



# FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 6.45 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

**PRESENT:** Councillors A Bamford (Chair), G Kennett, C Fleury, A Harris, MBE, D Eccles, T Dimmick, D James, G Cameron and V Lowthion.

Clerk: M J Mills      IW Cllr J Medland

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1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. C Bray, B Hobbs and B Hinton.
2. **TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST THEY MIGHT HAVE IN THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**  
GK knows applicant item 6
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 ON 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019.**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January (having been circulated) were agreed.  
(GK/CF).
5. **UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING AND IWC PLANNING DECISIONS.**  
None.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (AT TIME OF SENDING OUT NOTICE).**  
**P/00020/19 1 Parkside, The Causeway, Freshwater**  
Demolition of shed, outbuildings and garage; proposed detached dwelling  
Cllr James said that the application claimed that the gardens were previously developed land. He felt this was a misleading statement.  
Cllr Eccles agreed. He felt that the proposed development would not improve the area. It was outside of the development envelope. A bespoke house such as this would not have an effect on the 5 year plan.  
Cllr Kennett pointed out the proximity to the Dell which is lower. She felt that overlooking could be an issue.  
Cllr James pointed out that there was no pavement by the proposed property.  
It was unanimously agreed to object to the proposal.

## **7. CLLRS TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND COMMENT ON DRAFT ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.**

(Consultation ends 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019)

The Chair confirmed that she and others had attended the IWALC training. Ollie Boulter from Isle of Wight Council had been one of the presenters. Martha James the other presenter had confirmed that she saw difficulties with the Copse Lane site. Also she indicated that there was going to be a change with regard to resistance to annexes as these were now seen to be meeting a real need. She said that Bob Seeley MP had written to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government suggesting that 300 houses per annum would be more reasonable for the Island. IWALC had written supporting that view.

Cllr Eccles said that he had numerous points to raise. He suggested comments should be from the Parish and also responses should be with Totland and the West Wight group of local councils.

The Chair said that the meeting with the planning consultant would be open to councillors. The planning consultant would also be attending the West Wight meeting.

Cllr Fleury suggested commenting on roads and infrastructure.

Cllr Eccles said that the planners' job was to get numbers of houses through. There was a need to fight this through policies. The development at Small Horse Farm for example had taken away an area which was a haven for wildlife.

The Chair stressed jobs and infrastructure.

Cllr Eccles mentioned Golden Hill Fort. No money or land was being made available. Isle of Wight Council were however investing money on the mainland.

It was agreed that there should be a sub committee to deal with comments and the following councillors would be members: Cllrs Bamford, Cameron, Eccles, Dimmick, IW Cllr Medland, and Totland Cllr Gareth Wyre. The sub committee should meet as soon as convenient.

Cllr Kennett asked how employment could be brought to the Island. People could not buy houses without jobs. There had been 18 affordable homes built last year against the need for 222.

Cllr Fleury suggested using brownfield sites.

The Chair suggested stressing that the Island was a holiday destination.

The planning meeting closed at 7.15 pm.