



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LAND MANAGEMENT (FORMERLY OPEN SPACES) COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 19th JULY 2016 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: C Bray (Chair), G Kennett MBE, Sandra Allen, C Fleury, and G Cameron (up to and including item 9), J Medland B Hinton MBE, D Eccles and B Hobbs.

Members of the public: none.

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES: Councillors M Wheeler and A Bamford.

2. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 23rd FEBRUARY 2016.

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th February 2016, having been circulated, be approved.

3. ISLAND 2000 – TO NOTE DATE FOR MEETING (IF CONFIRMED). TO CONSIDER THE PAYMENT AND TERMS OF A GRANT (£800 PAID LAST YEAR TO ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL) RE GOLDEN HILL AND/OR AFTON MARSH.

A date was still awaited. It appeared that no work has been done at Afton Marsh or Golden Hill recently.

4. NORTON GREEN – UPDATE ON DRAINAGE PROBLEMS.

Cllr Wheeler had submitted a written report and this was duly noted.

5. UPDATE RE STROUD COPPICE AND DATE FOR COUNCILLORS' VISIT.

The Clerk had heard from Southern Housing's representatives that there was to be a visit by the arboriculturist and contractor in August (date to be confirmed). The Chair, Cllrs Fleury and Medland and the Clerk would attend.

The Chair mentioned that the permission for tree works from the Isle of Wight Council related to trees in Longhalves not Stroud Coppice. Clarification was needed on what sort of preparation work would be required before tree work could be carried out. These points would be addressed at the meeting in August and a way forward would be sought.

6. SPINFISH – APPROVAL OF QUOTE FOR GABION BASKETS.

Resolved that the quote from Brighstone Landscaping Limited in the sum of £2328 be accepted. It had not been possible to get other quotes.

7. SPINFISH – TO CONSIDER THE NEXT PHASE OF WORK.

The Chair presented photographs of the area in question which she suggested should be strimmed and tidied. Cllr Fleury was concerned about the effect on what he saw as a wildlife corridor.

Resolved that quotes be obtained and the matter be further considered in the light of the likely expenditure involved.

8. FRESHWATER BAY – UPDATE ON NEGOTIATIONS RE THE OPEN SPACE ADJOINING THE FRESHWATER BAY INDEPENDENT LIFEBOAT.

Cllr Nicholson's written report was circulated.

The Chair thanked Cllr Nicholson for his work on this project.

Cllr Nicholson outlined the scheme. Further quotes were awaited but the committee felt that this should be supported. Cllr Fleury pointed out that the Parish Council had not spent much money in the area for sometime.

In answer to a question from Cllr Kennett it was confirmed that the promenade and slipway would remain the responsibility of Isle of Wight Council.

9. BULB PLANTING FOR THE SPRING.

Resolved that Cllrs would each take daffodil bulbs and plant them where they felt was appropriate.

10. LIBRARY GARDENS.

The Chair confirmed that Brighstone Landscaping had been instructed to tidy up borders and spray weeds in advance of the reception at the Library on 24th July. This was approved.

The Chair said that hedges would need looking at in the autumn and they had been neglected in the past. Hedges would need to be cut annually and paths sprayed regularly. This would need to be costed with a view to it being added to the contract.

There was discussion as to what to do about flower beds and it was resolved to get prices for tidying all the flower beds (apart from the top two which are maintained by volunteers) and for maintaining and/or grassing over and planting daffodils in the bottom 2 flower beds.

11. STROUD PLAYING FIELDS AND JUBILEE FIELD - UPDATE.

The Chair had spoken with a member of the cricket team and he had confirmed that the Club did have some limited use of the West Wight Sports and Community Centre when required.

Cllr Eccles had arranged some plans of the field for the working party.

12. OTHER

A letter had been received from Keith Gosden asking for permission to use land for metal detection. It was felt that this could not be considered until Stroud Playing Fields was transferred to Parish Council ownership.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.