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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd JULY 2019 AT 7.07 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, B Hinton MBE.

Members of the public: 3 IW Councillor J Medland

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES.

Cllrs G Cameron and T Murphy

2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH JUNE 2019.

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2019 (having been circulated) were agreed.

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

Item 15 Cllr Hinton as trustee of Community Action (IW).

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

There were no questions.

Martin Bayley from Stop 5G Isle of Wight Association raised the issue of the health risks of 5G. He suggested that there was evidence to say that more research was needed on the risk to health and that implementation of the Isle of Wight needed to be stopped.

He believed that the PFI contract between the Isle of Wight Council and Island Roads gave a means of opposing the introduction of 5G.

It was also suggested that a large number of trees would be cut down in the UK (110 million) as part of the 5G project.

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

There were no reports.

6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Training

The Just Ask officer and the apprentice attended training re community and event fund raising at Riverside run by Community Action IW. The cost of the training was covered by a bursary.

Meeting with FATAG

The Clerk and Cllr White met with FATAG on 18th June.

Library

New library supervisor Anna Britton appointed from Tuesday 25th June.

Audit

Documentation now submitted to the external auditor and notice of public rights published.

E mails

Long standing problems with the Parish Office e mails have now been resolved with the assistance of PC Consultants.

Signs

Signs have been obtained for the Old Ambulance Station door and the parish van. Additionally the Chairman's board has now arrived.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The following payments were approved:

05/06/2019 100515	West Wight Churches Together	Community Grant	500.00
10/06/2019 Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions	Public Toilets: Cleaning Gate Lane & Moa Place	829.14
10/06/2019 Debit	Intuit UK Ltd	Quickbooks service plan	23.04
12/06/2019 Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier	Office Cost: Rent of parish office June 2019	847.08
13/06/2019 100554	West Wight Churches Together	Community Grant	3,000.00
18106/2019 Debit	IWCouncil		122.03
18106/2019 Debit	The Co-operative	June 2019	
18/06/2019 Debit	The Co-operative	Juice and leaving card for the Librarian	7.65
18106/2019 100556	Dean Parkman	Postage 2 x 2nd Class Books	14.64
18/06/2019 100557	Hillbans	Gate Lane Toilets: Interim Invoice #1, Survey, Design/planning, ordnance survey extract	1,940.00
18/06/2019 100558	Island 2000 Charitable Trust	Land. Pest control May & June 2019	126.79
18/06/2019 100559	PC Consultants	Support of Gift to Nature 2019-2020	8,000.00
18/06/2019 100560	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Office Costs: Renewal of Eset NOD32 Antivirus 3 PCs 1 Year	31.46
18/06/2019 100561	West Wight Town and Parish Councils Assoc	Land: Clearing Stream, ditches, Skate Park, MUGA, and emptylnh bins on stroud.	45.00
18/06/2019 100562	Totland Parish Council	Sub: Contribution towards WW Town & Parish Councils Clerk Salary	517.00
18/06/2019 100562	Tolland Parish Council	Public Tollets: Moa Palce & Gate Lane Supplies.	310.29
18/06/2019 100562	Totland Parish Council	Skate Park/ MUGA. Repairs to Skate & MUGA	215.68
18106/2019 100562	Totland Parish Council	Public Works loan: 2019-2020 Memorial Hall	1,586.76
18106/2019 100562	Totland Parish Council	Skate Park: Scooter Taster Sessions April 2019	40.00
18106/2019 100563	Business Stream Library	Library: Water 7 March -3 June 2019	55.74
18/06/2019 100564	RHF	Land: Replace Oak Posts at Old WWMS site.	492.00
18/06/2019 Debit	Jo Blackley	Salaries: Book keeping	220.00
18/06/2019 100555	West Wight Sports & Community Centre	Annual Grant	40,000.00
23106/2019 Debit	Southern Electric	Library; Electricity for May 2019	23.61
			58,947.91]

NEW PAYMENTS

05/06/2019 Debit	Corona Energy	library, Gate Lane and Moa Place	140.96
1B/06/2019 Debit	Vista Print	PFO; Artwork for van signs	6.00
19/06/2019 Debit	Vista Print	PFO. Signs for Van.	50.17
02/07/2019 100566	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Library: Replace f/ourescent tube & starter	23.75
02/07/2019 100566	Mark Adams Maintenance Seivices	Toilets: Gatelane. Mens Urinal. Replace pipe to wall, replace washer on outlet feeding	17.50
02107/2019 100567	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Land: May 2019 maintenance works	1,429.99
02/07/2019 100566	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Toilets: Moa Place. Replace Gents Disabled Door Handle.	47.50
02/07/2019 100566	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Land; Stroud playtng fields sign rerurb	85.00
02/07/2019 100568	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Library: Cut and Collect grass. Feb 2019. Bill never submitted when work done	72.00
02/07/2019 Debit	Business Stream Moa Place	Toilets: Moa Place Water B11112/3- 1416 2019	151.92
			2,024.79

