



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4th AUGUST 2015 AT 8.05 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT: Councillors: M Wheeler, (Chair), G Kennett MBE, C Fleury, G Cameron, C Bray, A Bamford, A Harris, B Hobbs, K Lloyd, B Hinton and Sandra Allen.

Members of the public: 0

In attendance: IW Councillor J Medland

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs C Lillywhite and D Eccles.

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

None.

3. TO AGREE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 7th JULY 2015.

It was resolved that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th July, having been circulated, be approved. Arising from that Cllr Hinton mentioned that a coach stop by Dimbola was now under consideration.

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

None

5. TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FROM CLLR MEDLAND TO BECOME A CO-OPTED MEMBER OF THE PARISH COUNCIL (SUBJECT TO PUBLIC NOTICE BEING GIVEN).

It was **resolved** that subject to public notice being given and in the event that an election is not called, Cllr Medland be co-opted as a member of the Parish Council.

6. PARISH COUNCIL PROJECTS AND PROCESS FOR PROJECTS.

It was **resolved** to adopt a formal procedure for projects as prepared by Cllr Wheeler. The procedure would be tried on a project by way of a test.

7. FRESHWATER LIVE – UPDATE.

Cllr Lloyd said that bands were booked. There would be a car boot sale and stall holders were taking up spaces. The library and the Methodist Church were having events. Also the Piano Bar was now involved and there would be busking at the Vine. The website www.Freshwaterlive.info had further information. Marshalls would be needed and as many Parish Councillors as possible would be required to help on the day.

Cllr Medland mentioned that the Rotary Club had trained marshalls.

The stage and marquee would be put up at 6am and taken down the same day.

8. AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC REALM – UPDATE.

Cllr Wheeler had met with Island Roads and had now submitted a scheme to Bill Murphy at Isle of Wight Council. IWC will now price the work and once approved by IWC there would need to be local public consultation. Proposals included a crossing point by the Memorial Hall with village name plate and tree, increased on-street parking and crossing points, and changing the junction at High Street. Isle of Wight Flowers (Baccara Rosa) located in Avenue Road had indicated that they would be interested in the maintenance of planters. As improved safety is to be a priority it is also proposed that the footway would be widened by the Rainbow fish and chip shop. Cllr Hinton said that it was essential to have artisan shops in Avenue Road particularly with new Co-op Store opening. He noted that Ventnor Town Council had taken over their car parks.

Cllr Wheeler said that it was hoped to have a Freshwater and West Wight transportation strategy and that would include car parks.

9. COMMUNICATION AND CONTROL AND OPERATION OF THE FACEBOOK ACCOUNT

The Chairman proposed that Cllr Lloyd manage media. This was agreed and it was also agreed that Cllr Lloyd would be paid an honorarium. Cllr Wheeler said that he was looking at a newsletter to go out every 2 months in the form of an A5 flyer to be known as the “Freshwater Flyer”. Cllr Lloyd said that the key to success of the communication strategy would be input from all councillors. ACTION – all councillors to give items for publication to Cllr Lloyd.

10. THE AVENUES SITE. TO CONSIDER THE VALUATION AND TO DECIDE THE FUTURE USE OR DISPOSAL OF THIS SITE.

It was resolved to market the property at an asking price of £37500. ACTION – Clerk.

11. TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF THE PARISH COUNCIL’S INSURANCE (RENEWAL DATE 14TH AUGUST).

It was resolved to accept the quotation from Zurich and to enter into a long term agreement for 5 years. ACTION – Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.