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**FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> April 2015 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

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

Isle of Wight Cllr J Medland

Members of the public: 10+

Clerk: M J Mills

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**1. APOLOGIES:** None.

**2. ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chairman said that Clare Griffin had been given an award for her outstanding contribution to sport. The Parish Council will write to congratulate her (Cllrs Fleury and Kennett declared interests as trustees of the Sports Centre).

The Chairman also congratulated FYT Bus on the award of new 2 buses. It was agreed that this was a well-used and excellent service.

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

Item 11 FOFL members Cllrs Kennett, Cameron, Bamford and Hobbs.

Item 15 Cllr Kennett – family involved in the fishing industry.

**4. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2015.**

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, having been circulated, be approved.

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

None

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

Cllr Medland presented his written report.

Cllr Kennett pointed out that the lease of part of the former youth club had not yet been transferred.

Cllr Hinton said that toilets were a vital service on a tourist island with an elderly population.

Cllr Medland said that there was no legal obligation on Isle of Wight Council (IWC) to provide the service and even statutory services were being reduced to a minimum. The number of toilets

was being reduced from 41 to 5. IWC was waiting for the consultation to end but there was reason to worry.

Cllr Wheeler referred to a letter he had received from John Metcalfe, Head of Economy at IWC. It confirmed that public conveniences should be made available to parish councils if they wanted to run them.

Cllr Hobbs questioned whether this had been discussed with the West Wight local councils group and whether there was a possibility of sharing the cost of staff. Cllr Wheeler said it was high on the agenda.

Cllr England said that the toilets at Fort Victoria were operated through the countryside group.

Cllr Bray thanked Cllr Medland for his efforts re litter in Calbourne which had now been cleared by Island Roads.

Cllr Eccles referred to a consultation on housing which was coming in early May.

## **7. CLERKS REPORT.**

### **Island Roads**

The Clerk attended Island Roads annual asset management workshop on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March. In answer to a question re the Military Road Island Roads stated they had no remit to protect the road but they will monitor it for problems.

### **Jubilee Field**

A fence has now been installed by Isle of Wight Council for the Children's Centre which gives concerns for security of the field. It appears that the fence is not fit for purpose as on 31<sup>st</sup> March it was noticed that panels had been damaged although the fence had only just been installed.

On the lease Isle of Wight Council say that they are still waiting to hear back from Education as to whether they will in fact want a break clause inserted into a potential lease should there be a requirement to develop the site for a school. We are told that they are hoping for a final answer next week. The intention assuming a break clause is not required would be to package up Jubilee field, Stroud field, the MUGA and the skate park into one lease.

Cllr Fleury gave some further history on the negotiations regarding the lease and stressed that a 25 year term was needed.

### **Discretionary services**

Following Brighstone Landscaping's successful tender, the Clerk was told by the Isle of Wight Council that they required a licence agreement prior to the handover. After constant reminders in the absence of any progress the Clerk was told on 31<sup>st</sup> March to simply "go ahead". The Clerk has also been in correspondence regarding the responsibilities for litter bins. Having chased IWC regarding the full litter bins at the Skate Park we were eventually told that IWC have now discovered that these are the responsibility of Island Roads. Our contract covers 2 bins at the skate park and 2 bins on Stroud recreation ground.

Cllr Kennett said that IWC had now told IWALC that they intended to provide a single point of contact. Details would be circulated.

### **Spinfish**

Work is needed to tidy up the "phase 2" land which was recently cleared. Brighstone Landscaping have quoted £290 for this work.

## Clerk's appraisal

This was carried out on 24<sup>th</sup> March by Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE AND TABLED DOCUMENTS.

### CORRESPONDENCE

## 9. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

**Resolved** that the following payments be approved

### Payments March 2015 - by internet banking

	£
<b>TOTAL SALARIES</b>	<b>2286.89</b>
HM Rev & Customs PAYE & NIC Payment	1240.34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3527.23</b>

### Cheques drawn for payment 7th April 2015

		£	
Debit Cd LCN Inv 1442679	Business Hosting 2 yr renewal	102.00	paid 11/3
Debit Cd BT Inv SD44324534	2nd line rental Mar + fees	27.60	paid 16/3
Debit Cd IW Council	Avenues Rates Apr	164.20	paid 16/3
400629 Petty Cash	Petty Cash	200.00	iss 24/3
Debit Cd Currys Inv 508821	Ourplace:2 x Galaxy tablets	499.98	paid 28/3
Debit Cd PC World Inv 15999429	Ourplace: for Tablets 2 cases; Keyboard; USB hub	87.96	paid 30/3
Debit Cd BT Inv VP54897270 ref Q031N4	1/4 rent & useage main line	217.23	paid 31/3
400634 S Water Inv 722000772561	Avenues standing chg 15/11/14 - 26/2/15	23.86	
400635 S Water Inv 70108205208	Allotments 30/8/14 - 25/2/15	41.02	
400636 Hants Assoc Local Councils Inv 11790	Fee for Annual Conference – G Cameron	72.00	
400637 MALCO Inv 1172;1185	N Plan meeting; Office elect Feb 2015	112.00	
400638 Clive Fleury	Chairman's Allowance	500.00	
400639 Hillbans Inv P21670	Pest Control Mar 2015	61.80	
400640 Business Supplies Inv 00090149	Stationery	125.64	
400641 IW Computer Geek Inv B707/03/2015	Ourplace: Facebook set up & tutorials	150.00	
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>2385.29</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>5912.52</b>	

## 10. BANK MANDATES.

**Resolved** to remove Jane Blackmore the RFO as a bank signatory and to add Cllr George Cameron to Barclays internet banking.

