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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2019 AT 7.15 PM 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: 5

Clerk: M J Mills Also present IW Cllr J Medland

1. APOLOGIES.

None (all present).

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

The minutes of the Freshwater Parish Council meeting held on 5th March 2019 (having been circulated) were approved.

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

Cllr Hinton re item 19 (Chair of Dimbola which sells ice cream in Freshwater Bay).

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

There were no questions.

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

Cllr Medland reported on the West Wight schools consultation and his request for a call in. There was a further meeting the next day.

Cllr Cameron had also been talking to the cabinet member.

Cllr Bray pointed out that All Saints School did not know what was happening regarding jobs.

The Chair had received letters from the pupils of All Saints which she will respond to.

Cllr Cameron presented his written report.

6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

All Saints School

Part of the fighting fund has been used to pay for banners and posters. Request also to pay for caretaker's costs for meeting at the school.

Computers

Assistant Clerk's computer upgraded following a number of issues at a cost of £71 plus VAT.

West Wight meeting

West Wight meeting due on 4th April.

Gate Lane toilets

Complaint received from resident that there had been a leak for a substantial period of time. Resident requested a letter from the Parish Council regarding which he said he would be consulting the MP.

Freshwater Bay lease

Because of a rather complex insurance clause in the draft lease the matter was referred to the Council's insurers. They are referring the matter to underwriters.

Parking Charges

A notice appeared at Avenue Road car park on Friday 22nd March regarding the introduction of an overnight charge of £1. Enquiry was made to an enforcement officer who happened to be at the car park but he was unable to say when the charge was going to apply. Enquiry to the Isle of Wight Council led to the following response

"Full Council approved overnight parking charges (a flat rate of £1 to be applicable between 6pm and 8am) on February 27th as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy. The background papers detailing this charge were included as an appendix to Paper D, Budget and Council Tax setting 2019/20 at Full Council. The charge constitutes a Notice of Variation to the existing Parking Places Order and therefore a consultation process is not required."

Drop kerb Tennyson Road

Complaint received from resident regarding long delay in application for drop kerb for property in Tennyson Road.

Website

Following the change in hosting of the website the office has had a number of issues with e mail. This has yet to be resolved.

Planning applications

Isle of Wight Council have advised that the way in which we can comment and view planning applications is changing with effect from 1st April. A user guide to the new system is available

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

27/02/2019	Online		February Salaries	4760.93
27/02/2019	Debit	Nest		173.41
27/02/2019	Debit	Dropbox		7.99
04/03/2019	Debit	Argos		19.99
04/03/2019	Debit	Screwfix	PFO: Seats, Sadolin classic varnish	32.99
07/03/2019	Debit	JCB Imaging	Banner	50.00
08/03/2019	Debit	JCB Imaging	Banners	100.00
08/03/2019	Debit	JCB Imaging	Leaflets	26.00
08/03/2019	Debit direct pmnt	Gill Kennett	Honorarium	500.00
11/03/2019	Debit	JCB Imaging	School leaflets	25.00
14/03/2019	Debit	JCB Imaging	50 x A3 posters	30.00
15/03/2019	Debit	Corona Energy		99.89
20/03/2019	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier	Hire of main hall 8/2/19	43.86
20/03/2019	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier	Office: Parish Office Rent	847.08
20/03/2019	Debit	Intuit UK Ltd	Quickbooks service plan	23.04
25/03/2019	Debit	Southern Electric	Freshwater Library	156.80
01/04/2019	Debit	IW Council	Freshwater Library Rates	626.25
01/04/2019	Debit	IW Council	Moa Place Rates	118.85
01/04/2019	Debit	IW Council	Gate Lane Rates	193.45
02/04/2019	100498	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Gate Lane Ladies Loos. Remove broken toilet seat.	15.00
02/04/2019	100498	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Allotments: Remove rubbish dumped from fenced off area	45.00
02/04/2019	100498	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Library: Replace broken bulb and starter in fluorescent light	23.75
02/04/2019	100499	Business Supplies Group	Admin Office Stationery	85.92
02/04/2019	100500	Business Stream Library	Library: Water	82.80
02/04/2019	100501	Wayne Isaacson	Trees Gate Lane Toilets	180.00
02/04/2019	100503	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	PFO Seats	49.06
02/04/2019	100504	Business Stream Moa Place	Moa Place: Water	99.38
02/04/2019	100505	IW Association of Local Councils	Subscription Fees for IWALC 2019 & NALC affiliation fee	1,066.17
02/04/2019	100506	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Trees: Planting of 2 cherry trees along School Green Road	180.00
02/04/2019	100507	HAGS	Stroud: Play Equipment	1,050.00
02/04/2019	100509	Cross Country Services	Tree work as per Tree survey ref: WIT-17-16-002-SCH	4,680.00
02/04/2019	100508	PC Consultants	Office Admin: New Hard Drive for Emma's PC	85.20
04/04/2018	Debit	BT		262.93

15,740.74

9. WEST WIGHT LOCAL COUNCILS GROUP – TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL THAT THE GROUP HAVE A YEARLY BUDGET OF £1300 AND THAT THIS BE FUNDED BY MEMBER COUNCILS (FRESHWATER CONTRIBUTION £517 BASED ON POPULATION).

