meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.