



# 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 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: C Bray (Chair), G Cameron, B Hobbs, C Fleury, T Nicholson, V Lowthion, A Bamford, and A Harris.

**ABSENT:** B Hinton MBE

Members of the public: none.

Clerk: M J Mills

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**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs M Wheeler, J Medland, D Eccles and G Kennett MBE.

**2. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016, having been circulated, be approved.

**3. NORTON GREEN – UPDATE ON DRAINAGE PROBLEMS.**

Cllr Wheeler would report on this in due course.

**4. UPDATE RE STROUD COPPICE.**

The Chairman reported that trees had been felled and some wood had been left in piles. The large poplars had been felled. Some wood was to be chipped and the chippings used for paths. Alister Rankine the consultant was due to visit in November.

**5. SPINFISH – THE NEXT PHASE OF WORK. QUOTATION NOW OBTAINED FOR CLEARANCE WORKS IN THE SUM OF £1700. CLLRS TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT THEY WISH TO PROCEED WITH THIS PHASE.**

This was not agreed.

**6. MULTI USE GAMES AREA AND SKATE PARK. WORKS ON ADJOINING LAND AND CLEARANCE OF DEBRIS FROM THE MUGA.**

The Chairman reported that there were overhanging branches by the skate park. Some children had been swinging on them. A quote would be obtained from Will Cross. There were concerns about trees adjoining Jubilee Field. Island Roads should be asked to deal with these and the transfer of the land should be delayed pending clarification on this.

**7. LIBRARY GARDENS. TO CONSIDER QUOTATION FROM BRIGHSTONE LANDSCAPING IN THE SUM OF £920.**

It was agreed that Anne Bakewell from the Library be consulted. The Chairman had spoken to Ann Frasier of FOFL and this had not been discussed by them. It was agreed that the quote be agreed subject to discussions.

Cllr Hobbs suggested that Brighstone Landscaping should be asked to tidy the hedges for the Hooke Festival.

It was agreed that expenditure on the Library gardens would be under Open Spaces.

**8. STROUD PLAYING FIELDS AND JUBILEE FIELD - UPDATE.**

The Clerk to report on progress re transfer of legal ownership.

**9. TREES. APPROVAL OF QUOTES FROM CROSS COUNTRY SERVICES. UPDATES INCLUDING HORSE CHESTNUT TREE IN QUEENS ROAD AND PLANTING OF TREES SUPPLIED BY WOODLAND TRUST.**

It was resolved that quotes for the tree work at Stroud Playing Fields should be sent to Isle of Wight Council. Quotes of £350 plus VAT for the weeping willow at Moa Place and £350 for trees at Queens Road, Spinfish and Marsh Close were approved.

Cllr Lowthion mentioned that Dryed do tree work for Brighstone Parish Council.

**10. FRESHWATER BAY OPEN SPACE – UPDATE.**

Cllr Nicholson ran through the proposals. Currently a third quote is awaited from Tony Moore. Cost is in the region of £23000. It is expected that Isle of Wight Council will contribute. Work would ideally be done in March/April time.

Cllr Nicholson was thanked for his work on this.

**11. GRANNY’S MEAD – UPDATE.**

The grass had been cut.

**12. MEETING WITH GIFT TO NATURE.**

The Chairman and the Clerk were meeting with Matthew Chatfield.

**13. GATE AT STROUD PLAYING FIELDS – APPROVAL OF QUOTE FROM BRIGHSTONE LANDSCAPING LIMITED IN THE SUM OF £150 PLUS VAT FOR INSTALLATION OF GATE.**

**Resolved** that this be agreed.

**14. OTHER MATTERS**

The paths at Moa Place public conveniences were mossy and potentially dangerous.

These would be treated.

The grass inside the Skate Park would be sprayed.

Cllr Cameron said that the pathway between Middleton and Pound Green was overgrown. Isle of Wight Council to be notified.

Fencing along the footway to the Health Centre was missing and needed replacing. This to be actioned.

Cllr Bamford suggested more detail in future agendas re trees so that they could be more easily identified.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.