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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd MAY 2017 AT 6.55 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: M Wheeler (Chair), C Fleury, C Bray, A Bamford, G Cameron G Kennett MBE, Brenda Hobbs, B Hinton MBE (from item 9), D Eccles, J Medland and V Lowthion (from item 14).

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: M J Mills

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. A Harris and T Nicholson.

- 2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4th APRIL 2017.**
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th April 2017 having been circulated were agreed (CF/GK). Cllr Wheeler said by way of update that the meeting with the regeneration team had been cancelled and another meeting date was awaited.

- 3. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**
None.

- 4. QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES).**
None present.

- 5. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY CLLRS/QUESTION AND UPDATE SESSION (UP TO 15 MINUTES FROM BOTH CLLRS).**
Given the forthcoming elections and the purdah associated with that there was nothing of importance. Cllr Medland was considering standing down from the Parish Council if re-elected to the Isle of Wight Council on 4th May to give Cllr Nicholson a chance to co-opted back onto the Council given Cllr Nicholson had no seat after the election.

- 6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.**
Asset manager

Reports now available on Old Ambulance Station, Gate Lane and Moa Place toilets and bridges. The asset manager is awaiting a copy of the survey on the Memorial Hall (arranged by Totland PC). Cllr Fleury suggested that it would be useful for councillors to meet with the asset manager.

My Life a full Life

Meeting attended on 20th April.

Environment Officer

The Chairman and the Clerk have met with one of the Council's Environment Officers.

The Avenues

A letter has been sent to Isle of Wight Council re overage terms.

Payroll Manager

Software to be renewed for 1 year at cost of £65 plus VAT.

New councillors

Letters sent out to new councillors re first meeting.

Commemorative coins

The Clerk has to date been unable to source any coins commemorating the Queen's Sapphire Jubilee.

Library

£100 payment made to Isle of Wight Council re pre-planning advice.

Toilets

Wallgate Contract being renewed (7.5% increase to £139 per unit per annum). The contract is a joint venture involving a number of Town and Parish Councils.

Skate Park

The Clerk has made a statement to the police re a fire at the skate park (minimal damage).

Manorial land by Windmill Lane

Bollards being installed today. Telephone call from resident of adjoining property received querying the reason for this and raising concern of access being blocked.

Cllr Wheeler said that the response from Sovereign to previous correspondence had not been helpful. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Broken shop window

Report from local business today of broken window and request for CCTV.

Agreed that an urgent meeting with the police be requested.

BT Telephone box at Moa Place

BT have confirmed that this is in use and there are no plans to remove it (although box in Avenue Road is being removed).

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following payments were approved

£ **Paid**

Payments April 2017 - by internet banking

IB	Island Cleaning Solutions Inv 45-16-17	Toilets; Cleaning March	638.00	31/3
IB	SMC Bookkeeping Services	Bookkeeping March	396.71	7/4
IB	Jewson	Library; Building Repairs	3,000.00	7/4
INTERNET BANKING SUB TOTAL			4,034.71	

Direct debit payments during April / May 2017

			£	
D/Debit	nPower	Library; Electricity 1/12/16-28/2/17	546.18	5/4
D/Debit	IW Council	The Avenues Business Rates	163.00	1/5
D/Debit	IW Council	Moa Place Toilets Business Rates	182.00	1/5
D/Debit	IW Council	Gate Lane Toilets Business Rates	184.00	1/5
D/Debit	IW Council	Library Business Rates	513.00	1/5
DIRECT DEBIT SUB TOTAL			1,588.18	

Debit Card payments during April 2017

			£	
D Card	Corona Energy Inv 11896780	Library; Gas Feb 17 - Mar 17	145.22	31/3
D Card	Dropbox International	IT, monthly subscription	7.99	5/4
D Card	Livedrive Internet Limited	Cloud Backup 1 year	15.00	5/4
D Card	Southern Water	Library; Water 12/9/16-31/3/17	101.76	7/4
DEBIT CARD SUB TOTAL			269.97	

