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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2018 AT 7.30 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 Hobbs.

IW Councillor J Medland

Members of the public: 6

Clerk: M J Mills

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**1. APOLOGIES.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs B Hinton MBE, G Cameron and D 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 March 2018 (having been circulated) were approved.

**3. PC MARTIN EGERTON TO DEAL WITH POLICING MATTERS.**

The Chair welcomed PC Egerton. After giving some details of his experience and background PC Egerton dealt with a number of questions from Councillors. These included details of the routine when a crime was reported, the numbers of officers in the vicinity, speeding on the Military Road and youth problems. PC Egerton stressed that he was keen to get into the community and be seen. The Chair asked how the Parish Council could support the police in future.

**4. CLARE GRIFFIN MANAGER OF THE WEST WIGHT SPORTS AND  
COMMUNITY CENTRE TO TALK ON SPONSORSHIP OF THE FESTIVAL OF  
RUNNING.**

Clare gave details of this event which was being marketed across the UK. She referred to a written presentation which had been circulated. It was hoped to bring business to the West Wight and to the Centre and to promote the Island throughout the country. The Centre had been doing a 9 week running programme. This had been attracting 20 to 40 people each time. The Centre was therefore doing a lot for the health and wellbeing of the community. This was particularly so for children.

The event had already attracted 150 entries. Funds were being sought to offset the expenses and it was hoped that the Centre would generate some profit from the event.

Cllr James said that the notice board in Moa Place could be available for the Centre if required.

It was **resolved** to contribute £500 towards this event.

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

Cllrs Kennett and Fleury had declared an interest in item 4 (as trustees of the Centre).  
Cllr Nicholson item 16.

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

There were no questions.

**7. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY CLLRS/QUESTION AND UPDATE SESSION (UP TO 15 MINUTES FROM BOTH CLLRS).**

Cllr Medland presented his written report.

Cllr Fleury said that it was important to ensure that the parish council remained non-political.  
Cllr Medland confirmed that he would support the parish council if they wished to take over Avenue Road car park.

**8. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.**

**My Life a Full Life**

The next meeting of the West and Central Management Group is 24<sup>th</sup> April. The Parish Council has been offered a further £5000 to continue this work for a further year.

**Training**

The Clerk attended a free seminar on the General Data Protection Regulations on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

The Clerk attended the code on conduct training on 14<sup>th</sup> March.

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk attended the regional training conference of the SLCC in Uckfield on 21<sup>st</sup> March.

There are SLCC courses on data protection on 26<sup>th</sup> April (cost £25) and VAT on 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**SLCC**

The Clerk attended the Clerks' meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

**Gate Lane Toilets**

Emergency repairs carried out on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March following pipe becoming disconnected. The handyman recommends putting a back plate when new valves are installed.

**Skate park**

Following a report of dangerous ramps in the skate park the handyman attended and put in new ply where necessary on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**Freshwater Bay revetment**

Isle of Wight Council were requested to clear the shingle at the revetment (with assistance of the Environment Officer).

### **Isle of Wight Council meeting**

The Clerk attended the town and parish councils meeting with Isle of Wight Council on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March along with the Chair. Items on the agenda included the electoral review, the network integrity register and planning enforcement.

### **Car parks**

The Clerk has received a communication from IWC to say that they have not made any policy decision about further devolution of car parking and therefore are not willing to consider the transfer of any car park at the present time. This has been referred to IWALC.

### **Notice board at Moa Place**

Work commenced on 26<sup>th</sup> March with the agreement of IWC.

### **Robert Hooke Society**

The Society have requested a banner at Black Hut Green advertising the Robert Hooke exhibition. They would like this to remain for the whole of the summer.

### **Non-domestic rates for public conveniences**

The Clerk has established that the proposed legislation giving principal councils a discretion not to charge rates on toilets did not proceed. NALC are lobbying.

### **Avenue Road**

Island Roads have stated that there remain some minor works/snagging to complete. These were apparently identified in December. Of most concern is that a new gully does not appear to be collecting water. No payment has yet been made and this expenditure will now fall into the next financial year.

### **Copse Lane**

Report from resident that there is a piece of Isle of Wight Council land which has become overgrown and is therefore leading to anti-social behaviour problems.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE.**

### **10. 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>Credit</u>
15/03/18	Debit	Business Stream	Allotments; Water	66.30
01/03/18	Debit	SMC Bookkeeping	Bookkeeping February	300.00
01/03/18	Debit	Island Cleaning	Toilets; Cleaning	829.14
07/03/18	Debit	UKtshirtprinting.com	Projects; Tote Bags	256.20
05/03/18	Debit	DARES Limited	Toilets	90.00
22/03/18	Debit	Business Stream	Moa Place; Water	68.12
05/03/18	Debit	MHALCo	Admin; Office Rent	847.08
27/02/18	Debit	Thompsons Plants	Events; Trees	810.00
06/03/18	Debit	Dropbox	Admin; Backup	7.99
16/03/18	Debit	Southern Electric	Library; Gas 3/2-5/3/18	166.70