9. LIBRARY. TO CHANGE THE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS. SUGGESTED GROUPS

A) PARTNERSHIP WORKING GROUP – HEAD OF LIBRARY SERVICE AND LIBRARIAN PLUS CHAIR FPC AND 2 PARISH COUNCILLORS

B) DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP – CHAIR OF FOFL PLUS ONE FOFL MEMBER AND 2 PARISH COUNCILLORS

C) MAINTENANCE ISSUES TO BE DEALT WITH BY THE PARISH OFFICE WITH SUPPORT OF 2 PARISH COUNCILLORS

ONE PARISH COUNCILLOR TO CONTINUE AS CHAIR OF LIBRARY ISSUES

Cllr Hinton felt that this proposal needed to be discussed first by the current working party. Cllr Bray pointed out the current terms of reference. She suggested that there was no point having the library service representative at meetings with the Friends of Freshwater Library and FOFL did not need to be involved in maintenance issues. She said that the current set up was not working and things could certainly be done better. She said that the 6 week cycle was too frequent.

Cllr Hinton felt that FOFL were saying that they should have had the previously proposed extension at the library agreed. He said that he felt there had been offensive comments towards him and that they were saying that the Parish Council had let them down.

Cllr Kennett said that she understood that FOFL were seeking a much smaller extension than the one which had previously been discussed. She pointed out that the previous proposal had not gone through because the public did not support it.

It was agreed that the matter be referred back to the working group for further discussion.

10. FRESHWATER AND TOTLAND ARCHIVE GROUP. CONSIDERATION OF SUPPORT FOR FATAG AND FORMATION OF A WORKING GROUP.

It was noted that FATAG did not want to be tied to the Library.

Cllr White said she and FATAG had met with Dr Ruth Waller who had run a project at Brading. Cllr White had investigated the possibility of getting classrooms from Christ the King School but they had been sold. She thought that renting a shop might be an appropriate way forward.

It was agreed that the working party would be Cllrs Bray, White and Hinton.

Cllr Fleury referred councillors to the FATAG newsletter.

11. COMMUNITY CONNECTOR – UPDATE.

Cllr Kennett reported that Adam Tucker had been appointed with effect from 23rd June. The employer was West Wight Sports and Community Centre. As it was a one year post only it had been felt that advertising of the post was unnecessary. Management would be via the steering group. A matrix would be put in place which would be used for evidence in future. Cllr Kennett pointed out that Isle of Wight Council would not be putting in any further funds after the initial year.

She said that 6 posts in public health had just been made redundant. It seemed that savings would go to Hampshire County Council.

12. HEADS OF TERMS FOR LEASE OF PARISH OFFICE.

The draft heads of terms were agreed.

13. FRESHWATER TO COWES SCHOOL BUS. TO CONSIDER LACK OF AVAILABLE SCHOOL TRANSPORT.

Cllr Lowthion said that there had been a waiting list of 19. However Isle of Wight Council had now found an additional 19 seats which resolved the current difficulty.

Cllr Harris pointed out that busing was necessary because the council had closed West Wight Middle School.

14. BOOK FAYRE 7th SEPTEMBER – UPDATE AND MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING GROUP.

Cllr James said that the Library was showing the film “the Book Shop” on 6th September. This would be a useful opening for the Book Fayre. The Memorial Hall had been booked from 12 noon to 6pm at a total cost of £117. However it was hoped that this money would be recouped from book sellers. Freshwater Coffee House would be having a spoken word event in the evening.

Cllr Hinton thought that many professional book dealers might be interested.

It was agreed that the working party would consist of Cllrs James, Kennett and Hinton.

15. COMMUNITY LED HOUSING – UPDATE FROM CLLR JAMES RE GRANT AVAILABILITY FROM COMMUNITY ACTION IW.

Cllr James said that 2 schemes were being considered in West Wight. One was at the site of Weston school. It was hoped that 20 families in Freshwater might be helped. Schemes would involve shared facilities such as laundrettes and workshops. A company limited by guarantee had been established and they had had an initial grant of £10,000 for research. The next level of funding could include money for the purchase of land.

The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment had been looked at to try to identify sites but not all had been felt to be suitable.

16. CONSIDERATION OF QUOTATION FOR TWO NEW HEATERS IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

Cllr Bamford said that this had been a MHALCO proposal and was aimed at reducing electricity costs/usage. This was **agreed**.

17. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE FRESHWATER AND TOTLAND WAR MEMORIAL BUNGALOWS COMMITTEE.

Cllr Kennett was appointed.

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

Cllr Hobbs presented a written report from the West Wight Patient Participation Group Meeting on 24th June.

Cllr Hinton pointed out that the issue re the entrance had not been addressed.

It was noted that Open Studios is taking place 12th to 22nd July.

All Saints School summer fete is taking place on 20th July. Cllrs James and Dimmick will attend.

The Chair had attended the flag raising ceremony. Cllr James would be attending the next official function.

19. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Proposal from Totland Parish Council to change the name of Freshwater Library to West Wight Library.

Cllr Kennett suggested that the Island Roads grass cutting contract needed to be discussed. She said that whilst there was a suggestion that leaving some bits might be beneficial residents were complaining. Cllr Harris pointed out that some footpaths were like a jungle.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.