



**FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2018 AT 6.55 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE  
MEMORIAL HALL**

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

I W Cllr J Medland

Members of the public: 5

Clerk: M J Mills

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**1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Kennett was re-elected.

**2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.**

Cllr Bamford was re-elected.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE – WERE SIGNED BY THE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.**

**4. APOLOGIES.**

Apologies were received from Cllr D Eccles, B Hobbs and V Lowthion.

**5. APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER –TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK AS THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER.**

The Clerk was confirmed as the Responsible Financial Officer.

**6. TO NOTE THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HOLDS THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

The Chair reminded Councillors that the Parish Council held the power of competence which enabled it to carry out functions which it might not otherwise be able to do. The Council still met the criteria namely two thirds of members were elected and the clerk was qualified.

**7. TO APPROVE AND RE-AFFIRM STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – COPIES CIRCULATED TO CLLRS.**

Standing orders were approved subject to amendments. Cllr Fleury suggested that the words “on items on the agenda” should be deleted from 7.4.5 and the Clerk suggested deletion of 16.2. This was agreed. Financial Regulations were approved. It was agreed to continue to use BACS/CHAPS for a further 2 year period (as per 6.9). It was agreed that security arrangements would be reviewed whenever there was a change of Chair. Reference 11.1 (e) it was suggested that specific meetings might be called for tenders rather than dealing with

them at the end of a main meeting. Cllr Fleury reminded members that community grants were dealt with in February, May and October as per 15.2.

## **8. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

It was resolved to form a new Library Committee. This would consist of 4 parish councillors, 3 representatives of the Friends of Freshwater Library, representatives of the Freshwater and Totland Archive Group, the RFO and a member of staff from the Library service. It was agreed that a budget be allocated for the Committee equivalent to the proceeds from the sale of the Avenues property. Terms of reference would be needed. Cllr Harris suggested that the group report monthly. Meetings would be at the Library on a Thursday.

A new staffing committee was also formed. Cllrs Bamford and Fleury agreed to sit on this with Cllr Bamford to lead.

With regard to asset management the Chair reported that Rob Allen had stood down as asset manager. The post would be advertised in due course.

Cllr James volunteered to help with data protection.

## **9. APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES**

Appointments were made in accordance with the list attached.

Cllr Harris mentioned that the Freshwater Independent Lifeboat meetings had now moved to Tuesdays which clashed with parish council meetings. He reported that the lifeboat had suffered a cracked gel coat when dealing with an incident and repairs would take 3 to 4 weeks. A container was being used to store a personal watercraft temporarily.

Cllr Hinton said that he was keen to find somewhere for the archives. He suggested advertising for an archivist.

## **10. OTHER MATTERS**

All Wight Now was an organisation seeking to commemorate the 50 year anniversary of the three Isle of Wight Festivals, Godshill in 1968, Wootton in 1969 and Afton in 1970. The Parish Council would offer support.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.