



# 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 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2017 AT 7.45 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

**PRESENT:** Councillors: C Bray (Chair), M Wheeler, B Hobbs, C Fleury, A Bamford, G Metcalf and G Kennett MBE.

**ABSENT:** Cllr A Harris.

Members of the public: none.

Clerk: M J Mills

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### 1. APOLOGIES.

Cllrs D Eccles, D James, V Lowthion, B Hinton MBE and G Cameron.

### 2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 21ST FEBRUARY 2017 – ATTACHED FOR CLLRS.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2017 having been circulated were agreed (MW/CF).

### 3. PROPOSED PARISH TRIP. TO AGREE THE DATE (FYT BUS IS CURRENTLY BOOKED FOR 11TH JULY 6PM TO 8.30 PM), NUMBERS AND ITINERARY.

The date was agreed and the itinerary discussed.

### 4. STROUD COPPICE. TO DISCUSS FUTURE MANAGEMENT AND ACQUISITION.

**Resolved** to proceed with the acquisition of the land as soon as possible. There was discussion re future management and the need for professional advice. The Chair will speak to Will Cross of Cross Country Services.

### 5. GRANNY'S MEADE. TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS WITH CONDITION OF THE FOOTPATH. TO CONSIDER SHEEP GRAZING ON THE LAND.

The Clerk confirmed that Inland Roads had indicated that the footpath would be resurfaced in October/November 2017.

It was agreed to investigate grazing sheep on the land. Cllr Wheeler pointed out the need to protect trees.

### 6. BINS AT THE STROUD. TO DISCUSS INCREASING FREQUENCY OF EMPTYING TO 3 TIMES PER WEEK AND/OR OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR WASTE BINS.

Tops were needed for dog bins and this was becoming a health hazard. Bins were often full. Resolved to contact Island Roads to check exactly what was being done.

**7. REPORT BY PETE JOHNSTONE – FOR DISCUSSION.**

The Chair felt that this could be the basis of an action plan. Signage was needed. Cllr Wheeler suggested this should be themed.

**8. MANORIAL LAND ADJACENT TO THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN QUEENS ROAD. UPDATE FROM CLLR WHEELER.**

Cllr Wheeler said that kerbing would cost in the region of £40.50 per linear metre so a total in the region of £2500. Yellow lines would cost in the region of £500. Square hardwood posts were another option which would cost approximately £1000. Cllr Wheeler would produce some options and costings.

**9. SEATING AREA BY YARMOUTH BRIDGE – TO DISCUSS THE NEED TO UPGRADE THE AREA.**

It was noted that the area is currently cut once per annum under the grounds maintenance contract. It could be better maintained. It was felt that the Parish should investigate employing a gardener who would be able to improve this and other areas.

**10. BLACK HUT GREEN – PROPOSED FLATTENING, TIDYING AND GRASSING WORKS AND NEED TO UPGRADE PATHWAY AND MOVE BENCH.**

This was agreed in principle. Cllr Wheeler would look at making the path a permanent path.

**11. BULB PLANTING.**

The Chairman said that the Scouts had agreed to plant 5 bulbs. More bulbs would be needed.

**12. SIGNS AT THE STROUD.**

There was a discussion about what activities (if any) should be prohibited and how any restrictions could be enforced. Cllr Bamford pointed out that welcome signs should also be considered.

Agreed to proceed with name signs.

**13. LAND IN FRONT OF QUEENS HOUSE WHERE BAY TREES WERE REMOVED. TO LEVEL GROUND, CLEAR AND SEED.**

A quote of £200 plus VAT had been received. This was agreed.

**14. ALTERATION TO GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT. TO CONSIDER THE ADDITION OF SPRAYING PATHS AT LIBRARY AND MOA PLACE TOILETS (MONTHLY) AND STRIMMING INSIDE SKATE PARK.**

This was agreed.

**15. TREE SURVEY. TO AGREE “DATA” MAP AT COST OF £270 AND UPDATE.**

This was agreed.

**16. TREE WORK AND STORM DAMAGE.**

The Chairman ran through work which had been done and which included a branch to be removed from an ash tree north of the Multi Use Games Area, a fallen tree in Spinfish and removal of another Aspen in Spinfish.

**17. OTHER MATTERS**

Cllr Wheeler said that the seed which had been sown at Freshwater Bay had been burnt off. The contractors would regrade, reseed and water and this would be their responsibility.

Cllr Fleury pointed out that there were trees at the Stroud which required attention. The Chairman reported that she had met with Matthew Chatfield of Gift to Nature.

Cllr Wheeler said that clearing work had finally started at Golden Hill.

Signage for tourists was needed at Golden Hill.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.