



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2016 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: M Wheeler (Chair), G Cameron, G Kennett MBE, C Fleury, Brenda Hobbs, T Nicholson, V Lowthion, D Eccles and J Medland.

Members of the public: 1

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES. Cllrs. C Bray, A Bamford, A Harris and B Hinton MBE.

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th September 2016 having been circulated were agreed. It was noted that the meeting with Gift to Nature was being rescheduled. Also with regard to item 12 of the minutes Cllr Wheeler had now met with Island Roads. Cllr Wheeler had now replaced Cllr Medland as the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils representative for the meeting on transport issues (item 14 of the minutes).

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

Item 10 Cllr Kennett, item 17 Cllr Wheeler and item 9 Cllr Fleury.

4. A DAY AT THE BAY

David Ballard thanked the Parish Council for its financial contribution which he said had been very helpful. David said that the event had been successful and people had already been asking for it to be repeated next year. David would again be applying for a community grant and he was hoping that the Parish Council would consider £400 to £500.

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

A representative from Freshwater Cricket Club was present re item 20. He said that the club now needed to replace the cricket square which had been purchased second hand 2 years ago. It had been repaired but it was at the end of its life. The club had recently been promoted to division 1. The mat would cost about £3000 to buy and £8000 to have a professional installation. However the club were willing to install it themselves. Also there were concerns about the condition of the outfield as the area which was used as the main football pitch had become barren and needed rolling and reseeded.

The cricket club will investigate pricing further and come back with a definitive price.

Cllr Fleury asked that matches be advertised so that the community would have the opportunity of spectating.

Cllr Wheeler would be meeting with Sport England. He mentioned the lack of changing facilities.

Cllr Hobbs suggested a 400 metre running track.

Cllr Kennett said that there may be grants available from Public Health and National Lottery sport capital (launching next April).

Cllr Wheeler felt that this had highlighted a need to sit down with the WWS&CC to review the existing service agreement. The figures for Jubilee Field for the year ending March 2016 had been circulated to Councillors.

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

Cllr Medland mentioned the 5 giant pines next to the school which were in trouble.

7. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Library

Transfer of Freshwater Library to the Parish Council has now been completed.

Island Roads

Have repaired bin by Memorial Hall.

The Sheilings

E mails sent to Southern Housing Group re a damaged wall at the Sheilings.

Isle of Wight Day

Bunting put around Freshwater and Council property (approx. 450 metres used). All 3 miles of bunting supplied to the Parish Council was distributed.

Newcomers Lunch

This has now been postponed to 2017 (probably early October) and will be a biennial event.

Football posts

Request received from the football club to deal with loose football posts.

Audit

External audit has now been completed.

My life a full life

The Clerk has attended 2 meetings with MLAFL.

Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils

IWALC are meeting with Isle of Wight Council on 24th October. I have asked them to raise the issue of the transfer of public toilets and also an issue relating to delegation of powers where local councils do not themselves have powers for functions which are being supported eg enforcement officers.

IWALC have helpfully shared information from Ryde Town Council (including advice from their solicitors) about their approach to transfer of the toilets.

Office

New locks have been installed and signs have been ordered with a view to moving the entrance to the rear door.

20 is Plenty Conference

Cllrs Medland and Nicholson are attending this.

Spectrum

Cllr Fleury asked about meeting with Spectrum and Cllrs Wheelers and Fleury will meet with the Clerk on 10th October to prepare an agenda.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

9. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – LIST CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION.

The following payments were approved.

