



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 4th AUGUST 2015 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: C Bray (Chair), B Hobbs, G Kennett MBE, C Fleury, K Lloyd M Wheeler, B Hinton MBE, A Harris, G Cameron, Bamford and Allen.

Members of the public 0

Clerk: Michael Mills

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs C Lillywhite and D Eccles.

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST OPEN SPACES MEETING HELD 21st APRIL 2015:

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the last meeting held 21st April 2015, having been previously circulated, be approved and signed.

3. ELECTRICITY SUB-STATION BY ST AGNES CHURCH. TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT THE PARISH COUNCIL SHOULD CONSIDER TAKING OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS PLOT.

An e mail had been received from SSE saying that they were not releasing sites. The Clerk had asked that the site be tidied up. It was suggested that Freshwater Bay residents association could be involved with this issue.

4. UPDATE ON WORKS UNDERTAKEN SINCE DATE OF THE LAST MEETING.

The bridge and bench had been installed at Spinfish. There needed to be a press release regarding that. ACTION CLLR LLOYD. Granny's Meade was having some tidying up done. Other than that it was regular works.

There had been 1 extra cut at Norton Green. The time for cutting with ditches was getting later and Brighstone Landscaping had been asked to bring it forward.

Weed was being removed from the stream at School Green Road.

The chairman and the Clerk had met Laurie Calloway re Stroud Coppice and further details were awaited regarding the management plan.

There were 2 diseased ash trees at Longhalves on the north side of the path. This had been notified to the Parish Council when the management plan for Stroud Coppice was being prepared. Island Roads had been approached but had said that they were not their responsibility. The Clerk will contact Isle of Wight Council. This was a serious problem.

5. REPORT ON MEETING WITH SPECTRUM (CLLRS WHEELER AND FLEURY).

Cllr Wheeler said that a meeting had taken place on site and there were concerns about the reinstatement of verges. Also the erection of posts had not yet been resolved. The road was 6 metres wide so 3 posts at 1.5 m centres would stop cars. Cllr Allen pointed out that this would not stop skateboarders and bicycles coming down from the lane into the road.

It was agreed that Cllr Wheeler would prepare a design and price and this would go forward as a project.

Cllr Kennett expressed concerns about the footpath given traffic was now crossing it. The Chairman suggested a further meeting with Spectrum to discuss safety issues. Cllr Fleury said that Spectrum had been asked to hash the entrance to Jubilee Field off Windmill Lane. That had not yet been done.

ACTION Clerk to arrange meeting.

Cllr Wheeler said that there was also concern about the run off from Windmill Lane. Currently there were only 2 small gulleys and in heavy rain water would turn into Coronation Road.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH WALK, DETAILS AS CIRCULATED.

Spinfish House – **resolved** that posts to be put in. Clerk to obtain quotes. ACTION CLERK.

Water outlet – to put soil in would cost £400. This was not agreed.

Trees in Brookside Road. 2 elm trees were already dead and needed to be done now or added to work to be done in the autumn. 3 other larger elms are being monitored and will be picked up in the tree survey in the autumn.

7. TO NOTE THE CURRENT POSITION REGARDING THE CONTRACT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES AND TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO RECOMMEND ADDITIONS OR ALTERATIONS FOR THE CONTRACT ON RENEWAL IN DECEMBER 2015.

The following was resolved.

Main contract

For Brookside Road, Queens Road, Moa Place triangle, Pound Green, Norton Green, West Green Middleton and land opposite the Vine cutting to be increased from 3 weekly to fortnightly.

Spinfish Lane to remain as 3 weekly

Granny's Meade monthly maintenance and the grass cut late (currently end August/beginning of September)

To extend the maintenance period to 30th November and remove the December cut with an additional cut in the winter months if necessary.

Cutting needed to go into the ditches.

It was pointed out that the Christmas tree at Moa Place is dead and needs to be removed.

The flowering cherry is diseased and should be replaced with something flowering.

The copper beach behind the toilets at School Green Road to be cut back and tidied up.

Stream clearance contract and bins

Cllr Fleury thought there might be a lack of supervision with the contractor. The stream was not being cleared. Bins were full.

Cllr Kennett suggested a meeting with the contractors which was agreed.

Cllr Wheeler queried whether we should look at different types of bin.

It was agreed that the ditch outside Thatches in Norton Green would be taken forward as a proposed project.

Clearance Sheepwash to Black Hut Green to be changed from June and September to May and late September.

The litter pick at School Green back ditch and the stream be increased to weekly for the remainder of August and September.

8. FINANCIAL UPDATE.

Figures were circulated. There was £7441 unallocated.

Note The Golden Hill meeting is to be on Friday 28th August at 9am.

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm.