



# FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2015 AT 6.45 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

**PRESENT:** Councillors: G Cameron (chair), A Bamford, C Fleury (item 7 only), G Kennett MBE, A Harris, M Wheeler, B Hobbs, J Medland and C Bray.

**ABSENT:** Councillor B Hinton MBE.

Members of the public: none

Clerk: M J Mills

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The Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed Adam Tucker local area co-ordinator. Adam gave members of the committee details about his role. This was essentially working with people of all ages who might need help in living a better life. It was about bringing things back to the community and connecting people in the right way.

Cllr Kennett said that this tied in with the ABCD training which some councillors had just undertaken. Adam had attended the first Our Place meeting and he had agreed to be a member of the steering group.

The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked Adam for attending.

The Chairman of the Parish Council announced that the funeral of Peter Plucknett had taken place. There was a proposal that the Council provide a seat in memory of Mr Plucknett who had been a past chairman of the Council. Cllr Medland said that Cllr Hobbs had made a very moving eulogy.

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs K Lloyd, S Allen, and D Eccles.

**2. INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST THEY MAY HAVE IN THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA:**

Cllr G Kennett P/01132/15 OS parcel 2446, land off Regina Road, Freshwater – lives nearby.

**3. INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON A PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE AGENDA, AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION:**

None

**4. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:**

It was **resolved** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October having been circulated and agreed, be approved and signed.

**5. Updates from last meeting and IWC Planning Decisions.**

**Approvals**

**P/00743/15 Green Meadows, Colwell Road, Freshwater.** Construction of 60 retirement

living with care units with associated communal facilities, vehicular access, parking and landscaping.

**P/00972/15 Fort Redoubt, Freshwater Bay, Freshwater.** Alterations and conversion of store to form 1 unit of holiday accommodation with retention of store on ground floor (revised scheme)

#### **Listed Building Consent**

**P/00973/15 Fort Redoubt, Freshwater Bay, Freshwater.** LBC for alterations and conversion of store to form 1 unit of holiday accommodation with retention of store on ground floor (revised scheme)

### **6. Planning applications to be discussed:**

**P01157/15 Small Horses Farm, Madeira Lane, Freshwater:** Variation of condition no. 2 on P/01333/14 – TCP/31199/B to allow provision of double garage for plot 1

The Committee had no objections.

**P/01132/15 OS parcel 2446, land off Regina Road, Freshwater:** Outline for 9 dwellings with associated vehicular access (revised scheme)

The Parish Council had objected to a previous application in September 2014 for 12 dwellings and many of the same considerations still applied. The Committee continued to have concerns about contamination of the land and felt that there should be a contamination report from the Environment agency. Further there were concerns about traffic safety and it is felt that there should be a traffic safety audit.

There continued to be concerns about the ability of the infrastructure to cope with a development of this sort (albeit slightly smaller than the previous application) and it was suggested that there should be a report from Southern Water on capacity. It was noted that the proposed development is outside the development envelope but it does not provide any employment benefits.

The Committee were conscious of the fact that a number of developments had been approved in Freshwater and the West Wight. There was a feeling that Freshwater had “done its bit” in terms of meeting required targets and that further applications for development, particularly outside the development envelope should not be approved without strong justification.

Whilst the Committee were more comfortable with the idea of 9 units they were still concerned.

Cllr Kennett pointed out that the notice on the site was not obvious. She said that the original application had been for 41 units then 25. Both applications had been refused.

Cllr Bray said that Golden Hill was a site of great importance and this was close by.

Cllr Medland said that he understood that the target figure for development in West Wight had now been reached.

**P/01125/15 Carholme, High Street, Freshwater:** Retention of Summerhouse

The Committee felt that this was too close to the boundary wall, it was out of keeping and overbearing. It was encroaching on the neighbouring property’s amenities. There was insufficient detail on the drawing.

**P/01156/15 Beach Hut Number 15, Madeira Lane, Freshwater:** Demolition of beach hut; proposed replacement beach hut

The Committee had no objections.

**P/01187/15 Fire Station, Tennyson Road, Freshwater:** Alterations to existing mast to include new/replacement antennas; new 600m diameter dish antenna; replacement of cabinets and ancillary works.

The Committee had no objections.

## 7. ENFORCEMENT

Councillor Wheeler said that the issue of enforcement had been discussed at the West Wight local councils group. The feeling was that they would prefer to see this dealt with as a West Wight issue rather than contribute to an island wide officer through the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils ie by having a West Wight enforcement officer. Cllr Kennett said that she had had some initial discussions on behalf of IWALC with the Head of Planning and there was a further meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> November with Cllr Fuller and John Metcalfe. Details of costs had been requested. Newport Parish Council has committed £12000 to this.

**Resolved** that this would be an agenda item for the Parish Council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm