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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2019 AT 6.45 PM IN THE SMALL HALL AND THEN IN
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Members of the public: 40+.

Clerk: M J Mills Also present IW Cllr J Medland

1. APOLOGIES.

Cllr G Cameron.

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 5TH FEBRUARY 2019.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2019 (having been circulated) were agreed.

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

Item 12 – CB school governor and CF school volunteer.

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

None.

**5. 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. The Chair pointed out that the local area co-ordination service was not continuing in its present form.

6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Freshwater Library

Problems with flooding at the boiler room were resolved by Mark. The boiler was serviced on 29th January and the recommendation is that this be done on a yearly basis in future.

New blinds have been installed. Friends of Freshwater Library have covered the expense.

New bench has been ordered.

Toilets

Wallgate contract for Moa Place being renewed at cost of £142 per unit for the year (2.9% increase on last year).

2 toilet roll holders damaged at Gate Lane replaced at a cost of £60.

Training

The Clerk and 5 councillors attended the IWALC planning training on 30th January.

Website

Hosting of website now moved from LCN to IW Geek Website Design.

PAT testing

PAT testing for the Parish Office carried out on 13th February.

West Wight meeting

West Wight meeting took place on 14th February.

Appreciation evening

This took place on 8th February. Catering shared with Totland Parish Council amounted to £338.20 (half of total).

Parish facilities officer

Racking has been installed at the Old Ambulance Station for the storage of Christmas trees.

Work has commenced on 8 seats which have been identified as needing maintenance.

Allotments

7 allotments have been allocated recently giving precedence to Freshwater residents (waiting list currently 32). Rubbish is being left in the “badger area”. This will be cleared and signs will be put up.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The following payments were approved:

30/01/2019	Debit	The Co-operative	Stamps	30.00
30/01/2019	Debit	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd		91.63
31/01/2019	Online	Staff	January Salaries	4,788.89
01/02/2019	Debit	Corona Energy		106.04
01/02/2019	Debit	Nest	Pension	175.31
01/02/2019	Debit	Hillarys	Library Blinds	809.50

04/02/2019	Debit	Service Charge	Service Charge	20.24
05/02/2019	100478	Ricoh UK		251.39
05/02/2019	Debit	Hillarys	Library Blinds Second half	809.50
05/02/2019	100477	Nigel Rowe		70.00
05/02/2019	100479	Isle of Wight County Press	Advert	105.84
05/02/2019	Debit	Dropbox		7.99
07/02/2019	Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions		829.14
07/02/2019	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier		1,022.58
07/02/2019	Debit	Petty Cash	Funds Transfer	100.00
10/02/2019	Debit	Intuit UK Ltd		23.04
20/02/2019	Debit	Jo Blackley		304.00
21/02/2019	Debit	Southern Electric		109.10
26/02/2019	100482	Thompsons Plants	Christmas trees	660.00
26/02/2019	100486	Lifeline	Callpoint repair	82.20
26/02/2019	100483	Business Stream Library		44.74
26/02/2019	100484	Mark Adams Maintenance Services		85.00
26/02/2019	100485	Mark Adams Maintenance Services		627.00
				<u>11,153.13</u>

New Payments

31/01/2019	online	MHALCO	Hire of Main Hall	175.50
01/02/2019	online	MHALCO	Rent of Parish office	847.50
27/02/2019	online	SSE	Library	79.35
26/02/2019		Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Skate park and MUGA litter duty	180.00
21/02/2019		Isle of Wight Geek	Website hosting, domain name and security	139.99
27/02/2019		Business Stream	Allotments water	38.84
25/02/2019		CS Hougham	Planning Advice FPC	170.00
25/02/2019		CS Hougham	Planning Advice WWLC	130.00
				<u>1,761.18</u>

Total Payments 12,914.31

9. WESTERN YAR SEATING PROJECT. TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL ON BEHALF OF THE PROJECT.

Written details had been circulated. Island Roads had quoted £1745 to install 6 seats. The group would look to fund raise through grants. It was proposed that the Parish Council purchase and take ownership of the seats. Maintenance would be minimal. Further proposed that any plaques should be supplied by the Council. These proposals were agreed.

