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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF
THE MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett MBE (Chair), A Bamford, C Fleury, Brenda Hobbs, C Bray, B Hinton MBE (to end of item 22), G Cameron (from item 11), D Eccles, D James, V Lowthion and G Metcalf.

Members of the public: 2. IW Cllr J Medland.

Clerk: M J Mills

1. **APOLOGIES.** Cllrs Wheeler and Harris. Cllr Cameron apologised for being unable to attend the start of the meeting due to attending the Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee.
2. **TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 4TH JULY AND 15TH AUGUST 2017.**
The minutes having been circulated were approved.
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.
5. **TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY CLLRS/QUESTION AND UPDATE SESSION (UP TO 15 MINUTES FROM BOTH CLLRS).**
Cllr Hinton congratulated Cllr Medland on his success regarding the number 12 bus route. Cllr Medland had submitted a written report. He asked that an item be put on the October agenda re the boat park at Freshwater Bay. He said that the Freshwater Independent Lifeboat were keen to be involved and he would arrange a meeting.
It was pointed out that so far as the written report was concerned that the West Wight local councils meeting had been arranged by Yarmouth TC.
Cllr Fleury congratulated the ward councillors for their work in getting lids on the dog waste bins.
6. **CLERKS REPORT – CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.**

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West and Central Locality group meeting attended on 5th September. The Clerk gave some details of this.

Trees

Tree work at the Stroud carried out on 14th July. This included felling of a lime tree much to the distress of a local resident who felt that more could have been done to save it.*

Urgent tree work done by Will Cross on 28th July as per clerk's e mail.

The tree survey has now been completed. This has been shared with councillors on dropbox. The Parish Council's trees have been numbered with metal tags and the report sets out a suggested maintenance schedule. The urgent work has been put in hand.

* Cllrs Bray and Fleury had met with the resident and she was working with the Council on the planting of a new tree.

Cllr Bray expanded on the tree survey.

Goals at Jubilee Field

Brighstone Landscaping repaired the pitch beneath the goal posts as reported to the July meeting. Watering proved more of an issue than had been envisaged and the contractors were instructed to water the area in order to save the new grass.

Handyman

Has carried out a number of small jobs including clearance of the Avenues and stream clearance.

Freshwater Live

In order to ensure that power was available at the Skate Park the Clerk and the handyman checked the electric box. This was found to be in need of repair but was in useable condition for the event.

Toilets

Report received of a person being locked in the public toilets at Moa Place on Saturday 22nd July. The key holder was on site fairly quickly to deal with the situation but a new procedure has been put in place to make sure that this does not happen again. An apology has been given to the person concerned.

A number of issues were dealt with regarding blocked toilets and difficulties with flushing.

Cllrs felt that a cleaning schedule might help.

Police

PCSO Mike Thornton visited the Parish office on 24th July. The police have been working with local shopkeepers on crime prevention. Also it is suggested that the police will visit parish meetings twice per annum, probably February and September starting in February.

On several days in August the Clerk worked with the police to assist in gaining access to CCTV footage. This was in connection with a fatal road accident. The Parish office obtained the software and lent the laptop to the police which enabled footage to be reviewed.

The Stroud

Complaint received from resident about people coming through the fence and onto her private property. Wire mesh fence said to have been removed before the Parish took control of the premises. The handyman will quote for this work.

Avenue Road

Numerous enquiries have been dealt with from the public regarding the forthcoming works. Parking permits are being issued from this week.

Regeneration

The Clerk attended a meeting at County Hall with the Director of Regeneration on 14th August along with the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr Wheeler.

Afton Road

Island Roads have received a request for double yellow lines along Afton Road. Having discussed the matter with the Parish office, the District steward will recommend no parking signs similar to the Military Road along with yellow lines opposite the coach park.

Granny's Meade

Attempts to find sheep to graze this land have so far been unsuccessful.

Bulbs at Spinfish

The Rotary Club have asked for permission to plant Crocus Corms on the Manorial land adjacent to the Old Ambulance Station. This is in connection with Rotary's worldwide campaign to eradicate polio, The purple crocus is a symbol representing the purple dye used to mark the finger of a child to indicate they have received their life saving oral polio vaccine.

Library

Lifeline have now completed works to the alarm and fire call point.

E mail

There had been a couple of occasions of the freshwaterpc@btconnect.com account having been hacked. The Clerk asked that Councillors please now use the clerk@freshwater-parish.org.uk account and beware of any unusual e mails from the other account.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

Payments were approved as per appendix A to the Minutes.

9. JUBILEE FIELD/STROUD – TO CONSIDER TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE WORKING GROUP.

Cllr Metcalf felt that the 2 areas should be combined.

