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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 5th DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF
THE MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett MBE (Chair), Anne Bamford, C Fleury, D James, D Eccles, C Bray, M Wheeler, G Cameron, T Nicholson, A Harris, V Lowthion and B Hinton.

IW Councillor J Medland

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr B Hobbs.

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2017 AND 14TH NOVEMBER 2017.

The minutes of the council meetings held on 7th November 2017 and 14th November 2017 (having been circulated) were approved. Cllr Hinton raised an issue on Standing Orders and suggested that there had been a breach of SO's at the meeting on 14th November. Cllr Wheeler had accused him of being "delicate". Cllr Wheeler did not accept that he had behaved improperly.

The Chair said that she was happy to sit down with both Councillors to try to resolve the issue but it was not appropriate to continue discussions in the meeting.

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

None.

4. TO RECEIVE 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).

Written reports were received from both Ward Councillors.

Cllr Wheeler pointed out with regard to Cllr Medland's report that in fact he had reached agreement with Island Roads regarding free parking on 8th November.

Further it had been agreed that an electric point would be installed by Island Roads adjacent to the car park. This would be available for use for next Christmas.
Cllr Harris congratulated Cllr Wheeler on the success of the Avenue Road project.

6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

My Life a full Life

Meeting with Nicola Longson and the Chair on 13th November. Locality management group meeting attended on 5th December.

Gate Lane Public Conveniences

The Clerk met with a representative for Business Stream on 15th November re the water bill. It appears that there is a faulty cistern. Handyman has been asked to look at this.

Skate Park

Handyman instructed to assist volunteers for one day on 24th November.

Meeting with Isle of Wight Council

The Clerk attended this meeting on 20th November. This covered Police and Crime Commissioner, planning, council's management of highways network and communications.

Councillor vacancy

No election has been called and the vacancy is now being advertised for co-option for the January meeting.

Toilets

The Clerk has met with a representative of Healthmatic who describe themselves as one of the UK's leading suppliers of Public Toilets and associated services. Healthmatic would be able to help with installation of charging system should the Council decide on this.

Kut Memorial

Wight Stonemasonry have confirmed that the memorial will be cleaned in January.

New road name – land off Regina Road

After exchange of e mails the new name will be Windsor Drive.

Signs for the Stroud

Councillors are asked to assist in choosing wording for new signs. Some suggestions will be available for the meeting.

Land outside Southroyd Spinfish

A car is now being regularly parked on the grassed area adjacent to this property which is Council land. Also a wheelbarrow has been left on Council land.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The following payments were approved:

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Credit
15/11/17	Debit	Business Stream	Allotments; Water	66.30
01/11/17	Debit	SMC Bookkeeping	Bookkeeping October	324.00
01/11/17	Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilets; Cleaning	994.74
15/11/17	Debit	Corona Energy	Library; Electricity 1/10-31/10	122.02
19/11/17	Debit	Southern Electric	Avenues; Electricity 26/7-31/10	28.20
17/11/17	Debit	MHALCo	Rent and Hall Hire	977.08
22/11/17	Debit	GK Stables	Library Works; Labour	810.00
22/11/17	Debit	SA Stables	Library Works; Labour	810.00
22/11/17	Debit	Island Roads	Events; Xmas Lighting	533.56
22/11/17	Debit	Island Roads	Events; Xmas Lighting	2,575.80
06/11/17	D Card	JCB Imaging Supplies	Admin; Printing Banner	30.00
07/11/17	D Card	Co-Op	Admin; Meeting Refreshments	3.00
15/11/17	D Card	SurveyMonkey Europe	Comms; Online Survey	35.00
17/11/17	D Card	JCB Imaging Supplies	Admin; Printing Banner	30.00
16/11/17	D Card	Post Office	Admin; Postage	29.04
21/11/17	D Card	Direct Global Trading	Events; Xmas Lighting	169.94
24/11/17	D Card	Nest	Pension	53.64
24/11/17	Online	November Salaries	November Salaries	3,455.68
07/11/17	PC 285	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	Admin; Cable Ties	2.93
21/11/17	PC 286	Mike Wheeler	Library; Lock	10.00
07/11/17	100244	Dean Parkman	Library; Plans	1,990.00
07/11/17	100245	RVN Building Supplies	Library Works; Materials	41.57
07/11/17	100246	Lifeline	Library; Alarm	209.31
07/11/17	100247	IW Council	Library; Cleaning 1/4-30/9/17	1,429.98
07/11/17	100248	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Wreath Donation	100.00
07/11/17	100249	Gill Kennett	Admin; Chair's Allowance 17/18	500.00
27 Oct - 24 Nov 17				<u>£15,331.79</u>
New Payments and Cheques for Issue 5/12/17				
01/12/17	Debit	IW Council	2017/18 Rates Avenues	163.00
01/12/17	Debit	IW Council	2017/18 Rates Gate Lane	184.00
01/12/17	Debit	IW Council	2017/18 Rates Library	513.00
01/12/17	Debit	IW Council	2017/18 Rates Moa Place	182.00
05/12/17	100250	Brighstone Landscaping	Land; Maintenance	1,703.50
05/12/17	100251	Lamps & Tubes	Events; Xmas Lighting	1,075.23
05/12/17	100252	Mark Adams Maintenance	Maintenance	141.25
05/12/17	100253	Parish Online	Subs; Annual Renewal	100.80
05/12/17	100254	WWS&CCT	MLAFL; Refreshments	90.00
				<u>£4,152.78</u>

9. FRESHWATER LIBRARY. CLARIFICATION ON FINANCES FOR THE HERITAGE LOTTERY BID AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

The Chair confirmed that a decision had been made to defer the submission of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid.

