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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 6th
FEBRUARY 2018 AT 6.45PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: A Bamford (chair), G Kennett MBE, C Fleury, D James, M Wheeler, C Bray, B Hobbs, A Harris, T Nicholson, V Lowthion, H White and B Hinton MBE.

IW Cllr J Medland.

Clerk: M.J Mills

Members of the public 3

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs. D Eccles and G Cameron.

2. TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST THEY MIGHT HAVE IN THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

None.

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

No one wished to speak.

4. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD TUESDAY 16th JANUARY (ATTACHED FOR CLLRS).

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th January (having been circulated) were agreed (CF/GK).

5. COMPTON LANDSCAPE PROJECT – PRESENTATION BY JOHN BROWNSCOMBE PROJECT OFFICER NATIONAL TRUST.

John said that he was dealing with a 6 month feasibility study. The Trust had received a sizable living gift and as a result were looking into improvements to the area aimed mainly at improving the visitor experience. On the farmland they were considering putting some land back to grassland and on the downland they were aiming for a de-intensification of grazing. On the coastline Professor Vincent May had done some work and there were plans showing projected rates of erosion over 20, 50 and 100 years. In answer to a question about the Military Road John said that Trust land was inalienable and moving the route of the road might need an Act of Parliament. The Trust was there for wildlife and using land for natural purposes which would not necessarily include a road.

The proposals would be going out to key stakeholders around the end of April.

The Chair thanked John for his introduction to the project suggested that it would be helpful to meet again when more time would be set aside for discussion.

6. UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING AND IWC PLANNING DECISIONS.

Approved

P/01181/17: Buttercup House, Camp Road, Freshwater: Conversion of garage/outbuilding into garage and bed and breakfast accommodation.

P/01265/17 Graceholme, Madeira Lane, Freshwater: Proposed cladding to front and rear elevations (revised description)

P/01023/17: St Catherines, Terrace Lane, Freshwater: Demolition of sun room and detached building; proposed single storey extension on rear elevation; extension at first floor level above garage to include balcony; cladding (revised plans) (re-advertised)

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (AT TIME OF SENDING OUT NOTICE):

P/00034/18: South Lawn, Heathfield Road, Freshwater, Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey side and rear extensions; raised decking to the rear.

The Committee had no objection.

P/00077/18: 1 Neatby Cottages, Pound Green, Freshwater, Demolition of car port, porch and conservatory; proposed extension & internal alterations.

The Committee had concerns about the effect of construction traffic in this area particularly as it was a Conservation Area. The storage of materials and access to the site would need careful consideration.

P/01520/17: Fairways, Southdown Road, Freshwater, Demolition of existing garage; proposed replacement garage/store and utility room.

The Committee had no objection.

8. FRESHWATER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chair explained the process and what was being done regarding the referendum. Councillors felt that the Council needed to be proactive in promoting this. It was agreed that posters would be put up at Dimbola, the library, the Co-op (Cllr Fleury to arrange) and The Memorial Hall. There would also be a notice in the County Press and on the FYTBus. Advice had been sought and it was clear that the Council needed to be objective in its publicity and should not seek to influence the vote. It was agreed that the draft publicity materials would be expanded on and improved.

The planning meeting closed at 7.35 pm