



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 7.40 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF  
THE MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: G Kennett (Chair), A Bamford, C Fleury, B Hobbs, V Lowthion (from item 11), A Harris, D James, C Bray, B Hinton MBE, T Dimmick, and D Eccles.

Members of the public: 2.

Clerk: M J Mills

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The Chair announced the death of Elizabeth Hutchings. She said that Elizabeth had been an important member of the community being a founder member of the Farringford Society and the member of the Freshwater Circle.

**1. APOLOGIES.**

Cllrs H White and G Cameron. Also IW Cllr J Medland.

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2018.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December (having been circulated) were agreed.

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

Cllrs Kennett and Fleury declared an interest in item 13 (trustees of West Wight Sports and Community Centre).

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

There were no questions on the agenda.

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

The written report of Cllr Cameron was noted.

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

**Training**

The Clerk and 5 councillors are booked on the IWALC planning training on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Freshwater Bay esplanade shelter**

Repainting of the shelter (being organized by FBRA) has been put off until the Spring.

### **West Wight local council meeting**

A meeting is being arranged for February.

### **Gift to Nature**

Letter of support sent to GTN to assist them with a grant application.

### **Japanese Knot Weed**

A report of Japanese Knot Weed has been passed to the Environment Officer.

### **Freshwater Library**

An electrician is dealing with electrical issues at the Library.

### **Old Ambulance Station**

This was returned to the Parish Council at the beginning of January. A number of items are now being stored there including Christmas trees and skatelite.

### **Buckingham Palace Garden Parties 2019**

Cllr Hobbs received the most votes and her name has been put forward.

### **A Day at the Bay**

Space has been requested on the Parish Council website regarding this event. The Just Ask officer is dealing with this.

### **Military Road meeting**

The Clerk attended a meeting at County Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> December re future plans for the Military Road.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>£</u>
24/12/2018		Post Office		20.88
21/12/2018		Men in Sheds	Community Grant	100.00
01/01/2019	Debit	IW Council	2018/19 Rates Gate Lane	190.00
01/12/2018	Debit	IW Council	2018/19 Rates Gate Lane	190.00
01/12/2018	Debit	IW Council	2018/19 Rates Library	568.00
01/01/2019	Debit	IW Council	2018/19 Rates Library	568.00
01/01/2019	Debit	IW Council	2018/19 Rates Moa Place	131.00

01/12/2018	Debit	IW Council	2018/19 Rates Moa Place	131.00
04/12/2018	Debit	Sports Direct	Parish facilities officer uniform	107.95
04/12/2018	Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning: Moa Place & Gate Lane	829.14
04/12/2018	Debit	Jo Blackley	Accounts: Helping with the reports & accounts	152.00
05/12/2018	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier	Parish office rent	847.08
07/12/2018	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier	Memorial Hall; 2nd half of precept (2018/19)	4,797.50
08/12/2018	Debit	B&Q	Shelter Freshwater Bay	250.15
11/12/2018	Debit	Isle of Wight Packaging	Cups for Christmas event	10.63
10/12/2018	Debit	Intuit UK Ltd	QuickBooks service plan	23.04
13/12/2018	Debit	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	Library Maintenance: Paint & Accesories for Library steps	41.29
24/12/2018	Debit	Southern Electric	Library: bill for 8th Nov - 4th Dec	78.08
21/12/2018	Debit	Sports Direct	Uniform PFO	43.03
08/01/2019	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier	Admin: Rent of Parish Offices	847.08
15/01/2019	Debit	Thompsons Plants	Christmas trees	660.00
08/01/2019	Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions		836.34
21/12/2018	Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions	Moa Place Public Toilet light bulbs	36.00
15/01/2019	Debit	Lifeline	Callpoint repair	82.20
08/01/2019	Debit	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	cleaning and maintenance supplies	87.61
15/01/2019	Debit	Jo Blackley	Accounts fees for December 2018	100.00
30/11/2018	Debit	Nest		349.89
15/01/2019	Debit	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd		48.68
21/12/2018	Debit	Corona Energy		153.95
02/01/2019	Debit	Business Stream Moa Place	Water bill for public toilets at Moa Place	145.84
07/01/2019	Debit	Dropbox	January 2019 Drop box fees	7.99
06/12/2018	Debit	Dropbox	December 2018 Drop box fees	7.99
18/12/2018	Debit	B&Q	solar lights	9.00
04/01/2019	Debit	BT	Parish Office Phone and Broadband costs	255.78
31/12/2018	Online	Various	Salaries December	4796.99
04/12/2018	100451	Batchelors Elec-Mec Ltd	Library; Supply and Fit outside waterproof timer socket & Attend to junction boxes inside	160.00
04/12/2018	100452	FYTBUS	Hire of mini bus for trip to Ryde for meeting (LAC)	50.00
04/12/2018	100453	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Christmas: Big trees, small trees, lights and banners	890.00
04/12/2018	100454	FTYBUS		5,000.00
18/12/2018	100455	Robin Whitehead	Avenue Road: replanting of brick flower beds	432.39
18/12/2018	100456	Totland Parish Council	Memorial Hall: 2/3rds retaining wall at Memorial Hall. Agreed cost £4786	3,190.67
18/12/2018	100457	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Cut and collect grass by Freshwater Library	1,271.50
18/12/2018	100458	Mark Adams Maintenance Services		535.00
18/12/2018	100459	IW College	Admin: Clodagh College Fees	200.00
18/12/2018	100460	Wayne Isaacson	Land: Tree Survey for safety & condition at School Green Rd , Queens Rd & Brookside Rd.	420.00
				<b>29,653.67</b>

