



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MAY 2017 AT 6.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett (Chair), M Wheeler, G Cameron, Brenda Hobbs, C Fleury, C Bray, D Eccles, A Harris, B Hinton, V Lowthion, G Metcalf and D James.

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: M J Mills

1. NEW COUNCILLORS

Cllr Wheeler welcomed new councillors G Metcalf and D James.

Cllr Wheeler said that he was proud of how the Parish Council had moved forward in recent times. He thanked councillors for their efforts and contributions.

Cllr Kennett thanked Cllr Wheeler for his work as Chairman. She said that he had been instrumental with the West Wight local councils group, the Avenue Road project and the Library.

Cllr Fleury said that he recalled a meeting with Island Roads when Cllr Wheeler's technical knowledge had been valuable.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Kennett was elected.

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Cllr Bamford was elected.

3. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE – WERE SIGNED BY ALL COUNCILLORS.

4. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Cllr A Bamford and J Medland.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER –TO CONFIRM THE
APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK AS THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.**

The Clerk was confirmed as the Responsible Financial Officer.

**6. TO APPROVE AND RE-AFFIRM STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL
REGULATIONS – COPIES CIRCULATED TO CLLRS.**

Standing orders were approved subject to amendments suggested by Cllr Fleury. Proposed amendments to Financial Regulations would be referred to the Finance Committee.

7. APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Appointments were made in accordance with the list attached.

8. DOCUMENTS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE COUNCIL – Held in safe with list.

9. PARISH COUNCIL SEAL - Clerk confirms this is still held in Parish Archives.

10. OTHER MATTERS

The Chairman mentioned councillor training being run by Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils which was taking place at the end of June. She also mentioned that Trevor Leggo would be visiting the Island in September.

The Village Fete would be taking place on 17th June.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.