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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2018 AT 7.35 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF
THE MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett MBE (Chair), A Bamford, C Fleury, D James, M Wheeler (to item 11), C Bray, B Hobbs, A Harris, T Nicholson, V Lowthion, H White and B Hinton MBE.

IW Councillor J Medland

Members of the public: 3

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Cameron and Eccles.

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th JANUARY 2018.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16th January 2018 (having been circulated) were agreed (CF/CB).

Cllr Hinton referred to the festival event at Tapnell and said that no where else had been found which could accommodate 500 people.

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

Cllr Bray – item 17- governor of All Saints/ IW Literary Festival

Cllrs Kennett and Fleury – item 11- archive group

Cllr Fleury – item 17 – member of Royal British Legion

Cllr White – item 17 – knows Willow Cameron

Cllr Hinton – item 17 – Julia Margaret Cameron Trust and Community Action IW

Cllr Lowthion – item 17 - IW Literary Festival

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

No questions were raised.

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

Cllr Medland's written report was received. A link will be sent for Cllr's to comment on proposals at Compton.
Cllr Cameron was not present.

6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Moa Place Noticeboard

Draft agreement received from Isle of Wight Council. After correspondence now being proposed that this be dealt with by

- surrender of that part of the lease on which the notice board stands back to the Parish Council, or
- to do a deed of variation of the lease.

Planters in Avenue Road

Draft agreement received from Isle of Wight Council.

Moa Place toilets

Toilet rolls reported stolen on Tuesday 30th January.

Playground

Report received of holes in the ground (presumably caused by animal). The handyman has been asked to deal with this.

Library

Handyman has repaired missing roof tiles and replaced strip light.

Dog fouling

Reports of dog fouling in Freshwater Bay passed to the Environment Officer.
Member of the public attended the office to complain that a sign had been placed outside her house in Freshwater warning that dog fouling could result in prosecution.

Memorial bench

Request received for memorial bench at Freshwater Bay.

Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan

A number of enquiries have been made to the office since notice of the referendum has been published. Hard copies of the plan are available for residents free of charge.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The following payments were approved:

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Credit
15/01/2018	Debit	Corona Energy	Utilities	161.08
08/01/2018	D Card	Co-Op	Admin; Stamps	26.88
09/01/2018	D Card	Dropbox	Admin; Backup	7.99
15/01/2018	D Card	JCB	Admin; Banner	110.00

15/01/2018	D Card	Office Outlet	Admin; Wall Planner	4.49
26/01/2018	D Card	Nest	Pension	52.17
16/01/2018	Online	Southern Electric	Library; Gas	108.71
19/01/2018	Online	Mark Adams	Land; Hand Rail Repairs	242.00
19/01/2018	Online	Island Roads	Avenue Road; Planters	230.96
26/01/2018	Online	January Salaries	January Salaries	3,671.79
10/01/2018	PC 287	Elliotts	Stationery	7.98
12/01/2018	PC 288	Elliotts	Stationery	23.00
16/01/2018	100277	Brighstone Landscaping	Stroud & Jubilee	1,500.00
16/01/2018	100278	IWCP	Councillor Vacancy	154.44
16/01/2018	100279	Thompsons Plants	Events; Christmas Trees	810.00
6 - 26 Jan 18				<u>£7,111.49</u>

New Payments and Cheques for Issue 6/2/18

15/02/2018	Debit	Business Stream	Allotments; Water	66.30
29/01/2018	Online	MHALCo	Admin; Office Rent	847.08
06/02/2018	100281	Brighstone Landscaping	Land; Maintenance	1,242.00
06/02/2018	100282	IWALC	Subs; IWALC 2018-19	1,000.00
06/02/2018	100283	IW Council	Library; Cleaning	718.31
06/02/2018	100284	IWCP	Admin; Public Notice	36.60
06/02/2018	100285	Mark Adams	Library; Maintenance	132.84
06/02/2018	100286	Ricoh UK	Admin; Photocopier	215.52
06/02/2018	100287	Robert Allen	Asset Management	202.50
06/02/2018	100288	Totland Parish Council	Toilets; Supplies	267.68
				<u>£4,728.83</u>

9. ROUND UP OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING ON 24TH JANUARY.

The Chair said that the consultation event Dimbola had been a success as had use of Survey Monkey (the results of which had been circulated). The Chair asked Cllrs to consider how best to get information out to the public.

10. FINAL CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT 2018/2019 BUDGET AND PRECEPT.

The draft budget was approved and the precept was set at £105.34 per household.

11. FRESHWATER LIBRARY. CLARIFICATION ON FINANCES FOR THE HERITAGE LOTTERY BID AND CONSIDERATION OF BID SUBMISSION.

Cllr Fleury (as Chair of Finance Committee) ran through the figures. It was pointed out that this was a stage 1 application and the financial commitment at this point would be a maximum of £3600 (development costs).