## 11. POUND GREEN.

A letter had just been received from Mr and Mrs Ball and this would be circulated. Members of the public present confirmed that they were aware of it. The matter would be considered at the Open Spaces Committee meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

## **12. FRESHWATER LIBRARY**

Cllrs Wheeler, Bamford, Hobbs and Hinton expressed their interest in being involved with the steering group.

Cllr Wheeler said the intention was for the Parish Council and FOFL to be involved as the stakeholders and ultimately for a community interest company to be formed.

In answer to a question the Chair of FOFL said that Freshwater Parish Council had been approached first and the intention was then to bring in the right people.

**Resolved** that a steering group be established to prepare proposals and a business plan for the future of this building, such group to work with the Friends of Freshwater Library.

## **13. THE ROYAL STANDARD HOTEL.**

Cllrs Lloyd and Bamford had identified this as an important building and it was right to consider if there was a community use for it.

Cllr Hinton thought it would be unaffordable.

Cllr Eccles said the reserve was £290,000 and it would cost a similar amount to put the building right.

Cllr Kennett said that this would have been suitable for crowdfunding but there was insufficient time to do anything before the auction. If the property did not sell it could be looked at again.

**Resolved** to take no further action at this time other than to monitor the situation.

## **14. WEST WIGHT LOCAL COUNCILS GROUP – REPORT ON MEETING ON 12TH MARCH.**

Cllr Wheeler said it had been well attended. One issue had been the Military Road. Shalfleet had confirmed that they were considering more money for the WWS&CC.

Cllr Fleury said that all county councillors would be invited to the next meeting.

## **15. LENGTHSMAN.**

The Clerk gave details of a job description used by another parish council. Cllr Bamford said it would be very useful to have someone like this for allotments and seats.

It was felt that there would need to be more information about what needed doing and costs. Cllr Hinton suggested a 0 hours contract.

**Resolved** that this be considered at the next Open Spaces Committee meeting.

## **16. MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE.**

Cllr Kennett confirmed that the Needles is still proposed as an MCZ. It will stop some fishing but there is no management plan. It seems likely that boats may not be able to moor and this would have an effect on the economy.

Cllr Eccles said Totland Parish Council had already objected and we should as well.

**Resolved** that a letter of objection should be sent.

## **17. RESPITE CARE & SITTING SERVICE CHARGES**

It was felt that there was insufficient information. The Clerk to seek further details.

## **18. HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY.**

Cllr Lloyd said that this was about prioritising funding. “My life a full life” was part of it.

Cllr Eccles said this was viewed as very important by Isle of Wight Council and accounted for 40% of total income.

**Resolved** that a letter of support be sent.

## **19. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.**

Cllr Lloyd said figures were not yet available but quotes were being requested. The requirements included new desktops and laptops so the amount would be in the thousands. There would be an update for the next meeting. Cllr Bamford said advice was being sought.

## **20. WEBSITE.**

IW Computer Geek had been identified as the best company to deal with this and the quote was very competitive. Several people would be able to edit the site.

Cllr Wheeler asked about other media policy including County Press and asked that a written report be prepared on this.

**Resolved** to accept the quotation from IW Computer Geek.

## **21. OUR PLACE.**

Cllr Kennett confirmed that the report had been accepted and classed as excellent. The next round was for one year and funds were £8000. The initial work had identified a hub as the requirement.

**Resolved** to proceed with the next phase and to note the position on the initial £3000 grant.

## **22. AVENUE ROAD PUBLIC REALM PROPOSALS**

Cllr Wheeler presented his proposals for the enhancement of public realm by the Parish Council at Avenue Road Freshwater. Dealing with Island Roads had been difficult because it appeared that they did not work on schemes but he had met with their engineers.

Cllr Hinton said that local traders were all in favour. He pointed out that the new Co-op would have free parking.

Cllr Eccles suggested seeking public comment and Cllr Wheeler said that he felt this could not be done until he had consent to the scheme. Work had been delayed to April to September so time was short.

## **23. COMMUNITY GRANTS.**

It was **resolved** to give £200 to Freshwater Badminton Development Club and £200 to West Wight Timebank.

Cllr Bray mentioned the cricket club and the Clerk will respond to their letter.

Cllr Eccles asked that a late application be accepted from the Memorial Bungalows. This was agreed and a formal application will be made.

## **24. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES.**

Cllr Cameron said that he had attended the conference and details would be circulated. He urged councillors to carefully consider the information re the community bank which would support local business and charities.

## **25. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.**

Update on Co-op in view of potentially hazardous entrance and exit (GK)  
Community Bank (GC)

**26. 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.**

Staffing issues.

The meeting closed at 9.12