Cheques drawn for approval 2 May 2017

				Issued
100136	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Seats; Extra Works	201.89	31/3
100137	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Allotment; Signage	15.00	31/3
100138	Robert Allen	Asset Management	90.00	4/4
100140	Brighstone Landscaping	Grounds Maintenance March	1,199.50	18/4
100141	Isle of Wight Sports Foundation	2017 Affiliation Fee	6.00	18/4
100142	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Library; Maintenance	32.50	18/4
100142	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Meeting Room; Table Repairs	15.00	18/4
100143	Memorial Hall Arts & Leisure Co.	Parish Office Suite Rent April	847.08	18/4
100144	Totland Parish Council	Toilets; Consumable Supplies	364.46	18/4
100145	Ricoh UK Ltd	Photocopier rent & charges	263.75	24/4
100146	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Stroud & Jubilee; Maintenance	1,500.00	24/4
100147	WWS&CCT	Annual Payment 2017-18	30,000.00	2/5
CHEQUES SUB TOTAL			34,535.18	

TOTAL**£40,428.04****9. TO CONSIDER A NAME CHANGE FOR STROUD PLAYING FIELDS. SUGGESTED OPTIONS WERE**

- **STROUD RECREATION GROUND**
- **STROUD GREEN**
- **STROUD**
- **STROUD FIELD**

It was agreed to use "The Stroud" but this would be the subject of public consultation in due course. In the meantime it was resolved in put up signs with the Council's name, office contact (telephone) and logo.

10. SIGNS AT STROUD PLAYING FIELDS.

The steering group would prepare a schedule of existing signs detailing whose responsibility they were. Cllr Fleury suggested there should be provision for “no mechanised vehicles without permission”.

11. JUBILEE FIELD – DATE FOR USER GROUP.

Cllr Wheeler reported that he had met with the West Wight Sports and Community Centre manager and he had also tried to contact Jan Cave from West Wight youth football (without success). Cllr Wheeler felt that it would be best to speak face to face with each group then pull things together.

Cllr Wheeler mentioned that the Freshwater Cricket Club had had to reschedule some home games and they only had one fixture on Jubilee Field this summer.

12. FURNITURE FOR THE TENNYSON SUITE. TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF NEW TABLES AND OR INTERACTIVE WHITEBOARD. TABLES COSTS ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY £2000 FOR 6 TRAPEZOIDAL AND 8 RECTANGULAR TABLES (SIZE 1400 X 800). WHITEBOARD IN THE REGION OF £1000.

This was approved. A walnut finish for tables was preferred.

13. FRESHWATER SUMMER FETE 17TH JUNE 2017 – ARRANGEMENTS.

Cllr Wheeler had met with Spyder on 2nd May. It was suggested that posters needed to be produced quickly.

14. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

Cllr Bamford said that she had met with the contractor on 28th April. He had recommended a 2 pipe system from the meter which would improve flow but was slightly more expensive. Pipes would follow the path and would not be under any plots. The position of the fence would be just in front of the underground fence. Some rubbish had now been cleared so probably only one collection would be needed by the contractors.

Water pipes would be at 900mm depth.

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

None

16. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Manorial land by Windmill Lane re Sovereign Housing’s response and the legal agreement. CCTV/police.

Asset manager to meet councillors.

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.

17. TO CONSIDER AND OR APPROVE A QUOTATION FOR REINFORCED HARDSTANDING FOR NEW BENCH FROM LEON BICHENO AS FOLLOWS - CONCRETE REINFORCED HARDSTANDING FOR NEW BENCH, REMOVE SOIL AND TAKE TO SPINFISH LANE TO FILL IN SPACE BY OUTFALL AND TO GRASS SEED NEW SOIL BY OUTFALL.

The quotation was approved.

18. 51-53 SCHOOL GREEN ROAD, FRESHWATER. TO CONSIDER ACQUISITION OF THIS PROPERTY (NOTE SALE BY AUCTION ON 5TH MAY – PRICE GUIDE £105,000 TO £115,000).

Resolved not to proceed with this.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.