10. GATE LANE TOILETS – TO FURTHER CONSIDER OPTIONS TO REFURBISH OR REBUILD (JON GILBEY ATTENDING ON BEHALF OF DANFO).

Jon confirmed that he had been responsible for the project carried out by Shanklin Town Council for 2 toilet sites. He had researched all manufacturers before deciding on Danfo. They had been in business for 50 years and were the only company offering modular solutions. The manufacturing was done in Germany and Sweden to a high standard and use was made of low cost LED lighting. In 13 months Shanklin had saved £6800 in water and electric on the 2 sites and received an income of £14000. The cost had been £158000 but they would pay for themselves in 7 years. People were happy to use the new toilets. Footfall had increased by 25%. They were designed for the particular locations and there were unlimited fascia's. maintenance was minimal and the toilets had a life expectancy of 25 years. Sensors would need to be replaced but nothing required a specialist contractor. There was a 3 year guarantee.

Roger Mann from IW Ramblers said that he thought that the Shanklin toilets were wonderful. Most of the feedback was that people were happy to pay. Paying would reduce vandalism.

Jon confirmed that in 35 years Danfo had had no doors or cash containers broken into. In answer to a question Jon confirmed that he would receive a small sum of money from Danfo for his time.

In answer to a question about capacity Jon confirmed that 42,500 people had used the toilets in Shanklin in 14 months. Walk the Wight was one day only.

Cleaning was done by Top Mops. Opening and closing was done remotely. Previously they were paying £3.50 per opening/closing.

Newport Parish Council were considering Danfo for the Post Office Lane site. If several town and parish councils used Danfo it may be possible to buy into a maintenance contract. Cllr Dimmick said that he had met with the architect and a tree root impact report was needed. It was hoped that drawings could be completed to enable a decision to be taken at the April meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that 2 quotes were being obtained for the refurbishment option. So far the advice had been to rebuild.

11. INFORMAL MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CABINET - 14 MARCH 2019. TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS TO THE CABINET IN THE FORMAL MEETING AND ALSO THE FOLLOWING MEETING WITH WEST WIGHT COUNCILS.

The school was the most important issue. Cllr Lowthion suggested regeneration, infrastructure and the cycle path.

The meeting was 5 to 7 pm.

12. TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL TO THE CONSULTATION ON PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE WEST WIGHT AND IN PARTICULAR ALL SAINTS SCHOOL

Members of the public spoke and put forward their views. The overwhelming view was that the school should not be closed. The public were encouraged to make representations to the Isle of Wight Council.

The Chair mentioned the cabinet meeting on 14th March and the opportunity for questions to be asked.

Cllr Lowthion and Medland were dealing with the "call in" issue.

A number of meetings were being arranged to discuss the matter further and there would be an opportunity to display public feeling at 4.30 on 14th March in Moa Place Freshwater. Cllr Fleury proposed a fighting fund of £500. This was agreed. Cllr Eccles pointed out that anyone could attend the full council meeting and ask questions. There would be a meeting on 26th April. Cllr Lowthion said that the steering group were meeting on Thursday.

13. UPDATE ON MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL RE FRESHWATER BAY RAILINGS.

Cllr Dimmick confirmed that there had been a meeting with Isle of Wight Council and they had agreed to fund this. A risk assessment would be required. The cost of the materials was £2900.

Cllr Hinton expressed his appreciation.

14. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF BUSINESS CASE RE LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF AVENUE ROAD CAR PARK.

There was a meeting with Cllr Ward on Wednesday at 12 noon. The Chair pointed out that there were currently some anomalies eg Lake 1 hour free parking. Totland also had free parking.

The draft business case was approved.

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

Cllr Fleury said that there had recently been a Christmas “wash up”. It was hoped to get power for a tree on the other side (as opposed to the side where the tree was situated this year) at Freshwater Library. It was also hoped to get power to School Green Road.

Cllr Eccles confirmed that he had sent a copy of the minutes of the war memorial bungalow committee meeting to the Clerk.

16. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Cllr Fleury said that it would be the 75th anniversary of the death of Arthur Somers-Cocks, 6th Baron Somers who was Chief Scout from 1941 until his death in 1944. Arthur Somers-Cocks had been born in Freshwater.

Also in December 2019 it would be the 125th anniversary of the establishment of Freshwater Parish Council.

Cllr Bamford asked about the sub committee for the fete. Cllrs Eccles and James were appointed.

Cllr Harris suggested a formal letter of congratulation be sent to Rapanui and that they be invited to become involved in the business association.

17. BOUNDARY COMMISSION

The Parish Council noted the position with the further limited consultation. The change to keep Avenue Road within Freshwater was welcomed.

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.

18. CONSIDERATION OF TENDERS FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE.

A tender from Brighstone Landscaping was accepted.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.