<u>Payments September / October 2016 - by internet banking</u>		£	Paid
IB	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning August	638.00 1/9
IB	Honnor & Jeffrey Ltd Inv 2	Allotments; Prize Vouchers	100.00 23/9
IB	Hybrid Action Sports Inv 002/2016	Skatepark; Competition	282.00 23/9
IB	Southern Water Inv 700002088184	Allotments; Charges 26/2-25/8/16	221.21 23/9
IB	SMC Bookkeeping Services Inv 269	Bookkeeping August	208.00 23/9
IB	Salaries	September Salaries	2,036.61 30/9
IB	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC Jul-Sept 16	859.09 14/10
<u>Direct debit payments during September / October 2016</u>			
DD	SSE Inv 0002	Moa Place Toilets; Electricity	56.92 10/9
DD	SSE Inv 0002	Gate Lane Toilets; Electricity	40.29 10/9
DD	IW Council	The Avenues Business Rates October	169.00 1/10
DD	IW Council	Moa Place Toilets Business Rates	223.00 1/10
DD	IW Council	Gate Lane Toilets Business Rates	322.00 1/10
DD	BT Inv QO37 AD	Broadband Charges 1/9-30/11/16	90.00 5/10
<u>Debit Card payments during September 2016</u>		£	
D/Card	Amazon 026-1140263-0262710	Open Spaces; Bulbs	20.28 5/9
D/Card	Amazon 026-4297867-623567	Open Spaces; Bulbs	9.71 7/9
D/Card	SLCC	Annual Membership - 17/8/16- 31/7/17	149.00 9/9
D/Card	Microsoft Inv E05002QKVY	Office 365 Software	72.00 20/9
D/Card	Microsoft Inv E05002QJBZ	Office 365 Software	224.64 20/9
D/Card	NEST	Pension Contributions September	23.97 23/9
<u>Cheques drawn for approval 4 October 2016</u>			
100045	HM Land Registry	Library	5.00 2/9
100046	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	Skatepark; Refuse Sacks	5.38 6/9

100047	Hillbans Pest Control Ltd	Pest Control August - Brookside Road	63.16	6/9
100048	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Grounds Maintenance	1,271.50	6/9
100049	JS Carpentry Inv 084	Skatepark; Repairs	482.00	6/9
100050	Southern Water Inv 702001732131	Avenues; Charges 17/5-6/9/16	31.50	4/10
100051	Brighstone Landscaping Inv 19627	Jubilee Field	96.00	4/10
<u>Petty Cash for approval October 2016</u>				
PC 242	W Hurst & Son F3439905	Cable ties	3.25	31/8
PC 243	Sainsburys SO4868	Just Ask; Refreshments	1.75	7/9
PC 244	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	Cable Ties	8.78	15/9
PC 245	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	Cable Ties	8.78	16/9
PC 246	Co-Op 000181	Meeting Refreshments	3.88	20/9
PC 247	Sugarloaf	Just Ask; Refreshments	15.00	20/9
TOTAL			£7,741.70	

10. REMEMBRANCE DAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2016 – DONATION TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION.

Cllr Fleury had been looking into options and steps up to the Memorial could be constructed for £410. However permission of the church diocese would be required and it was understood that this would take some 3 months to get a response.

It was agreed to make a £50 donation for one wreath.

11. MY LIFE A FULL LIFE. TO CONSIDER THE PARISH COUNCIL'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS PROJECT.

The Clerk gave a summary of discussions and meetings to date. He mentioned in particular the proposal that Freshwater Parish Council should carry out the public engagement for MLAFL for which funding of £5000 per annum would probably be available. The funding could be used to pay additional staff hours which the work would require.

Cllr Kennett gave a summary of the MLAFL program.

It was agreed to support further discussions on this.

12. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. TO CONSIDER THE ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT (ATTACHED FOR COUNCILLORS).

Cllr Fleury summarized the report. He circulated details of "mistletoe stars" decorations which cost £210 per item. It was agreed to purchase 3 of these (bright white and blue). Bunting was not required. The remainder of the report was approved.

Cllr Wheeler reported that Rapanui were willing to have a tree and would supply the electricity. For future years Fort Victoria and Jubilee Field could be considered for additional Christmas lights.

13. SKATE PARK – APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE COMPETITION – WIGHT TRASH £218 AND HYBRID ACTION SPORTS £282.

This was agreed.

14. GATE LANE TOILETS – TO NOTE THE POSITION WITH REGARD TO RATES AND TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO APPEAL AGAINST THE DECISION TO RATE THE BUILDING.

