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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 (until 8.50 pm), D Eccles, A Bamford, G Cameron, C Lillywhite, K Lloyd.

In attendance Isle of Wight Cllr J Medland

Members of the public 6

**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs M Wheeler, G Kennett MBE.

**2. TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA:**  
The Chairman pointed out that so far as item 13 was concerned he and Cllr Cameron had been involved in meeting with Spectrum.

**3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2014:**

It was **resolved** the Minutes of the previous meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> July 2014, having been circulated, be approved and signed (BH/CB).

It was further **resolved** that the Minutes of the annual meeting held 20<sup>th</sup> May 2014, having been circulated, be approved and signed (GC/CB).

Cllr Hinton said that he was now in touch with the Freshwater Bay residents association.

**4. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA, FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES):** Mr Flowers raised the issue of the free half hour parking at Moa Place. It was agreed that the agenda item on this be discussed first.

**5. CAR PARKING AT MOA PLACE**

The Chairman updated the Council on what had been done. He had attended the meeting of the Isle of Wight Council executive and had asked a question on how the projected £13000 had been calculated. There had still been no reply to this. Isle of Wight Council had breached the terms of the lease by sub-letting the trolley park to Sainsburys. The Parish Council had been told that the changes to the parking order would produce a level playing field but the proposal with Moa Place was unfair. The Chairman, Cllr Cameron and the Clerk were meeting with the Isle of Wight Council on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

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

Cllr Medland said that he understood that the executive were confused and were unclear whether it was the Parish Council's intention to take back Moa Place. Should we write to them to clarify the position?

Cllr Eccles said he had spoken against the changes at the executive meeting but his comments had not been taken on board. He felt that we should not write before the meeting. This was agreed.

**7. CLERKS REPORT:**

**Jubilee Field**

The Isle of Wight Council have previously sought to include a 3 month break clause in the lease. They have now agreed to remove that for the majority of the field but want to include it for what is

assumed to be a small area immediately adjacent to West Wight Sports Centre. This is said to be so that expansion of the sports centre can be accommodated. Currently plans of the proposal are awaited from IWC – officer on leave when the matter was last chased.

Cllr Hobbs had spoken with Isle of Wight Council and there seemed to be some confusion as to what was happening. The clerk will contact them urgently to resolve this.

### **Wayleave agreement**

BT wayleave agreement completed £805 received.

### **The Brambles “horses sign”**

A member of the public has requested assistance regarding a request for a horses warning sign at the Brambles. The issue first arose 2 years ago and Isle of Wight Council were sympathetic to the request but ultimately decided against proceeding with it. Cllr Medland is supporting the request. Councillors asked that we write again to Island Roads stressing the safety issues and a copy should be sent to Andrew Turner MP.

### **School Green Road**

Complaint received from member of the public regarding waste being left outside the Indian restaurant in School Green Road. The situation has been monitored and no problem has been apparent.

### **Colwell Bay Inn**

Complaint received from member of the public regarding the state of the garden at these premises. Cllr Eccles said that he was chasing this up as the planning application was taking an unusually long time.

### **Freshwater Bay Tourist Information Point**

Some of the Parish Council’s leaflets have been placed at the tourist information point at Dimbola. These include the Parish walks, the Pound and the Tuns. Cllr Hinton said that this had been well received.

### **Licence for land at Kedros**

There has been negotiation regarding the grant of a new licence to prospective purchasers of this property. It was proposed that the Parish Council charge £50 per annum for the licence to include the right to park on the existing parking space.

### **Selwood Road**

Paperwork is with the solicitor and the purchase should complete shortly.

### **PAT testing**

Has been completed for the Parish office.

## Fencing at Black Hut Green

There have been unauthorised advertising posters placed on the fencing at Black Hut Green. I have ordered 2 signs at a cost of £30 plus VAT each for Black Hut Green and Moa Place car park to say that unauthorised posters will be removed.

## Rubbish at School Green Road

Some rubbish bags were left on council land at School Green Road on Friday 29th August. These have now been removed by Brighstone Landscaping.

## Stroud recreation ground

Isle of Wight Council have agreed to install a gate at Stroud recreation ground. The parish council have two "kissing gates" from Granny's Meade and it is suggested that at least one of these be utilised at Stroud recreation ground.

## Spinfish

Urgent work to clear the path of brambles and growth completed today.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated - score sheet IW best kept village awards, letter Bembridge PC re business rate relief on public conveniences, e mail Ron Flowers re Moa Place car park, e mail Lois Cooper re council tax, invitation to opening of Freshwater Methodist Church.

## 9. AUDIT

It was noted that the audit had been completed and once again no matters had arisen which required a separate report. Councillors agreed that the RFO was continuing to do a good job.

## 10. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The recommendations of the Finance Sub Committee regarding the purchase of Christmas decorations for the village were noted. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council write to shopkeepers to find out how many would be willing to have trees.

