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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 6th MARCH 2018 AT 7.35 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
MEMORIAL HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett MBE (Chair), A Bamford, C Fleury, D James, C Bray, A Harris, T Nicholson, V Lowthion, H White and B Hinton MBE.

IW Councillor J Medland

Members of the public: 3

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hobbs and Eccles.

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2018.**

The minutes of the Freshwater Parish Council meeting held on 6th February 2018 (having been circulated) were approved.

3. PC MARTIN EGERTON TO DEAL WITH POLICING MATTERS.

This matter to be on the agenda for the April meeting in view of the officer's commitments.

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

CF item 18 knows owner of Patch Computers

TN item 15

GK item 14 knows owner of SJ Carpentry and Renovations

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

No questions were raised.

**6. 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 Councillors.

Cllr Medland said that so far as the Isle of Wight Council budget was concerned, he now felt that cuts might have been avoided by not moving money from revenue to capital.

Cllr Fleury recorded his displeasure at the lack of money for the West Wight. Cllr Cameron said that money being spent at the Heights and Medina leisure centres was on the basis that the Council would get a 20% return.

Cllr Cameron stressed the need to keep discussion in the Parish Council non-political.

Cllr Hinton said that it was wrong to ask people to pay for ferries to get to hospital. Cllr Lowthion said that £30000 for the funding of cross Solent travel was a very small sum in the context of the total budget.

7. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Afton Road

Complaint received from resident of Afton Road re standing water on Afton Road. Concerns expressed re prams and pushchairs on the road and people with disabilities. Resident stated that complaints to Island Roads had yet to be answered.

Parking in Avenue Road

A resident with a disabled badge has asked whether further disabled parking spaces could be made available in Avenue Road. This could be by further disabled spaces in the car park but ideally spaces on the road.

Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils meeting

The Clerk attended the meeting on 15th February (topic grass cutting with Lee Matthews of Isle of Wight Council).

Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan

Posters have been put up and leaflets widely distributed re the referendum. A numbers of residents have visited the Parish Office for information and leaflets.

My Life a Full Life

The Clerk attended the leads meeting in Ventnor on 12th February. Apologies given for the Locality Management meeting on 20th February. A submission has been made for a further one year's funding for town and parish involvement.

The Clerk also attended the Acute services redesign meeting on 8th February.

IWALC

The Clerk attended the IWALC meeting on 15th February (topic grass cutting with Lee Matthews).

Training

The Clerk is booked on a free seminar on the General Data Protection Regulations on 14th March (postponed from 1st March).

The Clerk is attending the code on conduct training on 14th March.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk are attending the regional training conference of the SLCC in Uckfield on 21st March.

SLCC

The Clerk will be attending the Clerks' meeting on 22nd March.

Signs at Stroud Coppice

Drafts of signs for Stroud Coppice are now available.

Gate Lane Toilets

Emergency repairs carried out on Saturday 3rd March following burst pipe in the very cold weather.

Computers

PC Consultants instructed to set up new user/e mail and look at fault with the Clerk's e mail.