16/03/18	Debit	Corona Energy	Library; Utilities	156.09
16/03/18	Debit	Business Stream	Gate Lane; Water	232.65
20/03/18	D Card	Wightlink	Training; Travel	49.25
23/03/18	D Card	Nest	Pension	53.97
23/03/18	D Card	Morrisons	Admin; Stationery	14.00
07/03/18	Online	Dura Sport Ltd	Projects; Cricket	4,050.00
06/03/18	100298	IWCP	FNP; Media	102.48
06/03/18	100299	Robert Allen	Asset Management	135.00
06/03/18	100300	IWMD&DF	Community Grant	100.00
06/03/18	100301	Age UK IW	Community Grant	200.00
06/03/18	100302	JMCT	VOID: Re-issue April	
06/03/18	100303	Royal British Legion	VOID: See chq 100312	
06/03/18	100305	IW Literary Festival	Community Grant	550.00
06/03/18	100306	Willow Cameron	Community Grant	250.00
06/03/18	100307	All Saints' Primary	Community Grant	550.00
06/03/18	100308	Mark Adams	Maintenance	144.02
06/03/18	100309	Community Action	Community Grant	300.00
06/03/18	100310	Cross Country	Tree work	630.00
06/03/18	100311	Mark Adams	Library; Maintenance	23.75
20/03/18	100312	Royal British Legion	Community Grant	100.00
20/03/18	100313	Wight Stonemasonry	War Memorial; Clean	570.00
20/03/18	100314	Brightstone Landscape	Land; Maintenance	1,199.50
20/03/18	100315	Mark Adams	Stroud; Maintenance	357.67
			<b>24 Feb - 23 Mar 18</b>	<b><u>£13,209.91</u></b>
<b>New Payments and Cheques for Issue 3/4/18</b>				
28/03/18	Debit	Business Stream	Avenues; Water	29.16
01/04/18	Debit	IW Council	Rates	1,051.26
28/03/18	Online	March Salaries	March Salaries	3,676.08
03/04/18	100317	Woodberry	Seats; 6 seater 'A' frame	943.92
				<b><u>£5,700.42</u></b>

**11. URGENT REMEDIAL WORKS TO THE LIBRARY ENTRANCE. TO CONSIDER REPAIRS REQUIRED TO THE DOOR FRAME AND WALL.**

A quote had been obtained for the door frame. This was £2128.50. It was agreed to carry out this work but also to check if there would be savings by replacing the door at the same time.

**12. TO CONSIDER ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT “PLASTIC FREE COASTLINES”.**

Cllr Lowthion presented her written report. There was discussion regarding an appropriate figure for a budget for this project.

**Resolved** to agree to the principle of the Plastic-Free Coastlines campaign through:

- Leading by example and reducing single-use plastic items from our premises

- Encouraging plastic-free initiatives and events eg beach cleans
- working with local businesses and organisations to look at ways to reduce their use of single use plastics
- looking at installing a drinking water tap to reduce the need for single-use plastic water bottles
- establishing a Plastic-Free Freshwater community group with the Parish Council represented
- Supporting the wider Plastic-Free Isle of Wight campaign

Cllr James said that the Freshwater coffee house was using biodegradable products. Independent shops had been swift to agree to support this but the bigger shops were slower. Agreed that appropriate material be put out on social media.

**13. TO CONSIDER PURCHASING BIODEGRADABLE “FRESHWATER” WATER BOTTLES.**

Cllr James said that helpful feedback had been received from residents. As a result of that it had been felt that the suggested bottles were not very biodegradable. The project would proceed with the shopping bags.

**14. TO CONSIDER THE USE OF THE FRESHWATER ARCHIVE ROOM BY FRESHWATER AND TOTLAND ARCHIVE GROUP (FATAG) AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE.**

Cllr Kennett said that the problem was that FATAG had things stored in numerous different places. A container had been suggested but this would not be suitable.

Cllr Fleury raised the issue of the Avenues site (which might be suitable as a base) and it was agreed that this would be an agenda item for the next meeting.

It was **agreed** to make space in the archive room.

**15. TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE AND (IF APPROPRIATE) A DEPUTY TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS.**

**Resolved** that Cllr Kennett be appointed but that Cllr White would attend IWALC meeting when possible with a view to taking on this role.

**16. UPDATE ON MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER AT FRESHWATER BAY.**

**Agreed** that this would be considered at the next planning meeting.

**17. LIBRARY NOTICE BOARD. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR A NEW BOARD.**

No quotations were available.

**18. BANK SIGNATORIES. TO REMOVE MIKE WHEELER AS A BANK SIGNATORY AND TO ADD A REPLACEMENT.**

**Resolved** that Mike Wheeler be removed and that Cllr Bamford be added as a signatory.

**19. FRESHWATER NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN. TO DISCUSS ACTION REQUIRED FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THE PLAN.**

All Cllrs present were given a hard copy of the Plan.

Ollie Boulter from Isle of Wight Council had offered to run some training. Cllrs agreed that this would be welcomed.

It was also agreed that a laminated aide memoire would be produced.

It was suggested that copies of the Plan be sent to local estate agents.

**20. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE YOUTH SHELTER AT THE SKATE PARK.**

The caretaker had reported that glass was being thrown into the skate park from the shelter.

The flooring had been set alight last year and it was suggested that this be concreted.

Cllr Fleury said that the skate park committee recommended acceptance of a quotation from the Nelson Brothers in the sum of £785. This figure was similar to the cost of laying a concrete base which the parish council had recently had done. The quotation was **agreed**.

Cllr Nicholson pointed out that there had been a number of problems with broken glass in Freshwater Bay.

**21. TO CONSIDER QUOTE OF NIGEL EARLEY SERVICES LTD FOR WORK TO TREE AT SPINFISH.**

This was **agreed**.

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

Cllr Bray said that she had received complaints re dog fouling.

Cllr James said that a wormery in Paris had been successful and it was agreed to investigate this.

Cllr Bray raised the possibility of using traps for moles on parish land but there was no support for this.

**23. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.**

The Avenues (CF).

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.