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**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH  
COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2018 AT 12.15 PM IN THE  
COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: G Kennett MBE (Chair), C Fleury, D James, B Hobbs, C Bray, M Wheeler, G Cameron, T Nicholson, and B Hinton.

**ABSENT:** Cllr A Harris.

IW Cllr J Medland

Members of the public: 4

Clerk: M J Mills

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**1. APOLOGIES.**

Cllrs Anne Bamford, D Eccles and V Lowthion

**2. THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, FRESHWATER)  
(TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER NO 1 2017 - CONSULTATION – DRAFT.  
TO CONSIDER THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT.**

The Chair said that she had attended the public meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> January at Dimbola. It had been well attended (iro 120 people). There was virtually 100% agreement to object to the proposals for Gate Lane. People had been upset and distressed.

Cllr Wheeler said that he had met with officers from the contract management team. He had been told that the proposal arose from a complaint regarding the inability to enforce the current restrictions. The Isle of Wight Council had now agreed to extend the consultation period to the end of January.

Cllr Fleury said that he was disappointed by the lack of consultation with the Parish Council. He was a regular user of the No 12 bus and there were no problems with that in the Bay.

Cllr Nicholson said that this had scared many residents particularly as it had come across as a fait accompli. There had been no complaints on which to base the proposals. The proposals were unnecessary. The coach park did need to be reinstated and bollards were needed in Afton Road.

Cllr Wheeler suggested that the Parish Council were now best placed to carry out a consultation. He referred to the effect on the businesses. There were different considerations for Afton Road.

Cllr Bray said that Afton Road to the Bay was the problem. There was no evidence of any problems in Gate Lane and Bedbury Lane.

Cllr Hinton said that he had been in touch with IW Cllrs who had been helpful. People had been frightened by the proposals. He felt that it would kill the village if implemented.

Cllr Cameron said that he understood that this had been requested by the local member but for Afton Road only. He felt that the Parish Council should now do the consultation.

Cllr Medland said that complaints were mainly re Afton Road and a little at Dimbola. Extra parking was more of an issue.

A member of the public commented that double yellow lines would make traffic faster. Animals had been killed and the traffic needed slowing down. There were issues about emergency access for vehicles. Running a hotel or B&B would be impossible. Double yellow lines were ugly. Orchards shop would not survive.

Another member of the public said that there were already problems with illegal parking and access for delivery lorries. He opposed double yellow lines.

It was suggested that parking restrictions should be lifted as it was simply pushing traffic down other roads.

Cllr Wheeler proposed that the Parish Council write to Isle of Wight objecting to the current draft TRO, asking them to abort it and offering to carry out the consultation. This was **agreed**.

A member of the public suggested that there should be a sign to the upper car park at the top of the Military Hill.

Cllr Wheeler suggested revisiting the issue of acquisition of car parks.

The Chair pointed out that Godshill and Bembridge had thriving town centres and they had no yellow lines.

Cllr Hinton said that the Bay was of world importance.

A member of the public pointed out the need for parking for tourists. He said that tourism was needed for employment.

Cllr Medland said that it was important for the Parish Council to offer to take over the consultation role.

Cllr Wheeler hoped that a response from IWC would be available for the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Cllr Nicholson said that there had been talk of another meeting with Island Roads and IWC.

Cllr James supported the suggestion to review signage. He felt that there should be a sign to the upper car park.

Cllr Hinton thanked Peter Darby, David Ballard and Cllr Wheeler for their input on this matter.

The meeting closed at 12.50 pm.