



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2017 AT 6.55 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: M Wheeler (Chair), C Fleury, C Bray, A Bamford, A Harris, G Kennett
MBE, Brenda Hobbs, B Hinton MBE, J Medland, T Nicholson and V Lowthion.

ABSENT: Cllr D Eccles.

Members of the public: 7, IW County Press

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES: Cllrs G Cameron.

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 7th MARCH 2017.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th March 2017 having been circulated were agreed (TN/AB).

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

Cllr Bray item 20 (school governor)

Cllr Kennett item 14.

**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).**

None

6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Utilities

Contracts for the Library and toilets have now been concluded with assistance from Utilitywise PLC giving sizeable savings.

Stroud Playing Fields/Jubilee Field/MUGA/skate park

The Clerk has been successful in obtaining the title deeds.

Asset manager

The Clerk has given the asset manager a tour around the parish assets and work is now underway and the asset manager has inspected bridges and Moa Place toilets.

My Life a full Life

Meetings attended on 28th March and 4th April.

Letter to Shirley Miles

The Chairman has sent a letter on behalf of the Parish Council to Shirley Miles to congratulate her on her recent award at the IW Sports Achievement.

IWC Regeneration team

Meeting arranged with Chairman and Vice chair to meet Director and Assistant director of regeneration.

Staff appraisals

Staff appraisals have now taken place.

The Avenues

A query of the terms of the overage provisions is causing further delays.

Furniture for the Tennyson Suite

New tables have been identified and sample materials have been requested.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The following items were approved.

<u>Payments March / April 2017 - by internet banking</u>		£	Paid
IB	Island Cleaning Solutions Inv 42-16-17	Toilets; Cleaning February	638.00 3/3
IB	Cross Country Services Inv CCS-16/108	Tree Work; Moa Place	150.00 23/3
IB	March Salaries & Expenses	March Salaries & Expenses	3,177.07 30/3
IB	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NIC Jan-Mar 17	1,531.33 13/4
INTERNET BANKING SUB TOTAL		5,496.40	
<u>Direct debit payments during March / April 2017</u>		£	
DD	Southern Water Inv 70110159889	Avenues; Water	38.18 1/3
DD	Southern Water Inv 70110155925	Gate Lane Toilets; Water	1,241.49 1/3
DD	Southern Water Inv 70110201697	Moa Place Toilets; Water	169.93 10/3
DD	Southern Electric	Invoice to follow	41.25 13/3
DD	Southern Electric	Invoice to follow	112.84 13/3
DD	IW Council	The Avenues Business Rates	161.60 1/4
DD	IW Council	Moa Place Toilets Business Rates	178.74 1/4
DD	IW Council	Gate Lane Toilets Business Rates	184.70 1/4
DD	IW Council	Library Business Rates	514.80 1/4
DD	BT Inv Q039 I9	Telephone & Broadband	222.66 4/4
DIRECT DEBIT SUB TOTAL		2,866.19	
<u>Debit Card payments during March 2017</u>		£	
D/Card	Wightlink 6055728	Training; Travel 2/3	47.75 1/3

D/Card	LCN.com Ref LCN1795429	Just Ask; Domain 1 Year	29.94	3/3
D/Card	Dropbox	IT, Monthly Subscription	7.99	7/3
D/Card	NEST	Pension contributions March	45.74	24/3
DEBIT CARD SUB TOTAL			131.42	
<u>Cheques drawn for approval 4 April 2017</u>				Issued
100114	MALCO Inv 1691	Parish Office Suite Rent March	847.08	7/3
100115	West Wight Timebank	Community Grant	300.00	
100116	The Wave Project	Community Grant	300.00	
100117	Julia Margaret Cameron Trust	Community Grant	300.00	
100118	Freshwater Early Years Centre	Community Grant	300.00	
100119	IW Music Dance & Drama Festival	Community Grant	100.00	
100120	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd Inv 20222	Grounds Maintenance	1,199.50	
100121	HALC Inv 1336	Training; Planning Framework 2/3	144.00	
100122	MALCO Inv 1687	Consultation; Hall Hire 25/1	253.50	
100123	JS Carpentry Inv 101	Skatepark; Repairs	242.00	
100124	SMC Bookkeeping Services Inv 309	Bookkeeping February	260.00	
100125	Island 2000 Charitable Trust Inv 124	2016/17 Gift to Nature	800.00	
100126	Protected Species Ecology Inv PSE 0637	Allotments; Fencing	5,114.54	
100127	Arbutus Inv Arb201730	Benches	550.00	
100128	Amazing Glazing	Library; Deposit	400.00	21/3
100129	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd Inv 20261	Open Spaces; Extra Works	552.00	
100130	nPower Inv LGU228GG	Library; Electricity	546.18	
100131	WWS&CCT Ltd Inv 5058	MUGA; Lighting February	10.67	
100132	PJ.elements Inv 000081	Stroud; Funding Plan	135.00	
100133	SLCC	Training; Clerk Qualification	50.00	28/3
100134	Mark Adams Maintenance Inv 10034	Allotment; Signage	15.00	
100034	Mark Adams Maintenance Inv 10035	Stroud Rec; Signage	30.00	
100035	WWS&CT Inv 5063	Just Ask; Photocopying	14.58	
CHEQUES SUB TOTAL			12,464.05	
<u>Petty Cash for approval 4 April 2017</u>				Paid
PC 267	St Mary's Hospital	MLAFL; Parking	1.40	7/2
PC 268	LCPD	Training; Parking	4.40	2/3
PC 269	St Mary's Hospital	MLAFL; Parking	1.40	7/3
PC 270	Co-Op 000068	Meeting Refreshments	3.00	21/3
PETTY CASH SUB TOTAL			10.20	
TOTAL			£20,968.26	

