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**FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 5th  
DECEMBER 2017 AT 6.45 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Bamford (Chair), C Fleury, G Kennett MBE, D James, D Eccles, M Wheeler, G Cameron, T Nicholson, A Harris, and B Hinton.

IW Cllr J Medland.

Clerk: M.J Mills

Members of the public – 1

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1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs C Bray, V Lowthion and B Hobbs.
2. **TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST THEY MIGHT HAVE IN THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**  
None.
3. **INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON A PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE AGENDA, AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION**  
No one wished to speak.
4. **TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER (ATTACHED FOR CLLRS).**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November (having been circulated) were agreed (CF/MW).
5. **UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING AND IWC PLANNING DECISIONS.**  
  
**Planning Appeal Lodged**  
**P/00735/17: Mountfield, Norton Green, Freshwater:** Proposed chalet bungalow with parking.  
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/P2114/W/17/3184329. Start date of 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (AT TIME OF SENDING OUT NOTICE):**  
  
**P01332/17: Hazelhurst, Gate Lane, Freshwater:** Replacement of two windows on front & side elevations with white UPVC sliding sash windows.  
Councillors were concerned that the new windows were different to the existing windows. It was agreed to comment that windows should resemble the existing windows.

**P01357/17: Greensleeves, Heathfield Road, Freshwater:** Demolition of garden store and garage; Proposed single storey extension on rear elevation to provide additional living accommodation; single storey extension on the side elevation to form double garage; Entrance porch (Revised scheme).

The Committee had no comments.

**7. To Discuss considering commissioning a housing needs survey to be undertaken jointly with Totland Parish Council (subject to approval by Totland Parish Council)**

The Chair said that there had been a joint meeting with Totland Parish Councillors at which a decision had been made to suggest undertaking a joint housing needs survey. However since the date of the agenda Isle of Wight Council had stated that they were commissioning a housing needs survey which would be completed by March 2018.

Councillors felt that this should be monitored and if IWC did not complete the survey Totland and Freshwater PC's should proceed to undertake their own.

Cllr Cameron said that the IWC decision had come about as a result of pressure from IW Councillors.

Cllr Wheeler suggested that money be allocated for this if the IWC survey was not completed by end March.

Cllr Kennett pointed out that a housing needs survey should form part of the review of the Island Plan.

Cllr Eccles suggested a budget of £5000 to be shared with Totland PC pro rata.

There were some concerns about the proposed IWC survey (particularly given the timescale) and the Clerk will write to IWC to get some further details of it.

Cllr James said that the greater buying power of people coming to the Island from the mainland meant that local housing need would never be satisfied. He referred also to the Boundary Commission report which shows a decrease in population in Freshwater North of 18%.

Cllr Kennett said that 22% of properties in Freshwater were second homes.

**8. FRESHWATER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chair reported on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. In particular she said that the draft report of the Independent Examiner had been received and a response to that had been submitted. It was hoped that the Plan would now be approved by the IWC Cabinet in January 2018 although the timeframe was very tight.

The planning meeting closed at 7.10 pm.