Cllr White gave details of her experience with HLF applications. She suggested that it was easier to get grants for smaller projects. Once trust was established a further application could be made. She felt that HLF were likely to feel that other venues were available.

Cllr Wheeler said that the intention was to make Freshwater a destination. Steve Blamire had been in touch with HLF. The scheme would provide somewhere for the archives and heritage. It would be a centre for the West Wight and Freshwater. The amount involved was £3600 which was well worth it. The HLF would be unlikely to totally reject it but would come back with suggestions.

Cllr Hinton said that he thought that a bid should be put in. However he thought that the lottery's income was now much reduced and big grants were unlikely.

Cllr White said that the Library was well supported by the community. She was concerned about possible reaction to changing the building in this way.

Cllr Fleury suggested that the building had outgrown its purpose.

Cllr James said that there were lots of buildings such as the Memorial Hall and the Sports Centre. This was a lot of money to spend and a smaller scale project should be tried first to see if it was worthwhile. Some projects worked for 2 years but then ran into problems. The County Council could withdraw funding for the library service. Buildings were not at full capacity.

The Chair pointed out that this was an application for a stage 1 grant.

A vote was then taken which was 3 for and 3 against.

Cllr Hinton said that the application should not be rushed. There was only one shot. He proposed that a working group be established with a view to making an imminent application to HLF.

Cllr Wheeler then left the meeting.

The amended proposal was carried by 9 votes to 0.

The Chair gave credit to Cllr Wheeler.

Cllrs White, James and Hinton agreed to be part of the working group.

12. AVENUE ROAD BUSINESS COMMUNITY – UPDATE CLLR CAMERON

In the absence of Cllr Cameron it was agreed to postpone this to the next meeting.

13. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE BY THE SKATE PARK & MUGA COMMITTEE.

Cllr Fleury said that the committee were proposing to spend £110 on a petrol blower and £300 to clean the MUGA. Totland Parish Council had already agreed the expenditure. In due course it was hoped to replace wooden panels at the MUGA.

This expenditure was approved.

14. MEETING WITH LEE MATTHEWS, CLLR MEDLAND, CLLR KENNETT AND THE CLERK

• **UPDATE ON MOA PLACE NOTICE BOARD**

It was reported that a good deal of work was required to put the board in good repair. Cllr James will get quotes. There was a question on whether to vary the lease or get a surrender of part.

• **LAND AT CAMERON CLOSE, FRESHWATER**

Photographs of the land were shown. Southern Housing and Isle of Wight Council have denied ownership. It was agreed to ask the Just Ask officer to do a survey to see if there was support for having use of the land.

• **UPDATE ON FRESHWATER BAY LEASE**

The Isle of Wight Council have now offered a 50 year term. There was discussion about the provision of a winch and how this would be maintained as well as health and safety considerations.

15. TO CONSIDER CCTV FOR THE PARISH OFFICE – QUOTATION FROM PATCH COMPUTERS FOR £1250.

This proposal was for a shared system with the Memorial Hall. The Hall had in fact decided to get alternatives quotes so this matter was postponed for further quotes to be obtained. It was agreed that this should be looked at in conjunction with the Memorial Hall.

16. THE SUN DISK. CONFIRMATION OF SITE FOR INSTALLATION (FRESHWATER LIBRARY PROPOSED).

Agreed that this be installed at the Library on the right hand side lawn (looking from the road).

17. COMMUNITY GRANTS – APPLICATIONS FROM AGE UK, DAY AT THE BAY, ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL, IW ARMED FORCES DAY, IW LITERARY FESTIVAL (YOUTH), IW MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA FESTIVAL, OPTIO CAR SCHEME, VICTIM CARE AND WILLOW CAMERON.

The following applications were approved:

IW Music dance and drama	£100
IW Age UK	£200
Julia Margaret Cameron Trust	£300
Royal British Legion	£100
Community Action IW	£300
IW Literary Festival	£550
Willow Cameron	£250
All Saints primary school	£550

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

Cllr Hinton referred to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order. He understood it was not now being proceeded with. The coach park was still needed. He commended the Chair, the local member and the community. He hoped that a workable solution would now be found by consensus.

Cllr Medland said that he had spoken with Mr Murphy from Isle of Wight Council. Cllr Medland understood that the proposal was now being rewritten but the staff member responsible was currently on sick leave. The coach park would need thought.

19. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Conservation area status for School Green Road by Val's Collectables Antique Shop (BH).
Proposal for water fountain at Moa Place (CB).

20. OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Hobbs pointed out the availability of grants through Interreg (closing date 1st October 2018).

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. STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF SUSAN ALLEN.

Agreed to keep this under review.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.