

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2014 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: C Fleury (Chair), C Bray, A Harris, B Hobbs, P England, B Hinton MBE, D Eccles, G Kennett MBE, A Bamford, K Lloyd.

Isle of Wight Cllr J Medland

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs M Wheeler, G Cameron, C Lillywhite.

**PC BAGGOTT OF THE WEST WIGHT SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM ATTENDING TO UPDATE THE PARISH COUNCIL ON POLICING MATTERS**

The Chairman welcomed PC Baggott to the meeting.

PC Baggott gave a summary of criminal activity in the parish and referred to the beat report.

**2. TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA:**  
None

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2014:**

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the previous meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014, having been circulated, be approved and signed (AH/BAH).

**4. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA, FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES):** None

**5. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

The report of Cllr Medland had been circulated. Cllr Medland said that he had not had a chance as yet to speak with the community group.

Cllr Eccles said that there was a new licensing policy for the whole Island. It affected all land to which the public had access and it would include Jubilee Field. On planning there were 2 retail applications for Newport. There was a meeting arranged for Friday with Mr Toynton (PFI) re Norton Green.

Cllr Harris asked if anything could be done to help progress the lease re Jubilee Field. Cllr Kennett said that a document was being produced for all town and parish councils by IWALC and it would be going out this week. It covered leases and contracts. Cllr England said that there was a 3 month break clause in the existing draft lease and this was unacceptable and would not be suitable if grants were sought.

**6. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR TO AFTON WARD**

The Clerk explained that there had been a procedural error as a result of which it was necessary to go through the co-option process again.

It was **resolved that** Anne Bamford be co-opted as Parish Councillor for Afton Ward

**7. CLERKS REPORT:**

**Jubilee Field**

On 15<sup>th</sup> June a report was received from West Wight Sports Centre regarding vandalism to cricket and football equipment. It is believed that those responsible climbed over the fence. This raises issues over whether security is adequate and whether steps such as anti-climb paint should be considered. It also raises the question of safe storage for the sports equipment.

Correspondence with Isle of Wight Council continues. It appears that the Isle of Wight Council will not transfer the freehold of the field and they say that this is based on “an administrative policy” no details of which have been given. Currently they are offering a 25 year lease which will be on similar terms to the lease previously offered. The Clerk is liaising with Bembridge Parish Council who are also taking a lease of a playing field.

### **Seats**

Broken seat at the Green, School Green Road. Mark Churcher has been asked to repair at a cost of £60 (this has now been completed).

### **Stroud coppice**

Laurie Calloway reports that work will start in the autumn and we will be sent further details at that time.

### **Parking**

Letter of objection hand delivered to Isle of Wight Council prior to closure of consultation period.

### **Water leak**

There has been a water leak in Bedbury Lane which has caused water inundation in Granny’s Meade. Mark Churcher located the source of the leak and the matter has been reported to Southern Water.

### **Wayleave agreement**

BT have sent through a wayleave agreement for equipment near Lime Tree Court Queens Road. A one off payment of £805 is offered. This may be too pressing to leave until September. **Resolved** that this be considered at the next planning meeting.

### **Golden Hill**

Bob Edney has said that there is a good deal of outstanding work at Golden Hill. Isle of Wight Council intend to start on this as soon as possible including a fallen willow tree which is obstructing a right of way.

### **Spectrum and Southern Housing**

Both were invited to the council meeting. Spectrum have sent an update by e mail which is in correspondence.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE:**

IWC – TPO Trees in Freshwater Bay Conservation Area – Little Bowland, Afton Road, Freshwater.

IWC – TPO Tree in Norton Green Conservation Area – Lilac Cottage, Norton Green

IWC – TPO formal notice that a TPO has been applied for – Longhalves Lane, Freshwater.(Local residents applied)

Southern Housing Group – Email from Geoff Snow Re- The Orchards, Avenue Road. Asked if the grounds could be tidied up and maintained regularly.

Spectrum Housing – Email received from Liz Evans. Re – Update on Freshwater Fields.

## 9. FRESHWATER TOTLAND AND YARMOUTH MAGAZINE

The chairman explained that it was now proposed by Debbie Mason editor of Freshwater magazine that Freshwater parish council would have space in alternate months and that Cllr Medland would have space in the other alternate months. Cllr Kennett queried whether the magazine was the most effective way of communicating. Cllr Lloyd offered to make a presentation at the September meeting on social media. Cllr Medland said that he had made it clear to the magazine that he was not a parish councillor. **Resolved** that the parish would submit a report for the August edition.