Cllr Wheeler gave some background to the project. He suggested that the finances now needed some clarification.

Cllr Harris said that an archive was required but suggested that this would be a “no value asset”. He felt that the Council should be careful about spending its own money on a project of this sort. Council money should only be used to top up grants for small parts of the project. He suggested a maximum 10% to 20%.

Cllr James said that he had been involved with the HLF bid for Hampstead Town Hall. This project had struggled through lack of revenue funding. He felt that the expansion of the library could threaten the future of the library. Isle of Wight Council could withdraw the service they currently provided. Cllr James said that he was willing to help develop a stronger bid which would be more sustainable.

Cllr Bamford said that more and more people were now using the Library.

Cllr Lowthion said that it was possible that the Library service would be withdrawn. The Library was valued and that was the reason for the concern.

Cllr Hinton said that he had supported the expansion of the Library. He had pointed out that the Council had not committed to expenditure of £200,000. He referred to the results of the Survey Monkey which showed a majority supported a project at a lower cost.

The Chair said that further discussion was needed. Deferring the bid had given time and the matter would be considered at another meeting.

Cllr Eccles suggested setting up a working party to look at what would be funded by the Lottery Fund and what would not be. This was agreed. Cllr James was happy to be a member.

The Clerk had spoken with Eagle Eye who were recommending blocking up the badger holes as a matter of urgency. The cost was IRO £1600. This was agreed.

10. TO CONSIDER PROVISION FOR A NOTICEBOARD AT FRESHWATER BAY (TN).

Cllr Nicholson said that he had spoken with the Freshwater Bay Residents Association and the Parish Council had been offered use of the board outside the Piano Bar.

11. MEMORIAL HALL. NEW PAYMENT SYSTEM (AB).

Cllr Bamford updated the Parish Council on the new charging scheme. Essentially all users were now on the same rate with a 25% discount being offered for regular users

12. AVENUE ROAD – UPDATE AND COSTS TO DATE (MW). APPROVAL OF “EXTRAS”. CONSIDERATION OF PROVISION OF HANGING BASKETS. REPORT ATTACHED FOR CLLRS.

Cllr Wheeler said that there were still some unknowns. He was hoping for some reduction re the traffic management costs but there had been 2 extra bollards. The scheme appeared to be on budget. The hanging baskets would be considered in the Spring.

Cllr Wheeler had agreement re maintaining the roses. Groundsells would do some maintenance of planters and other greenery in the short term. He hoped that it may be possible to find a village gardener in the longer term.

13. LEASE OF LAND AT FRESHWATER BAY (GC). TO CONSIDER WHETHER OR NOT TO EXPLORE TAKING ON A LEASE OF LAND AT FRESHWATER BAY.

Cllr Cameron had met with boat owners who had previously used the boat park.. He had produced a written report and plans were circulated. Cllr Cameron said that he expected to be able to get about 12 to 14 boats in total on the Boat Park. He had met with 7 owners.

A representative from Freshwater Independent Lifeboat said that he thought 20 boats could be accommodated. The maximum boat size would be around 14 to 16 foot or 4.5 metres.

Cllr Wheeler gave some background on his involvement with the area when he and Cllr Nicolson had spoken with Isle of Wight Council.

The representative from FILB gave details of the history of the lifeboat. They were now looking at realigning the boat house which would cost £1M to £1.5M. They were hoping to get a 99 year lease.

Cllr Fleury queried how much administrative work would be involved in managing permits and processing payments.

Cllr Medland suggested the Environment Officer could probably help with on the ground issues.

Cllr Harris queried whether the Parish Council could take the whole area and sublet to the Lifeboat.

Cllr Cameron said that having different users groups was what made the Bay. It was agreed that this should be explored as a potential project.

14. TO NOTE AND DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RE THE 2018/2019 BUDGET (FINAL DECISIONS ON BUDGET/PRECEPT TO BE MADE AT THE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING).

Cllr Fleury ran through the draft budget. There were no comments on the draft budget as it stood.

15. TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS FOR A PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN JANUARY 2018 AND ROUND UP OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS IN NOVEMBER.

A meeting would be arranged for the end of January 2018. Cllr Harris suggested putting a list of what the Parish Council had achieved on the website.

16. APPROVAL OF QUOTATIONS FOR LAND MANAGEMENT – REPLACEMENT TREES £400 PLUS VAT, HEDGING AT GRANNY’S MEADE AND GATE OPPOSITE THE STROUD.

Cllr Bray said that the gaps in the hedging were an advisory point raised by Peter Johnstone. The gate in Stroud was on the north side.

Cllr Fleury said that the big double gate at the Stroud was dangerous. He felt that a top gate would deter walkers. Cllr Eccles suggested that this was something which could have been considered by the Stroud working group. It was agreed to get a

quote for the double gate. Also a quote should be obtained for replacement of the hedge at the Library. The librarian to be consulted on this.

Quotes for replacement trees and hedging were approved.

Cllr James suggested making contractors aware of the need for permission re taking out hedges and putting up fences.

17. APPROVAL OF BUDGET FOR HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY (IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL).

This was no longer required.

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

The sponsored climb at the Sports and Community Centre had raised £2700 which would be shared between the Centre and an African charity – Uzima in our Hands

19. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Risk assessment (CF)

Pitch for best dressed village (MW)

Relocation of an Art Studio previously based at Seahorses (DJ)

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.

20. PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF HOURS (5 HOURS PER WEEK) TO COVER SICKNESS LEAVE.

This was agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.