## 11. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**Resolved** that the following accounts be accepted

### Payments July 2014 - by internet banking

#### **SALARIES TOTAL**

£  
**1795.29**

### Cheques drawn for payment August 2014

				£
Debit Cd	BT Inv SD44324534M013N4	2nd line rental Jul + fees	25.30	paid 15/07
400539	MALCO Inv 985	Office electricity June	80.00	
400540	BL Ltd Inv 16376;16488;16522	Grounds Maintenance incl extra	3580.52	
		Spinfish no 3; Tree tender;		
		Grounds Maintenance incl extra		
		Spinfish no 4		
400541	Mark One Maintenance	Repair seat @ Sch Gn Rd;	70.00	
		G Meade trace water leak		

400542	IW C Press Inv 590412	Advert Mat Cover Asst Clerk	162.00	
400543	S Electric Inv 321580952/002	Avenues 26/4 - 23/07	17.68	
400544	Afton Garden Centre Inv 1342	Allotments prize vouchers	100.00	
400545	Hillbans Pest Control Inv P21088	Pest Control for July 2014	60.00	
400546	Broker Network Ltd ref 446/2123128	Came & Co: Annual Ins Premium	1915.41	
400547	BDO Inv 1303965	Annual Audit	480.00	
400548	West Wight Audio Inv 00140095	Annual PAT testing	59.00	
Debit Cd	IW Council	Avenues Rates Aug	100.33	paid 05/08
<b>Sub total</b>			<b>6650.24</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£8,445.53</b>	

**Freshwater Parish Council  
Accounts for Payment  
Payments August 2014 - by internet banking**

<b>SALARIES TOTAL</b>			<b>1728.51</b>	
<b><u>Cheques drawn for payment 2nd September 2014</u></b>			£	
Debit Cd	BT Inv SD44324534M014RT	2nd line rental Aug + fees	26.76	paid 15/08
Debit Cd	HM Land Registry	Register & Title Plan WWMS re Windmill Lane	6.00	paid 20/08
400549	MALCO Inv 1009	Office electricity July	80.00	
400550	IW C Press Inv 591434	Official Notice Co-option of Cllr	105.60	
400551	Business Supplies Inv 00081886	Stationery	56.05	
400552	Ricoh Inv 87966184	rent 01/08-31/10, copies 01/05- 31/07	215.43	
400553	Hillbans Pest Control Inv P21154;P21155	Pest Control for Aug 2014; wasp nest Queens Rd	103.80	
400554	Mark One Maintenance	Skatepark repairs and works	510.00	
<b>Sub total</b>			<b>1103.64</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£2,832.15</b>	

**12. PHOTOCOPIER**

**Resolved** that the Parish Council enter into a new contract for a photocopier at a cost of £118.54 plus VAT.

**13. SLCC MEMBERSHIP**

**Resolved** that the Clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks be renewed at a cost of £147.

**14. SPECTRUM ADVERTISING**

**Resolved** that the proceeds from advertising revenue from Spectrum (currently £200 per month) be given to West Wight Sports Centre.

**15. DISCRETIONARY SERVICES.**

A letter from Isle of Wight Council had been circulated.

There was some discussion as to what was covered by beach cleaning and whether it covered, for example, debris washed up onto the roads in storms. Cllr Medland said that roads were dealt with by

Island Roads but volunteers were used for land away from the beach not owned by Island Roads. The Parish Council preferred option F but the figures would need to be clarified.

On grounds maintenance Cllr Bray said that there was not enough information on how often the grass was cut. This was important for the appearance of the village. Cllr Lloyd thought that the Parish Council should take over the MUGA. She did not think that it was possible that £2500 had been expended by Isle of Wight Council on the MUGA in the last year.

The chairman said that Stroud recreation ground had been bought by the people of Freshwater and the Parish Council should look to take ownership of the land back.

The Parish Council would like a meeting with Alex Minns of Isle of Wight Council to talk this through.

#### **16. PROCEEDS FROM THE EASEMENT AT QUEENS ROAD**

Councillors gave in their ideas on how to apply the proceeds from the easement at Queens Road (circa £45000). The Clerk will collate these. Cllr Hobbs said that she did not think it was a good idea to spend this money now and Cllr England said that he thought that we should find out what the Parish Council would have to take over before this be decided. Cllr Cameron pointed out that those matters were revenue costs and this was capital.

#### **17. COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC**

Cllr Bray said that she wanted to see more information and photographs on the website regarding open spaces. Cllr Bamford said that the website was out of date. IW Computer Geek had done websites for other parishes in the West Wight. Cllr Lloyd said Facebook and Twitter could be run for no cost.

Resolved that the Clerk speak with Robin Day regarding the possibility of a new website.

Cllr Eccles said that it was unlikely that the West Wight Community Partnership would contribute towards the cost of a new noticeboard.

#### **18. SKATE PARK.**

Cllr Lloyd was congratulated on the success of the recent skate park competition. Cllr Lloyd said that the young people had been very involved in the work to revamp the skate park. There had been about 30 children in the competition ranging from 5 years of age to a semi-pro aged 20+. The invoice from RHF Fencing Supplies was more than had been originally quoted but it was fair for the work which had been done. The Chairman explained that the Clerk had agreed the original quote which was under £200. Further work had come to light which needed to be done when the old fence was removed and it was no one's fault that the costs had gone up. **Resolved** that the invoice of RHF Fencing Supplies for £474 be paid in full.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for the use of his trailer when improvements were being carried out.

#### **19. SPINFISH**

A further quotation regarding erosion of the brook was awaited and the matter be considered at the next planning meeting.

#### **20. IW FOUNDATION**

Cllr Lloyd had been involved with similar grant schemes. It was not possible to get any grant towards wages. Therefore it appeared to be impractical to pursue this.

#### **21. JUBILEE FIELD.**

Cllr Bray said that hedging was needed along the boundary with the new houses. Some trees needed replacement and some hedge cutting would be needed in the autumn. The long jump pit needed removing. The chairman reported that Lee Matthews from Isle of Wight Council had confirmed the

IWC would be happy with a store be put on the site and he had indicated that the section 106 money needed to be spent on sport and youth activities.

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

The report of Cllr Bray on Golden Hill had been circulated. A report on the Parish Walk had also been circulated and prices were now needed for the work and this should be considered at the October meeting.

**23. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The possibility of taking on an apprentice.  
The parish walk report (as above)  
Discretionary services  
Assets of community value

**24. STAFF ISSUES**

**RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**STAFF ISSUES**

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.