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The following payments were approved:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Clr</u>	<u>Credit</u>
30/01/2018	Debit	NA Stables	Library Works; Labour	√	200.00
30/01/2018	Debit	SA Stables	Library Works; Labour	√	100.00
01/02/2018	Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilets; Cleaning & Maintenance	√	881.70
01/02/2018	Debit	SMC Bookkeeping Services	Bookkeeping January	√	436.00
06/02/2018	Debit	Dropbox	Admin; Backup	√	7.99
09/02/2018	Debit	MHALCo	Admin; Office Rent February	√	890.94
09/02/2018	Debit	Southern Electric	Library; Gas 4/1-2/2/18	√	128.83
11/02/2018	Debit	Southern Electric	Avenues; Electricity 1/11-24/1	√	24.45
15/02/2018	Debit	Corona Energy	Energy	√	171.92
08/02/2018	D Card	Co-Op	Admin; Meeting Refreshments	√	4.00
13/02/2018	D Card	Co-Op	Admin; Stamps	√	29.04
06/02/2018	100289	Business Supplies Group	Admin; Stationery		94.85
20/02/2018	100290	Cross Country Services	Tree work		2,340.00
			27 Jan - 23 Feb 18		<u>£5,309.72</u>
		New Payments and Cheques for Issue 6/3/18			
26/02/2018	D Card	Nest	Pension		52.15
26/02/2018	Online	February Salaries	February Salaries		3,389.32
06/03/2018	100291	SLCC	Subs; Annual Membership		125.00
26/02/2018	100292	SLCC	Training; Seminar		147.00
06/03/2018	100293	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Land; Maintenance		1,811.50
06/03/2018	100294	Cross Country Services Mark Adams Maintenance	Tree work		630.00
06/03/2018	100295	Services	Maintenance		74.46
06/03/2018	100296	PC Consultants	Admin; IT		27.60
06/03/2018	100297	Steve Blamire	Library Phase 2; Funding Bid		2,700.00
					<u>£8,957.03</u>

10. JUBILEE FIELD – NEW CRICKET SQUARE.

Clr Fleury raised the issue of residents knowing when matches were taking place. He suggested a board being put up with times and dates and an entry in "Village Talk". The Chair suggested use of the notice board at Moa Place.

Members of the cricket club confirmed that matches would be publicised. They wanted to move the pitch 10 to 15 yards away from the Sports Centre. They would provide labour in making good if needed. The installation would take 2 days but lead in time was 4 to 6 weeks so early order was required. When asked the club said that steps would be taken to ensure protection of the new pitch.

Cllr Lowthion pointed out that the pitch would be for village use not just for the cricket club. Cllr James suggested having a marquee to gauge demand for a pavilion.

Cllr Bray asked that the cricket club liaise with the football club as to when their last match would be.

Resolved that the new pitch be ordered from Dura-Sport at a cost of £11250 plus VAT.

11. AVENUE ROAD BUSINESS COMMUNITY – UPDATE CLLR CAMERON

Cllr Cameron circulated draft terms of reference. A chair had been identified. Ryde Business Community cost £15 per year and it was felt that this was an appropriate charge. Refunds should be given to those who had paid £50. Also the area should be extended to the garage near the Co-operative supermarket and the name should be Freshwater Business Community. Cllr Medland congratulated Cllr Cameron. The Chair asked Cllr Cameron to let the Parish Council know what help he required. Cllr Cameron asked for comments on the draft terms of business in the next few days.

12. TO CONSIDER FUTURE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LIBRARY.

The Chair said that Library Plus had now been disbanded. It was felt that the Parish Council had not got full information from Library Plus. Also the archive group had not been part of Library Plus. The Chair and Vice-Chair had met with Steve Blamire and were talking to skate holders. They had also met with the Friends of Freshwater Library.

Cllr Fleury queried what money had been spent at the Library. The Clerk to supply a breakdown.

Cllr James suggested having a 5 year plan for maintenance.

Cllr Hinton said that he was concerned that there seemed to be no enforcement regarding principal councils' statutory duty to provide an adequate library service.

Cllr White suggested that a resilience fund was needed.

13. NOTICE BOARD AT THE LIBRARY.

Cllr Bamford said that some quotes had already been obtained. The library service had said what they wanted. It would be a library notice board not a parish council notice board.

Cllr Fleury queried whether an electronic board could be used.

Resolved that Cllr Bamford take this forward.

14. NOTICE BOARD AT MOA PLACE. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF QUOTATIONS.

Cllr James said that he had tried to get 4 quotes. In the end only 2 companies had actually quoted.

It was **agreed** to accept the quotation from Steve Richards Carpentry and Renovations in the sum of £1280.

The legal work for transfer of the board was not yet complete but it was felt that this could proceed in the meantime.

15. FRESHWATER BAY LEASE – CONSIDERATION OF HEADS OF TERMS.

The draft heads of terms were **agreed** with the addition of a break clause at 25 years on 6 months' notice.