#### New Payments

**9. LOCAL AREA CO-ORDINATION – UPDATE ON ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL’S DECISION TO TERMINATE THIS SERVICE.**

The Chair said that the service would be terminated. Money (£22,000 had been mooted) should be made available for another type of post but the details were still unclear. The Chair would be attending a meeting the following Tuesday. Isle of Wight Council was spending £800,000 on “Live Well”. A problem with that service was that it was limited to a maximum of 6 visits per person. It was suggested that the results of the recent public consultation be sent to Isle of Wight Council.

Cllr Fleury said that Isle of Wight Council had been very proud of the local area co-ordination scheme at one time. He referred to the cabinet meeting when the decision had been taken to terminate the service and said that many people spoke very highly about it. Cllr James suggested that one problem with the scheme was that the benefits accrued to different groups.

The Chair said that the Solent University work confirmed cost savings.

Cllr Fleury said that the Isle of Wight Scrutiny Committee had been ignored.

**10. TO NOTE THE FEEDBACK FROM THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION EVENT HELD ON 9TH JANUARY AND “WASH UP”. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONSULTATION AT DIMBOLA ON 23RD JANUARY (4PM TO 8PM).**

The comments had been circulated and were noted. It was felt that in view of the good turnout another event was not necessary and the Dimbola evening should be cancelled. It was suggested that there should be a display of the Island Plan in the Library.

**11. APPRECIATION EVENING ON FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 7TO 10PM. TO CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS.**

The Chair had met with Totland representatives and lots of names had been put forward. Cllr Harris queried if there was a requirement for volunteers to have completed a certain period of time. It was felt that this was not necessary.

**12. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RE THE 2019/2020 BUDGET (FINAL DECISIONS ON BUDGET/PRECEPT TO BE MADE AT THE FEBRUARY 2019 MEETING).**

It was noted that capital works on Gate Lane toilets would be met in the main by a public works loan or loan via the contractor.

**13. WEST WIGHT SPORTS AND COMMUNITY CENTRE – TO CONSIDER LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING APRIL 2019 AND BEYOND.**

A member of the West Wight Sports and Community Centre was in attendance. She was asked about feedback the Parish Council had received on charges and affordability and whether concessions had been considered. She said that it had been discussed but there was no simple way to implement it.

Cllr Fleury pointed out that over 50's were able to swim for half price on Tuesdays.  
Cllr Dimmick queried why the Heights and Medina had received funds from Isle of Wight Council.

Cllr Kennett said that Waterside Pool had picked up that Public Health were paying £400,000 to One Leisure for "healthy outcomes".

Cllr Bray said that she regularly saw families going to the Centre and she had noticed that the number of runners in the village had increased considerably.

A decision would be left to the February meeting when the budget would be finalised.

**14. FRESHWATER BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. UPDATE FROM CLLRS CAMERON AND ECCLES.**

Cllr Eccles had had discussions with businesses. Free parking was one important issue. Cllr Eccles felt that businesses now needed to take the Association forward.

**15. TO AGREE PAYMENT OF THE CHAIR'S HONORARIUM.**

This was agreed. It was felt that in future it should be dealt with at the start of the Chair's term of office.

**16. GATE LANE TOILETS. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF REQUIRED IMPROVEMENTS.**

A quotation had been received from Danfo.

Cllr Dimmick suggested looking at getting a local business to quote. He felt that it would be appropriate to employ an architect in the first instance.

Cllr James suggested that toilets could be free but that showers could be chargeable.

Cllr Eccles said that Moa Place toilets had cost £100,000 8 years ago. It was reasonable to charge to cover costs.

The Chair said that Yarmouth Pier used a donation box. Sometimes £5 was left.

Cllr Dimmick was against the idea of charging. He said that it would be unfair, for example, when there was a coach party of children. He thought that works would need building regulation approval but not planning permission.

The Chair pointed out that it was now unlikely that the work would be done before the season.

Cllr Harris supported the idea of a donations box.

The Chair queried if "portaloos" could be used whilst the work was being done.

A member of the public suggested that a 20p charge would cause difficulty. People may not have cash. The doors used in Shanklin were heavy and difficult for the disabled. She suggested that it would be reasonable to charge for showers.

It was noted that "portaloos" cost £120 per week.

Resolved to instruct an architect.

**17. PARISH FETE. TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO HOLD THE EVENT AND IF APPROPRIATE TO FIX A DATE.**

Feedback for the consultation event was noted. It was suggested that the previous events had been too expensive. A new format was required.

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

None. The Chair was attending the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee the following day.

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

Community grants would be considered at the February meeting. Cllr Fleury said that the budget was £6500 and £4200 had been spent so far.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.