



# FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

**PRESENT:** Councillors: C Fleury (Chair), C Bray, A Harris, B Hobbs, P England C Lillywhite, M Wheeler, G Kennett MBE, and A Bamford.

Members of the public: 6

Clerk: M J Mills

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**1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs B Hinton MBE, G Cameron, K Lloyd, D Eccles.  
Isle of Wight Cllr J Medland

**2. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**

None

**3. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2014.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, having been circulated, be approved (CL/CB).

**4. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES).**

None

**5. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY CLLRS/QUESTION AND UPDATE SESSION (UP TO 15 MINUTES FROM BOTH CLLRS).**

Neither of the ward councillors was present.

**6. CLERKS REPORT.**

### **Jubilee Field**

Isle of Wight Council legal department e mailed on 7th January "I am emailing my client again and hope instructions will be available before long".

### **Tree Planting**

13 oak and 8 elm trees have now been planted at Jubilee Field.

## Stroud recreation fitness equipment

Missing caps have now been replaced (supplied free by the original suppliers)

## CCTV

We are trying to assist the police with the take-over of this equipment.

## Public Health

The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk met with Heather Rowell and Ralph Broad of the Island's Public Health Team on 10th December 2014. Discussion was regarding the possibility of the appointment of a local area co-ordinator to assist isolated and vulnerable people, those with mental health issues and dementia and children.

## Co-operative

A representative has been invited to attend the February meeting to discuss the new store. The Clerk to write and ask that someone attend who is able to deal with highways issues.

## Local Access Forum Meeting 19th February

David Lewis has agreed to attend this on behalf of the Parish Council.

### 7. CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter Mr D C Wendes re war memorial  
E mail Gillian Burnett re IW Sports Awards  
E mail David and Esme Ballard re Talk Solent  
E mail Jennine Gardiner re grant for sustainable transport projects  
Letter the Pensions Regulator

### 8. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**Resolved** that the following payments be approved

## Freshwater Parish Council

### Accounts for Payment

#### Payments December 2014 - by internet banking

	£
<b>SALARIES TOTAL</b>	<b>1701.54</b>
HMRC PAYE & NIC Payment	1059.62
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2761.16</b>

#### Cheques drawn for payment 13th January 2015

400595	Mark One Maintenance	Shops Xmas trees installation; Jubilee field sign moved	220.00	iss 02/12
400596	Hillbans Pest Control Inv P21346	Pest Control for Nov 2014	61.80	iss 02/12
Debit Cd	IW Council	Avenues Rates Dec	101.00	paid 04/12
Debit Cd	BT Inv SD44324534M0186T	2nd line rental Dec + fees	28.32	paid 11/12
Debit Cd	IW Council	Avenues Rates Jan	101.00	paid 08/01
400597	Lamps & Tubes Illuminations Inv	Xmas tree extra wall bracket	40.80	

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400598	BL Ltd Inv 17028	Grounds Maintenance incl extra Spinfish no 8	1271.26
400599	Thompson Plants	Xmas Tree for Library	190.00
400600	MALCO Inv 1094;1133	Hire Small Hall, Office electricity Nov; Office electricity Dec	212.00
400601	RJR Electrical Servs Inv 2839	Xmas Tree @ Library electrics	70.00
400602	Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection registration	35.00
400603	Hillbans Pest Control Inv P21498	Pest Control for Dec 2014	61.80
400604	BL Ltd Inv 17064; Inv 17117	Spinfish Hedges & brambles etc/Spinfish privet, sycamore, saplings etc; Avenues weed spray; Spinfish grow mats; Queens Rd cut down 2 Elms & shape Bays	1068.00
400605	BT Inv VP54897270 ref Q030JU	1/4 rent & useage main line	223.75
400606	Mark One Maintenance	Xmas trees Library erection & take down all trees & store; emergency action re IW Cl land adj skatepark	190.00
400607	Robin Day	Website Honorarium	500.00
400608	Jenny Williams	Archivist Honorarium	250.00
400609	Business Supplies Inv 00056801	Stationery	66.79
400610	Islandwide Grounds Maint Inv 3591	Norton Green removal Willow tree	432.00
<b>Sub total</b>			<b>5123.52</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>£7,884.68</b>

**9. THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL HIGHWAY AMENITY PERMISSIONS POLICY (DRAFT POLICY DOCUMENT HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS).**

The Chairman pointed out that many shops in Freshwater owned their own frontage. Cllr Wheeler pointed out that the Party Wall Act applied to private forecourts. The Council had no other comments on the policy.

**10. LETTER FROM FRESHWATER VILLAGE ASSOCIATION REGARDING LITTER PICKING AT THE SKATE PARK.**

The Council felt that Freshwater Village Association should be thanked for their concern. The Council would continue to press those responsible to deal with the litter. The Skatepark should not be punished. Cllr Bray said part of the problem was with supermarkets giving away carrier bags. When the Parish Council took over maintenance of the area it could get more involved with this. Cllr Wheeler mentioned that Biffa were not seeking renewal of the waste disposal contract. The Clerk to write to the Isle of Wight Council regarding this.

**11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE.**

Cllr Bamford said that the 4 groups had now reached their goals. There was a training night on 14th January when Ollie Boulter from Isle of Wight Council planning department would be attending. The Parish Council website would be updated.