Cllr Nicholson said that the Freshwater Bay Residents Association had always looked after the interior of the shelter and would be happy to continue to do this.

Cllr Cameron said that he would now arrange to see boat owners. 7 had attended a recent meeting but he anticipated that there might be 15 in total.

The Chair queried the position with a winch. Maintenance of the winch would need to be taken into account.

Cllr James suggested that thought be given to a manual capstan.

16. DRINKING WATER TAPS. TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF TAPS AND A DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN AT MOA PLACE.

Cllr Nicholson suggested this should also include Freshwater Bay by the toilets.

Cllr Bray said that there was a need for water near to the skate park. The idea was to provide bottles.

The Chair and Cllr White would be attending a meeting re surfers against sewage. Also she was aware of the campaign for fishermen to collect rubbish from the sea and this would be put on the YHAC agenda.

Cllr Lowthion said that she understood that IWC were reducing the number of recycling sites from 54 to 20.

Agreed to explore the cost and practicality of this proposal.

17. GATE LANE TOILETS. TO CONSIDER URGENT REMEDIAL WORKS REQUIRED.

The Clerk reported that Isle of Wight Council would fund this and also pay an additional £1000 if the Parish Council took the freehold interest in the toilets. This was **agreed**.

18. TO CONSIDER CCTV FOR THE PARISH OFFICE AND IF APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATIONS.

Cllr James said that the Memorial Hall would install CCTV cameras for the whole building. The Clerk's office would be able to remotely access this. The Parish Council were asked to consider the rear door access. It was **agreed** to accept the quotation from Lifeline to include a video camera at a cost of £817 plus VAT.

19. PROPOSAL FOR INSTALLATION OF BOLLARDS IN QUEENS ROAD.

This was agreed on the basis of the previous quote from Groundsells – 20 posts @ £78 per post plus VAT.

It was felt that residents should be told of the project and reasons for it before work commenced. Posts would go around the green and into Coronation Road.

Cllr Fleury suggested explaining that it was manorial land and sending reminders of that on a regular basis.

20. PARISH SIGNS. UPDATE ON ACTION TAKEN BY MR MIKE WHEELER.

The Clerk explained that a formal proposal had recently be submitted to Island Roads. Some queries had been raised and were being dealt with.

Cllr James pointed out that the existing signs were of good quality and would last longer than new ones.

The Chair mentioned the "dinosaur" sign and suggested that this be offered to the Honnor family.

Cllr James suggested deleting the word “scientist” from the Robert Hooke sign,

21. PROPOSAL FOR NEW KICK BOARDS AT THE MULTI USE GAMES AREA AT A COST OF £486.55 AND APPROVAL OF STARTER FUEL KIT FOR LEAF BLOWER AT A COST OF £13.

This was **agreed**.

22. SUMMER FETE – IDEAS FOR COUNCILLORS AND DATE (16TH JUNE 2018 PROPOSED).

Cllr Lowthion had done some research and this date was also the Midsummer fair and Armed Forces Day but it was felt that neither of these events would cause a problem. The Chair said that she would speak with Alison Priddle.

Cllr Fleury suggested – a board with the heads of Tennyson, Hooke and Mrs Cameron with spaces for faces (for photographs), a marching band, animals such as ponies and lamas, ferret racing and the archive display.

Cllr Lowthion suggested businesses in conjunction with FBA. Also some stalls which cost little money with, for example, games.

Cllr James suggested young people be involved in bands.

It was felt that the raffle idea and taking money on entry last year had not been successful.

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

None.

24. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Apprentice for the Parish Office (CF)

Wash up on Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan (CF) (Cllr Fleury thanked Cllr Medland for his article on this)

Youth shelter (CF)

Chairmen’s board (CF)

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. APPROVAL OF CONSULTANT’S FEES FOR HLF BID RE THE LIBRARY.

It was **agreed** to pay the outstanding fees.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.