



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 26th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors: A Bamford (Chair) B Hobbs, C Fleury, G Kennett MBE, D James, V Lowthion, D Eccles, B Hinton, C Bray and M Wheeler.

ABSENT: Cllr A Harris.

Members of the public: none. IW Cllr J Medland.

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES. Cllrs. G Cameron, T Nicholson and G Metcalf.

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 20TH JUNE 2017 – ATTACHED FOR CLLRS.

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th June 2017 having been circulated were agreed.

3. STROUD COPPICE.

A) TO AGREE CLEARANCE WORKS (SUBJECT TO TENDER).

B) ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TREE SWING.

C) TO CONSIDER COMMISSIONING A TREE SURVEY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Agreed that Wayne Isaacson be asked to prepare a tree survey and management plan.

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

Cllr Wheeler to prepare a report for the October meeting of the Parish Council.

5. BULB PLANTING.

The Chair will arrange this with the cubs for the Stroud.

6. TREE SURVEY. TO AGREE SCHEDULE OF WORK.

Cllrs had received a copy of the tree survey. It was not possible to implement all of the recommendations immediately but urgent work would be carried out. Cllrs felt that the dead horse chestnut tree in Queens Road should be given priority.

7. TREE WORK.

A) APPROVAL OF CROSS COUNTRY SERVICES QUOTATION IN THE SUM OF £650 PLUS VAT.

This related to a white willow at Spinfish (T481 on tree survey) which needed to be felled. This was agreed.

B) REPLACEMENT OF 2 TREES ON THE STROUD AND MEMORIAL TREE (FLOWERING CHERRY).

This was agreed. The flowering cherry will be paid for by the parishioner who requested it.

8. TREE STORM DAMAGE (12TH SEPTEMBER).

The Chair reported on urgent work which had been undertaken as a result of storm damage. This related to trees in Spinfish and clearance of damaged limbs at Black Hut Green. This was approved.

9. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – UPDATE FROM THE CHAIRMAN ON MONITORING OF THE CONTRACT.

The Chair and the Clerk had met with the contractors. A number of issues had been raised. The contractors had agreed to address these and had offered a small reduction in costs.

10. MOA PLACE. TIDY UP AND REMOVAL OF SHRUBS.

The Chair suggested that this area had too many plants. It was agreed that some plants should be removed. The Chair would meet with the contractors on site and make appropriate arrangements.

**11. DITCH LITTER CLEARING (SCHOOL GREEN AND THE BROOK).
PROPOSAL FOR WEEKLY LITTER PICK.**

This was not agreed.

**12. AUTUMN CLEAR UP. BLACK HUT GREEN AND AREA IN FRONT OF THE
MULTI USE GAMES AREA.**

The Chair gave a summary of proposals. This was agreed.

13. SIGNS FOR THE STROUD.

It was agreed that the Clerk would look into designs and place an order after consultation with the Chair.

14. GRASS AT FRESHWATER BAY.

This had not been successful as a period of hot weather had burnt off the grass. Cllr Wheeler had spoken with the contractors and they had agreed to reseed in the Spring.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.