



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019 AT 7.00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE  
MEMORIAL HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Bamford, (Chair), G Kennett MBE, C Fleury, C Bray, B Hobbs, H White, V Lowthion, A Harris, D James, T Dimmick, B Hinton MBE (to item 16 but not including items 14 and 15), G Cameron and T Murphy.

Members of the public: 30 (approximately)

Clerk: M J Mills

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**1. WEST WIGHT SCHOOL PLACE PLANNING AREA (SPPA) CONSULTATION 2  
(CLOSING DATE 11TH JUNE) - TO CONSIDER THE VIEWS OF THE  
COMMUNITY AND THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE.**

A member of the public said that she had been upset by behaviour towards some parents. It should now be a question of focusing on what was best which in her view was the proposal for a modern building on the best site. Leadership concerns had been addressed in the new favoured option. However she felt that children should remain on the site. She suggested that it was unfair to Yarmouth for All Saints pupils to go there. The pre-school was remaining open so it should be possible. She suggested that pupils from Yarmouth and Freshwater could come together at eg the sports centre.

Another member of the public referred to £800,000 from the West Wight school which had gone. She felt that the locality was being deprived of investment. Carisbrooke pupils had the equivalent of £7000 per child per year against £4500 at All Saints.

A member of the public said that the proposal to scatter children around different schools was not ideal. There would be transport difficulties particularly for low income families.

Another member of the public urged everyone to work together.

Cllr White referred to the local plan and proposed housing. She said that Department of Education guidelines required a need to look ahead. She felt that Isle of Wight Council were not taking this into account. Whilst there might be a short term oversupply all schools would be needed in future.

Cllr Hobbs pointed out that Yarmouth had many good things which Freshwater did not have. The All Saints site included a playing field and it was a big site which was different to Yarmouth. There were many safe walking routes to All Saints and Moa Place car park was nearby.

A member of the public said that the better facilities were at All Saints. All Saints parents had not advocated closing any school.

Cllr Cameron said that a school would have to close given the excess of seats.

Cllr James said that all 5 West Wight schools were below the national average for funding. Yarmouth had insufficient money to fund its own head teacher. All Saints could not afford all the staff. The position would become unviable. 57% of children came from Freshwater or Totland. There had been a school in Freshwater for 300 years. It made sense to retain a school where people lived.

Cllr James said that funding might increase by £280000 to £300000 if the two schools amalgamated.

Cllr Harris suggested that there needed to be a gradual transition. The current site should be kept and use made of temporary buildings (there were surplus building at Christ the King). He said that the school needed to be suitable for future generations.

Cllr Lowthion said that Yarmouth councillors were being vocal and Freshwater needed to respond.

Cllr Harris suggested meeting with Yarmouth Town Council.

**2. APOLOGIES.**

None.

**3. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> MAY AND THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2019.**

The minutes of the Freshwater Parish Council meeting held on 7th May and the annual meeting held on 21st May 2019 (having been circulated) were agreed (CB/GK).

**4. WEST WIGHT MEN IN SHEDS TO TALK ABOUT THEIR GROUP.**

Representatives of the West Wight Men in Sheds group gave a summary of how the group operated. It was said that some men could become isolated particularly after retirement and the group aimed at addressing this issue. The group did all types of work apart from welding and would do community work. The group's opening was about to take place.

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

None.

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

There were no questions.

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

Cllr Cameron said that he had been in discussions with Island Roads regarding the railings at the Causeway and the sandbags on the bridge. Island Roads were addressing these issues. He referred to the painting of Yarmouth Bridge and said that businesses needed adequate notice of the closure of the bridge.

## **8. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.**

### **Picnic bench**

A picnic bench on the Stroud was vandalised over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### **Gate Lane toilets**

Problems with the ladies toilets were reported at the end of May. As a result the handyman inspected and has recommended some remedial work – see agenda item.

### **RoSPA Play Safety Inspection Reports**

Reports have been completed for the skate park, MUGA and play areas.

### **Western Yar Seating Project**

Following a request from the project lead a formal request has been made for the issue of licences from Isle of Wight Council.

### **Training**

The Clerk and a number of councillors attended the IWALC training on 17<sup>th</sup> May at the Riverside.

### **Meeting with FATAG**

The meeting with FATAG today had in fact taken place. Cllr White said that she was looking at helping with a grant and FATAG were hoping to rent a shop in the short term.

### **Dropbox**

Dropbox will be increasing in price by £2 from July (£9.99 per month).

### **Library**

The library supervisor is leaving on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

## **9. CORRESPONDENCE.**

### **10. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR URGENT REPAIRS AT GATE LANE TOILETS.**

Cllr Dimmick said that 2 toilets in the ladies had not been working for some time. The repairs were estimated at around £600. This was agreed.

Cllr Dimmick suggested that the cleaning contract needed careful monitoring.