Cllr Fleury said that it was a case of bigger the better so far as grant applications were concerned. The MP had indicated that he would be willing to bring the sports minister. There was a need for consultation as with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Chair said that this could be chaired chaired by a parish councillor but there was a need to consider the users.

Cllr Hobbs pointed out that there was already a plan for the Stroud and that nothing had moved forward with Jubilee Field in 5 years.

The Chair said that the Stroud proposals would still be considered.

Cllr Eccles said that he had reservations. The proposals for the Stroud would be stalled and the next planting season might be missed. It needed to be managed properly.

The Chair suggested that it needed to be discussed with those involved.

Cllr Bray suggested that bids for the cricket needed to be put in.

The Chair suggested this was a matter for consultation in October.

The question of advertising cricket fixtures was raised and there was discussion about the notice board in Moa Place. Cllr Medland agreed to find out more about the board.

10. COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME CONSULTATION.

Cllr Fleury said that the problem was that there was no money but he felt that all options needed to be explored before affecting those who have very little. Cllr Hobbs suggested option 2 (limit to band C). Other Councillors expressed concern about the effect on the poorer people.

Cllr Eccles said that the country needed to pay more to support these services.

Cllr James expressed concern about the number of planning permissions for older people which was leading to a greater imbalance in society.

The Clerk will submit a letter expressing the Council's concerns.

11. ISLAND PLAN CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION.

Agreed that this would be considered at the next planning committee.

12. TO APPROVE THE SEATS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AS CONSIDERED BY THE ALLOTMENTS AND SEATS COMMITTEE ON 18TH JULY 2017.

This was agreed.

13. TODDLER SWINGS AT THE STROUD – TO CONSIDER REPLACEMENT OF THE SEAT.

This was agreed.

14. SKATE PARK CONSTITUTION AND CLEANING OF THE MUGA.

It was agreed to give the caretaker an extra hour to clean the MUGA. Also agreed that his pay would be linked to NCJ scales.

The Clerk had received an email from Totland Parish Council and they had indicated a willingness to pay towards the MUGA only on an item by item basis. They were concerning contributing to the caretaker's additional time.

Cllr Fleury reported that many hours work had gone into repairs.

15. APPROVAL OF LATEST PROJECT LIST.

The list had been circulated and was approved. It was confirmed that the budget figure for item 8 (Macrocarpa seats) was a **total** of £2400. Cllr Fleury pointed out that so far as the Library was concerned the spending was subject to grant applications and it was not agreed that the money would come out of precept. Item 12 (manorial land at Queens Road) needed progressing. The Clerk would chase up item 13 (Kut memorial).

16. JUST ASK PROJECT. TO CONSIDER FUNDING FOR A FURTHER 2 YEAR PERIOD.

Public Health had agreed to contribute £15000 per annum for a further 2 years. It was agreed in principle that this would be supported and formal costings would be available for the next meeting.

The Chair said that the project had been going very well. Some people who had been helped were now helping others. An idea had come through Just Ask to use empty buildings and this was being discussed with the Chamber of Commerce.

17. FRESHWATER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. TO AUTHORISE THE CHAIR OF PLANNING AND THE CLERK TO DEAL WITH RESPONSES TO THE EXAMINER'S QUESTIONS.

This was agreed. Cllr Bamford said that there had been a very positive meeting with Isle of Wight Council.

18. TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF THE INTERACTIVE BOARD IN THE SUM OF £2889 PLUS VAT.

Cllr Metcalf had looked into the specification and he felt that this was suitable for its proposed use. This was agreed.

19. TO APPROVE QUOTATION FOR CLEARANCE OF LAND AT THE ALLOTMENTS IN THE SUM OF £540.

This was approved.

20. REPORT ON WEST WIGHT LOCAL COUNCIL GROUP MEETING ON 27TH JULY.

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated.

Cllr Cameron suggested involving the IW Councillors.

Cllr Bamford had attended the meeting. She said that it was important that the West Wight had a voice.

There was some discussion regarding the Military Road.

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

Cllr Hobbs presented a report on the Patient Participation Group meeting of 21st August.

22. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Details of the public consultation event (end October 2017).

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.

23. TO CO-OPT A COUNCILLOR TO FILL THE VACANCY ON FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL.

Cllr Timothy Nicholson was co-opted.

24. OTHER MATTERS

Cllr Fleury reported on the Solent Swim.

Cllr Metcalf said that he had investigated software for mapping. He felt that Parish Online was rather limited.

Cllr Bray reported that she was meeting with the grounds maintenance contractors.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.