Cllr Kennett reported that the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils had been informed that as a result of lobbying by the National Association of Local Councils the government had agreed that stand alone public conveniences would be exempt from business rates. The implementation date was not yet known. It was noted that the advice was that an appeal would be unsuccessful and therefore should not be pursued in the circumstances. The effect on the budget should be taken into account.

15. TO APPROVE ITEM 7 OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2016.

This was agreed. Cllr Wheeler was meeting with the architects on site on 10th October.

16. FRESHWATER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. TO CONSIDER DELEGATING AUTHORITY FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE.

This was agreed.

17. TO CONSIDER MANAGEMENT/MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNCIL ASSETS - ASSET MANAGER OR WORKING GROUP?

Cllr Wheeler said that it had proved difficult to view the assets with Cllr Eccles as had been envisaged. He felt it was time to appoint an asset manager. He thought it could be 8 hours per month.

An approach should be made to the contractor Totland Parish Council had been using.

18. NORTON GREEN DRAINAGE – TO APPROVE QUOTATION FROM GROUNDSELLS.

Cllr Wheeler said that some tidying work for necessary, He was still in discussion with the contractor but the figure was £240. This was agreed.

19. COMMUNITY GRANTS. APPLICATION BY SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB. TO NOTE THE POSITION WITH REGARD TO THE GRANT GIVEN TO THE YOUNG GOLFER AND TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER PROVISION.

The application from the short mat bowls club should be passed to the Memorial Arts and Leisure Company.

The Parish Council would look on a further application from the golfer favourably.

20. TO COMMENT ON ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL'S IMPROVEMENTS TO MEDINA LEISURE CENTRE.

Cllr Kennett had been looking into this. It appeared that it had been approved by full council but the business case had not been released.

Cllr Hobbs pointed out that a lot of money had also been spent at the Heights not very long ago.

Cllr Wheeler said that decisions were needed for future years and he suggested writing to other town and parish councils regarding this.

Cllr Lowthion said that people came from other parts of the Island to use the West Wight Sports and Community Centre and this was an island issue not just an issue for the West Wight.

21. JUBILEE FIELD. TO CONSIDER THE COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITIES RE EQUIPMENT. TO NOTE THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31ST MARCH 2016.

This had been dealt with at item 5 above.

22. FUNDING BID TEAM – UPDATE FROM CLLR WHEELER.

Cllr Wheeler had spoken with 2 bid writers, one of whom was prepared to offer training.

Cllr Eccles suggested this could be something IWALC could offer.

Cllr Cameron will speak with Michael Bulpitt and Cllr Medland will contact Steve Blamire.

The matter will then be considered at the November meeting.

23. AVENUE ROAD – UPDATE FROM CLLR WHEELER.

Cllr Wheeler had met with Island Roads on 3rd October. preparatory work would be commencing 23rd January 2017 (kerbing and drainage) and surfacing on 6th March (night working).

Footways and street furniture were included and the agreed cost was to a maximum of £21000.

Also work on Princess Road was due to start on 24th October and would last 4 weeks.

24. AVENUE ROAD BUSINESS COMMUNITY (ABC) – UPDATE AND TO CONSIDER HOW TO FURTHER ENGAGE WITH THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

Cllr Cameron was preparing terms of reference with a view to establishing a formal body.

Cllr Medland was happy to deliver a letter with the news.

Several businesses had expressed an interest but had not joined.

25. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM SUB-GROUPS, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMITTEES.

The minutes of the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee meeting had been circulated. Cllr Kennett pointed out the income from an honesty box for toilets.

Cllr Hobbs said that there had been a meeting of the Patient Participation Group. A 3rd doctor had now been recruited for 30 hours per week. The company set up had been agreed.

26. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

None.

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.

27. TO CONSIDER AN OFFER FOR SALE OF THE AVENUES BUILDING (FORMER AVENUES DAY CENTRE)

An offer to purchase the property was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.