9. FRESHWATER CRICKET CLUB. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE CRICKET FACILITIES AT JUBILEE FIELD.

Members of the cricket club were present and a document was received. A representative of the club stated that in order to access grants the assistance of the owner of the land was required. Bembridge Parish Council had gone through the same process with Stein Park and they had established a working group. The club now had youth cricket. The cost of a new cricket square

was in the region of £10,000 and it would have a life of 15 to 20 years. Stuart Chatfield the Isle of Wight Cricket Development Manager would be pleased to support this.

Cllr Lowthion asked about having a board for home games so that the public would know when matches were taking place.

It was agreed to establish a user group with the Parish Council, West Wight Sports and Community Centre and users. It was suggested that the first objective of the group should be to look at funding for the cricket pitch.

10. VANDALISM IN THE PARISH. CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNICATION FROM LOCAL RESIDENT.

An e mail from a local resident was read out. It complained of 2 incidents of vandalism which the police had been unable to resolve.

Cllr Kennett suggested passing this to Sergeant Ged Armitage.

Cllr Wheeler referred to Parish Council assets and whether CCTV would be appropriate to ensure that they were protected but Cllr Lowthion felt that this would give the wrong message.

Cllr Hobbs felt that information should be given to the community.

11. FRESHWATER VILLAGE EVENT – TARGET DATE 15TH JULY.

Cllr Wheeler said that an event could be organized to coincide with a splash and dash event at the West Wight Sports and Community Centre on 15th July. However it was noted that this date was also the date for Rhythm Tree and Island Pride. It was agreed that an event should be supported but an alternative date should be arranged with the WWS&CC.

(Note the date is now Saturday 17th June 2017.)

12. COMMUNITY SEATS FOR BOTH THE SHORT AND LONG RAILWAY LINE: END OF THE LINE CAFÉ TO THE CAUSEWAY BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY BRIDGE TO YARMOUTH. REPORT FROM CLLR KENNETT ATTACHED.

Cllr Kennett said that a survey had been carried out which showed that people would use the old railway line more if there were strategically placed seats.

It was resolved to provide 2 seats. Cllr Kennett would speak to Graham Biss.

Dale Sloan would be invited to cut the ribbon for the “opening”.

13. ALLOTMENTS. TO CONSIDER THE NEXT STEPS TO INCLUDE, WATER SUPPLY AND FENCING/HEDGING.

Cllr Bamford said that the allotment holders had been consulted. It was urgent to dispose of rubbish. There had been a second meeting on site and Cllr Bamford was grateful for the technical advice that Cllr Eccles had supplied. The water supply was now on. Rubbish would need 2 or 3 collections.

Allotment holders did not feel that a footpath was necessary.

Cllr Bamford said that she had quotes for 2 types of fencing but she preferred the agricultural type. Hedging could be added.

The cost of water would be in the region of £2000 to £3000 and that would include an additional tap.

Total cost would be less than £5000. The quotes so far were £2111.50 for water and £1235 or £773 for fencing.

Cllr Bamford said that it was unfortunate about the water pipes being damaged during the works but the pipes were 10 years old and were near the end of their useful life.

It was agreed that this was urgent and that the work should be done. Also the Parish Council should investigate a new site for allotments.