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

The following payments were approved:

Barclays

07/05/20...	Debit	IW Council	Rates	626.00
07/05/20...	Debit	IW Council	Rates	309.00
07/05/20...	Debit	DVLA.GOV.UK	PFO: Van Tax.	260.00
07/05/20...	100524	Business Supplies G...	Office Stationery	41.76
07/05/20...	100525	Mark Adams Mainte...	Skate Park	120.00
07/05/20...	100526	Ventnor Town Coun...	Wallgate Contract	681.60
07/05/20...	100527	Ricoh UK	Photocopier	201.62
07/05/20...	100528	Totland Parish Council	Public Toilet supplies	593.43
07/05/20...	100529	PC Consultants	Upgrade HDD ...	171.60
07/05/20...	100531	Cross Country Services	Tree work	6,390.00
07/05/20...	100532	Mark Adams Maintenance	PFO:	1,700.00
07/05/20...	100533	Lifeline	Librmy: Call out	64.80
07/05/20...	100534	SLCC	Full Members	136.00
07/05/20...	100535	Southern Electric	Electricity	55.52
07/05/20...	100536	RVN Building Supp...	PFO:	68.48
07/05/20...	100537	W Hurst & Son (IW...	PFO:	65.20
03/06/20...	Debit	Intuit UK Ltd	Quickbooks	23.04
03/06/20...	Debit	Southern Electric	April power	58.31
03/06/20...	100538	Teddy's Place	April and May	150.00
03/06/20...	100540	Brighstone Landscape	Grounds Maintenance	1,429.99
03/06/20...	100541	W Hurst & Son (IW...	PFO: equipment	37.04
03/06/20...	100542	Gareth Hughes	Internal Audit	235.00
03/06/20...	100543	IW Council	Library cleaning	1,261.86
03/06/20...	100544	IW Council	2018 rates	150.90
03/06/20...	100545	LCR	Subs: LCR Magazine	17.00
03/06/20...	100546	West Wight Sports ...	MUGA: Lighting	47.91
03/06/20...	100547	Mark Adams Maintenance	Land: Trimming.	25.00
03/06/20...	100548	Mark Adams Maintenance	Gate Lane Toilets	55.00
03/06/20...	100549	RVN Building Supp...	PFO: Materials	140.16
03/06/20...	100550	Wight Fire & Security	Library: Fire alarm	110.74
03/06/20...	100551	W Hurst & Son	PFO: Equipment	23.39
04/06/20...	100552	Wave Project	Community Grant	200.00
04/06/20...	100553	Freshwater Early Years	Loan	700.00

#### Co-operative Bank

07/05/20...	Debit	Mike Garwood Ltd	PFO: Hedgetrimmer	298.98
07/05/20...	Debit	Island Cleaning Sol...	Public Toilets	829.14
03/06/20...	Debit	Post Office Ltd	Councillors postage	6.00
03/06/20...	Debit	JCB Imaging	Save our School	16.00
03/06/20...	Debit	Memorial Hall - Sup...	Rent: Parish Office	847.08
03/06/20...	Debit	UKtshirtprinting.com	250 bags	699.00

- 12. TO NOTE THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT AND TO CONSIDER ANY CHANGES WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED.**  
This was noted. No changes were felt to be necessary.
- 13. TO NOTE THE SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL 2018 – 2019 AND ASSOCIATED PAPERWORK AND IF APPROPRIATE TO AGREE THAT THE CHAIRMAN AND CLERK SIGN THE ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2019**  
This was noted and agreed.
- 14. THE AVENUES GROUP – TO NOTE THE CUT IN FUNDING BY ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL AND TO CONSIDER WHAT ACTION TO TAKE.**  
Cllr Cameron had spoken to Cllr Mosdell regarding this. It was felt that the group had seen great improvements and it was agreed to write to Cllr Mosdell to express the Parish Council's support for the group.
- 15. GDPR – TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A STAFF PRIVACY POLICY.**  
The draft policy was agreed.
- 16. BROOKSIDE HEALTH CENTRE – TO CONSIDER THE POSITION REGARDING CLOSURE OF THE REAR ACCESS.**  
Cllr Hinton was concerned that members of the public now had to take a slippery and dark alternative route. Also signs posts were still directing patients to a closed door.  
It was agreed to write a letter regarding this issue.  
Cllr Kennett had discussed the matter with the health centre and she had been told that lighting would be good.  
There was discussion on putting in extra lighting.  
Cllr Harris suggested alleyway access.
- 17. COMMUNITY CONNECTOR – TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMUNITY CONNECTOR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF GRANT FUNDING OF £20,000 FROM ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL.**  
Cllr Kennett said that a grant of £20,000 each was now being offered by Isle of Wight Council to Freshwater, Newport and Ryde. This was conditional on the Parish Councils matching the funding.  
Ryde would be using Aspire to deliver the project and Newport would be using Independent Arts. It was suggested the Freshwater use the West Wight Sports and Community Centre which was agreed.  
It was agreed to increase the funding to £20000 and agreed that delegated powers be given to the staffing committee to conclude agreements and arrangements.
- 18. FRESHWATER BAY REVETMENT – TO CONSIDER RESEEDING AND/OR OTHER ACTION REQUIRED.**

Cllr Bray said that she and Cllr Murphy had met with the contractor. It was suggested that reseeded be carried out for the area from the promenade to the footpath. The work would need to be done in the Autumn with a follow up in the Spring.

Cllr Murphy said that further investigation was necessary and the right mix of seed and soil were needed.

This would be considered again at the Land Management meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

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

It was reported that Freshwater Independent Lifeboat were concerned about the ice cream van operating in Freshwater Bay. It was said that this would affect their income.

Cllr Harris suggested that FILB should not be competing with local business. The van operated for 1 hour per day after the shop was closed.

Cllr Dimmick would attend the next meeting of Freshwater Independent Lifeboat.

Cllr James had circulated the community response re the school.

Cllr Fleury reported on the Festival of Running at the West Wight Sports and Community Centre. There had been 763 runners, 433 for the half marathon and 80 helpers. He felt the Centre should be congratulated.

Cllr James reported that bags were now going out (Freshwater plastic free).

He said that the fete committee were aiming to do a book related event on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

The Memorial Hall and the Sports Centre were available should be weather be inclement.

Cllr Hobbs asked that information re the toilets be kept confidential. Various documents had been given to a third party and some incorrect information was circulating.

The Friends of Freshwater Library had been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service and should be congratulated.

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

None.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.