It was agreed to contribute £517 to the Group on a yearly basis.

It was suggested that the agenda for meetings should be circulated to all councillors.

Cllrs Cameron and James would attend the next meeting.

10. GATE LANE TOILETS –FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF OPTIONS TO REFURBISH OR REBUILD.

Cllr Dimmick said that a tree report had proved necessary and an engineer's report was needed re the foundations. He hoped that designs would be available for the May meeting.

11. UPDATE ON BOUNDARY SIGNS.

Details had been circulated. Cllr James was concerned about the signs fading in time. Cllr Eccles suggested proceeding with the existing material. This was agreed by a majority.

12. FEEDBACK FROM THE MEETING WITH THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT RE LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF AVENUE ROAD CAR PARK.

The Chair confirmed that the meeting had been positive. The cabinet member had said that consideration of devolution of the car park would have to wait until after a review of car parking was completed in the autumn. However he had indicated a willingness to consider 2 hours free parking in Avenue Road car park.

Cllr Eccles pointed out that there was an anomaly as Totland had 1 hour free parking although for the last 12 months the machine had been out of order anyway.

Totland Parish Council were due to meet with the cabinet member for transport in May.

Cllr Fleury pointed out that in other areas of the Island parents with children playing sport were able to get free parking.

13. REPORT FROM INFORMAL MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CABINET ON 14 MARCH 2019.

This was felt to have been a helpful and positive meeting.

The Chair reported that following a meeting she had had with the Director of Regeneration the ground rent for the West Wight Sports and Community Centre had been reduced to £1 and the lease had been varied as requested.

14. UPDATE ON THE CONSULTATION ON PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE WEST WIGHT AND IN PARTICULAR ALL SAINTS SCHOOL AND TO FINALISE THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE.

Cllr James was concerned that the draft response letter did not propose a solution. He referred to the community proposal (draft 6) which had been circulated.

Cllr Lowthion felt that it should be made clearer that the Parish Council rejected the Isle of Wight Council's preferred option. This was agreed.

Cllr Harris suggested making it clear that the Department for Education guidelines were not being followed.

Cllr James mentioned evening, weekend and holiday use.

Cllr White queried whether it would be possible to get reasons why some parents were disgruntled in 2015.

Cllr James asked that the response letter say that the Parish Council is aware of the community's proposals.

Cllr Lowthion queried the Isle of Wight Council's definition of a safe route to school. It was suggested that it be stressed that the closure of All Saints school would lead to the route to school becoming less safe for pupils.

Cllr Cameron felt that the Parish Council should push for the decision to be delayed.

Cllr Bamford said that the Isle of Wight Council proposal might lead to larger class sizes (30 plus) which would affect standards.

Cllr Cameron said that he would seek to call the matter in.

15. TO CONSIDER PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE WEST WIGHT CHURCHES YOUTH PROJECT.

Cllr Fleury outlined the proposal which was £3000 for 3 years to cover the cost of renting rooms.

It was felt that 3 years would give the opportunity for the project to seek funding elsewhere. The proposal was agreed.

16. PLASTIC FREE FRESHWATER. TO NOTE THE POSITION WITH SPENDING TO DATE AND TO AGREE A BUDGET AND THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL SHOPPING BAGS.

Cllr James gave some details on the purchase and sale of an initial 50 bags. He proposed buying more bags which for 100 would cost £3 plus VAT each. He felt they could be sold for £4.99 as a fundraiser.

Cllr Dimmick proposed buying 200 bags. This was agreed.

17. TREE WORKS. APPROVAL OF QUOTATION 18/044 IN THE SUM OF £4450 PLUS VAT.

This was agreed.

18. STROUD COPPICE CLEARANCE WORK. TO CONSIDER WORK REQUIRED.

Cllr Bray gave some background. Little had been done since Sothern Households had carried out work. What was now needed was litter picking and the clearance of brambles and fallen branches. Chippings from the wood could be used for footpaths. The Parish Facilities Officer could be used in the first instance.

Cllr Fleury pointed out that this was an ancient coppice and queried if this work followed advice given. Cllr Bray pointed out that it was essentially tidying work.

It was agreed to proceed with the work.

19. REQUEST FROM ESTEBAN'S ICE CREAM TO SELL ICE CREAM AT FRESHWATER BAY.

Cllr James queried if this would overlap with sales from the Lifeboat shop. Cllr Kennett agreed to speak to the Lifeboat regarding this.

The Council was happy to progress this if feasible.

20. CAUSEWAY BRIDGE RAILINGS.

The Chair pointed out that the railings were a disgrace. A strong letter should be sent to Island Roads. Cllr Cameron will also speak with Island Roads (as ward councillor).

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

The Chair had attended IWALC and YHAC meetings.

Cllr Bray said that a thank you had been received for the bowl made from the felled cherry tree.

22. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

None.

23. OTHER

The Chair said that some town and parish councils on the Island were in turmoil. She thanked councillors for their sensible approach.

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.