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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 21st MAY 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE
MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: M J Mills

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Bamford was elected.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Cllr James was elected.

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

4. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Cllr D Eccles, and V Lowthion and Cllr Fleury (late).

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 and Financial Regulations were approved.

8. APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Appointments were made in accordance with the list attached.

The Listed Building Sub-Committee would now be dealt with through the Planning Committee. Cllr Kennett mentioned the pill box on the Causeway. Ownership of the land would be investigated.

It was agreed that the staffing committee would be given full delegated authority to deal with all staff and personnel issues including hiring and dismissal of staff, grievance and disciplinary matters.

Cllr Hinton raised the issue of the rear entrance at Brookside medical centre. This to be an agenda item for the June meeting.

Cllr Kennett had been attending quarterly meetings of the Freshwater Bay residents association. Cllr Dimmick had accompanied her on the last occasion. It was suggested that minutes be obtained from these meetings.

Cllr James raised the issue of the schools consultation. Cllr Cameron said that Yarmouth were accepting the proposal. He felt that there was little risk of the new school not being built as the Isle of Wight Council would not want to pay for the cost of transporting children to Yarmouth. The government would put in the capital costs.

Cllrs Bamford and Kennett had met with the Friends of Freshwater Library. FOFL had indicated that they still wished to extend the building. Also the librarian had given her notice. Cllr Hinton felt that FOFL had been hostile and Cllr White felt that there was no prospect of getting heritage lottery money for the project.

The Chair pointed out that the proposal was a much more modest one than had previously been proposed. Cllr Bray said she felt she could not bring the suggestion to the Parish Council at this time when money was needed for work at Gate Lane toilets.

The Chair suggested that the community's views would be needed. Cllr Kennett pointed out the building was owned by the Parish Council and it was more than just a library.

Cllrs Bray and Hinton felt that the approach of FOFL had undermined the working group.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.