## 10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**Resolved** that the following accounts be accepted

Payments June 2014 - by internet banking

SALARIES TOTAL	1767.90
HMRCPAYE & NIC Payment	1008.07
TOTAL	2775.97

Cheques drawn for payment 1st July 2014

£

400526	S Water Inv 71000125032	Avenues 01/03-16/05	17.44
Debit Cd	IW Council	Avenues Rates June	160.00
Debit Cd	Preservation Equipment	Archives folders	65.21
Debit Cd	BT Inv SD44324534M0	2nd line rental Jun + fees	25.20
Debit Cd	IW Council	Avenues Rates July	160.00
400527	MALCO Inv 964	Hire T Suite - W Wight Councils	243.88
400528	SLCC Inv 114872;114891;114935	CiLCA Portfolio Training Halton Village; Books - Clerks Manual, Practitioners Guide, Local Council Admin; Book - Minute Taking	379.95
400529	BL Ltd Inv 16252	Grounds Maintenance incl extra Spinfish	1271.26
400530	MALCO Inv 970	Office Electric May	80.00
400531	IWC Inv 9273844/4	Jub Field Ann Inspection; Stroud Field Equipment 1/4ly reports	500.00
400532	Playsafety Ltd Inv 011638	Skatepark RoSPA report	85.20
400534	Business Supplies Inv 00079900;00080053	Stationery	236.11
400535	Mark One Maintenance	To remove rubbish bin from inspection pit on Jubilee Field and retrieve concrete cover	25.00
400536	BT Inv VP 54897270 Q028 94	1/4 rent & useage main line	214.93
400537	Hillbans Pest Control	June 2014 for Brookside Road	60.00
400538	All Saints CE Primary School	Memorial Window	1000.00
Sub total			4524.18
TOTAL			£7,300.15

## 11. SELLWOOD ROAD OPEN SPACE

It was felt that this was an important open space. Proposed by Cllr Hobbs and seconded by Cllr Hinton that the parish council should take over this land on the terms proposed by Southern Households Limited. This was unanimously agreed.

## 12. STROUD FIELD PLAY EQUIPMENT

Cllr Bray said that the RFO had been asked to look into grants and whether section 106 money might be available. The Isle of Wight Council had to agree the proposal. The equipment currently on

Jubilee Field would be moved to Stroud recreation field. Cllr Eccles asked if the parish council could take over Stroud recreation field and whether village green status could be obtained. Cllr Kennett said that she thought that it could not because it was owned by Isle of Wight Council. Cllr Lloyd said that the equipment on Jubilee field was in weekly use. She said that there were difficulties with rubbish on the field. Youngsters had asked for a shelter on Stroud recreation ground. Cllr Bray said that the council should ensure that Stroud recreation field was a proper alternative to Totland recreation field.

### **13. GRANNY'S MEADE**

The Clerk reported that the issue of flooding on this land had now been resolved.

### **14. BOUNDARY SIGNS.**

Cllr Wheeler not present and the matter was postponed to the next planning meeting.

### **15. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Cllr Wheeler not present and the matter was postponed to the next planning meeting.

### **16. PARISH ACCOMMODATION**

Cllr England pointed out that he had flagged up the possibility of the parish council asking the Isle of Wight Council to take the property back. Cllr Eccles said that he accepted the point. The working party would have a further meeting as soon as Cllr Wheeler was available. Cllr Harris said that it was not an expensive way of storing the contents of the building.

### **17. ASSISTED AREA STATUS**

Cllr Kennett said that a letter from IWALC was being circulated. They were very disappointed that this had not been applied to the whole island. The chairman asked whether the Isle of Wight Council received any funds from the European Union. He pointed out that Cornwall was receiving £540,000,000 for 7 years.

### **18. COVER FOR MATERNITY LEAVE**

**Resolved** that this be agreed. It was likely to be a 9 month period starting in October 2014.

### **19. ACTION PLAN**

The chairman said that this needed to be updated as soon as possible. Cllr Kennett had done this in the past.

### **20. WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES.**

Cllr Cameron had been unable to attend IWALC meetings. It was important that the parish should have a representative. Cllr Kennett could not be expected to do this as she was chair of IWALC. The chairman confirmed that he would speak to Cllr Cameron.

### **21. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None suggested

### **22. OTHER MATTERS**

Cllr Harris asked what was being done about the proposed changes to car park charges. Cllr Fleury was willing to attend the meeting. Cllr Medland said he would appreciate any support. He felt that we needed to make a unique case. Cllr Kennett said that the medical practice covered a large area and that was one reason Freshwater was different. Cllr England said that Isle of Wight Council did not recognise differences in different areas. Cllr Hobbs said we should point out that it is our land.

Cllr Bamford pointed out that the ticket machines had been empty for days and people were having to pay by card. Cllr Harris referred to the report. The reference to medical centres was incorrect and the truth was being concealed.

Cllr Fleury confirmed that he had attended the garden party at the library.

Cllr Fleury mentioned meetings for the focus groups for beach cleaning and grounds maintenance on 15<sup>th</sup> July 15.00 and 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 9.00 respectively. The clerk to circulate times.

Cllr Bray reminded councillors of the date for the parish walk of 10<sup>th</sup> July at 18.30. Everyone to meet at Moa Place car park. The walk to look at Stroud, Spinfish, School Green and Jubilee Field.

Cllr Bray confirmed that she, Cllr Fleury and the clerk had looked at Jubilee Field. A report would follow.

Cllr Lloyd reminded councillors about the Solent swim on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.