## **12. MOA PLACE CAR PARK.**

The Vice Chairman's report had been circulated. Members of the public made the following points – the land was common land having been registered in 1951, there had been no application to make the car park, it was not just for Freshwater residents and people did not want to pay the £1.

Cllr Wheeler summarised the history and the meetings the Parish Council had had to try to resolve the matter. Currently an offer had been made to pay £12000 to West Wight Sports and Community Centre in the hope of getting the free half hour restored at the beginning of February. The trustees of the Centre would need to agree this. Cllrs Fleury and Kennett declared interests as trustees of the Centre. However an e mail had now been received from Isle of Wight Council and it seemed a figure of £17000 to £20000 would now be required. Councillors had visited retailers and there had been mixed responses. The matter would also be discussed at the public consultation meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Cllr Harris said that this was not just for local businesses but for the 1500 people who had signed the petition. The Isle of Wight Council's figures were incorrect.

The owner of Elliotts said that people did want to use the local shops. A number of leases were coming to an end and he was concerned that Elliotts might be stranded at what might become the wrong end of the village. Takings at the shop were down by £500 to £600 per week since Christmas. There clearly was a huge difference to turnover. The car park was quite empty. He agreed however with the Parish Council that legal proceedings were not justified.

Cllr Wheeler said that the Council did have the opportunity to take over car parks. There was a procedure under the Localism Act but this was not the preferred process as it would start a procurement exercise. This process would take some time possibly 12 months. It might also be possible to find more on street parking spaces – 6 at Moa Place at 8 at Avenue Road.

Cllr Hobbs said that many people were deliberately not using Moa Place car park at the moment. Isle of Wight Council were apparently saying that people would forget about the increases in a couple of months.

The owner of Elliotts pointed out that people were now parking in Queens Road and Dall Square.

Cllr Bray said that the 2 spaces for the taxi rank were not being used. Resolved to request that these be altered to public use.

Cllr Kennett said that Isle of Wight Council seemed to be doing different deals with different parishes. Newport were going to take over Carisbrooke toilets as part of their deal.

Cllr Fleury said the car park had worked well as it was and it was a special case with various facilities all in walking distance.

Cllr Kennett said that the WWS&CC figures for the car park were considerably up in December. There was a trustees' meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

Cllr Wheeler said there had been 600 penalty charge notices issued. At £25 that amounted to £15000. The figure did not come into the calculations. It was likely that the number of PCN's would now be considerably less.

The owner of Elliotts said that he was very encouraged.

Cllr Wheeler suggested that it would be good for businesses to work together.

## **13. CONSIDERATION OF FORMAL MEDIA STRATEGY.**

Cllr Lloyd was not present and the matter was therefore postponed to the next meeting.

## **14. REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE LIST OF COMMUNITY ASSETS.**

Cllr Hobbs said that the assets to be listed were those of community value and of importance to the population. Residential land was exempt. It gave an opportunity to bid but did not mean that there had to be a bid. There was discussion about which assets to suggest. Councillors are to

prepare their lists. Mr T Noyce mentioned the Wildlife Trust at Colwell where there was a rare seaweed.

Cllr Bamford suggested there should be pictures of the assets on the parish website.

**15. THE POINT OF TIME WHEN COUNCIL MINUTES SHOULD BE PUBLISHED.**

Cllr England felt it would be useful for minutes to be published as soon as possible after the meeting to remind councillors what needed to be done. **Resolved** that minutes be published as soon as they had been approved by the Chair of the meeting.

**16. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING DUE TO BE HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY.**

The Clerk gave an update and it was resolved that there should also be some banners. The publicity material to date was circulated. Display boards would be required. Cllr Lloyd to be asked what help she needed. Tea and coffee to be provided at the meeting if appropriate.

**17. WEST WIGHT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS FOR WELCOME PANELS/SIGNS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.**

Mr David Ballard be invited to speak to the Council about this.

**18. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL TO LINK CRUNDLES FOOTPATH AND THE OLD RAILWAY LINE.**

Cllr Bray pointed out that this would need agreement from Isle of Wight Council and the Sheldon family. In principle she felt it was a good idea. Cllr Wheeler felt that it was not a natural route but it would fit in with Co-op's proposals.

The Council would need more information. This would be a low priority.

**19. APPRENTICE.**

The Clerk had discussed this with the other members of staff and it was felt that it would be difficult with 4 people in the existing office. Cllr England said that the 1<sup>st</sup> floor office at the Memorial Hall was available. Cllr Kennett said that an apprentice would need to be with the Clerk. She felt that public access to the office was a big issue. Cllr Wheeler thought the apprentice could be useful. Accommodation needed to be sorted first.

**Resolved** that the Clerk consider available options re office accommodation and report back.

**20. NOMINATIONS FOR THE BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY.**

Cllr Wheeler was nominated.

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

Cllr Kennett reported that the "Our Place" bid had been successful. The acceptance needed to be signed by 23<sup>rd</sup> January. The Clerk to circulate details. Sue Allen to be asked if she would be willing to do some extra hours to collate evidence. £3000 is available.

Cllr Harris reported that Totland Parish Council had extended the loan to FYT bus for 5 to 10 years. This had halved repayments.

**22. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM CLLRS.**

Parish accommodation (MW). Cllr Wheeler mentioned that comprehensive business plans from the Memorial Hall and WWS&CC would be helpful.

The meeting closed at 9.01 pm.