Cllr Kennett pointed out that some Totland residents were on the waiting list and Totland Parish Council had been asked to look into whether it should be providing allotments.

14. TO APPROVE PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT 2ND MEETING OF ABCD (ASSET BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT) ON 24TH MAY 2017 IN HODGEHILL, BIRMINGHAM. PROPOSED THAT CLLR KENNETT ATTEND WITH THE JUST ASK OFFICER. COST TO INCLUDE TRAVEL AND OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION.

Cllr Kennett said that she and the Just Ask Officer were hoping to go along with the local area coordinator and a representative of Public Health. They would take a car and use budget type accommodation. She estimated costs as in the region of £600.

Cllr Fleury said the project had received much praise from the community.

15. HORSE CHESTNUT TREE IN QUEENS ROAD.

The Clerk had been in touch with Wayne Isaacson and this would be a future agenda item.

16. THE TELEPHONE BOX AT MOA PLACE (JM).

Cllr Medland said that BT were disposing of all their boxes. He understood they were costing £3000 per annum. He felt that the box at Moe Place should be retained.

Cllr Hobbs said that this was the K6 box and it was listed.

Cllr Kennett suggested it could be used for a defibrillator.

Agreed that BT should be approached re all telephone boxes in the Parish but making specific reference to Moe Place.

17. DOG FOULING (JM)

Cllr Medland said that he did not think that the current posters were working. There were other posters being used elsewhere which referred to £1000 fine etc.

Cllr Bamford suggested looking online for posters.

Cllr Wheeler suggested meeting with the Environment Officer and also speaking with the Clerk at Totland Parish Council.

18. AFTON ROAD (JM)

Cllr Medland said that he had been in touch with Island Roads about 3 elements

- a) a cycle route from the end of the current cycle way in Afton Road to Freshwater Bay
- b) the pavement by the garage and
- c) parking on the pavement.

Cllr Wheeler said that c) could only be addressed by double yellow lines.

Cllr Harris said that it was not good for tourism to have double yellow lines everywhere.

A member of the public said that there was a problem with parking on both sides of the road near the Bay.

Cllr Bray pointed out that the Military Road had been well managed as a clearway.

Cllr Wheeler suggested asking Island Roads for their input.

Cllr Nicholson said that he had requested a site meeting with IR.

Cllr Kennett said that IW Association of Local Councils was seeking a meeting with Island Roads.

Cllr Hobbs expressed her concerns about a cycle track as it might narrow the road.

19. SOVEREIGN (FORMERLY SPECTRUM HOUSING GROUP) – REPORT OF MEETING ON 15TH MARCH (CF).

Cllr Fleury said that Sovereign were offering to put in bollards but had said that there was no money for anything else. The contact is Michele Leahy. A meeting has been requested with the chairman.

Cllr Wheeler said that Sovereign had now written to residents saying that 4 timber bollards would be installed. Sovereign were offering to pay for the installation costs and were expecting the Parish Council to pay for the bollards themselves. Currently the Parish Council were waiting to hear from the line manager.

Cllr Fleury said that the white lines which had been installed looked like parking bays. There was a need to protect the grassed area.

20. SAPPHIRE JUBILEE OF HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II – TO CONSIDER STEPS TO COMMEMORATE THIS EVENT, FOR EXAMPLE, COMMEMORATIVE COINS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN (CB).

This was agreed. It was noted that there were 95 children at All Saints and also children at the pre-school should be included. The date was 2nd June 2017.

21. CHARTER FOR TREES, WOODS AND PEOPLE – TO CONSIDER BECOMING A CHARTER BRANCH.

This was agreed. Also green flag awards should be investigated. Cllr Bray would speak with Pete Johnstone.

22. TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR CHALE, CHILLERTON AND GATCOMBE AND NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCILS INITIATIVE RE SOUTHERN VECTIS COASTER SERVICE.

This was agreed.

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

Cllr Fleury said that West Wight had received £5000 grant for youth services but most areas had received £20000. He pointed out that the West Wight Sports and Community Centre did a lot of out reach work.

Cllr Medland thought it would have been calculated based on population.

24. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Jubilee Field – date for user group and date for event.

Stroud Playing Fields – to consider renaming of the area.

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.

25. THE LIBRARY. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHASE 1.

Arrangements for the library were approved.

26. TO APPROVE QUOTATION FOR PROPOSED WORK AT FRESHWATER BAY.

Groundsells quotation was approved.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm