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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 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, D James, B Hinton MBE (to end item 17), G Cameron and T Murphy.

Members of the public: 1

Clerk: M J Mills

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**1. APOLOGIES.**

Cllrs V Lowthion and T Dimmick. Also IW Councillor J Medland.

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2019.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 (having been circulated) were agreed.

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

None.

**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's written report had been circulated. Cllrs asked that it be made available earlier in future. Cllr Kennett pointed out that the community navigator was funded by Age UK.

Cllr Cameron gave an update on the school places consultation. He understood that this would go to the IWC cabinet meeting in September.

A project was due to start whereby food would be saved and made available to school children in the West Wight. A venue was needed.

Cllr Cameron had met with the police re complaints about a resident on a local housing estate. A further meeting was taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Cllr Cameron was dealing with a notice which had been issued by Isle of Wight Council re a basket on the highway.

Cllr Fleury asked if a sketch plan of the proposed new school could be made available to the public. This was not available now but would be in the future.

Cllr Cameron had received a number of complaints re the development at Colwell Road. He had been in touch with Island Roads re the Causeway Bridge.

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

### **Rapanui**

The Chair, Cllr Kennett and the Clerk met with Rapanui on 17th July. Rapanui discussed their plans for expansion on which they are now intending to consult with the community.

### **Vandalism**

Report received of vandalism in the village around 25th July. It is understood that glass in the FYT Bus shelter was smashed as well as a notice board at the WW Sports and Community Centre being broken. A lot of glass was found in the car park and outside Brookside Medical Centre. It is also understood that those responsible were seen on top of Moa Place toilets (which were not damaged) and that the police were called.

Some damage to trees next to the skate park was found on 19th July. This was reported to the police.

### **Community connector**

The Community connector needs a laptop. It is anticipated that a suitable model could be obtained for £350 to £400.

### **Planning decisions**

It has come to light that the Isle of Wight Council stopped sending details of decisions when the new system was introduced. They have agreed to resume the service.

### **Parking**

E mail sent to Isle of Wight Council following issue of a FPN close to Dimbola.

### **Trees**

Contractors will be instructed to deal with dead elms in Queens Road as discussed at Land Management meeting at a cost of £650 plus VAT and also work to trees in Queens Road (crown raising) as required by Highways at cost of £250 plus VAT.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

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

The following payments were approved:

03/07/2019	Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning. June 2019	829.14
03/07/2019	Debit	Carphone Warehouse	Community Connector. Telephone for Adam Tucker	190.80
03/07/2019	Debit	Jo Blackley	Book Keeping June 2019	184.00
03/07/2019	100569	Playsafety Limited	Annual Inspection: Play Park, MUGA & Skate Park	267.60
03/07/2019	100570	The Footprint Trust	Warmer Freshwater Initiative Qtr 3 October to December 2018	223.45

03/07/2019	100570	The Footprint Trust	Warmer Freshwater Initiative Qtr 4 January to March 2019	319.78
03/07/2019	100571	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	PFO: Sundries & Skate Park/ MUGA	26.87
03/07/2019	100572	Mark Adams Maintenance Services		182.75
03/07/2019	100573	Island Signs	Signs; Chairmens board. Ambulance station sign	241.20
03/07/2019	Debit	The Co-operative	postage	14.64
04/07/2019	Debit	SLCC	Membership fee	228.00
04/07/2019	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier	Book Fayre	117.00
04/07/2019	Debit	Amazon		43.68
05/07/2019	Debit	BT	Office Admin: phone bill	270.66
08/07/2019	Debit	Dropbox		9.99
09/07/2019	100576	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Grounds maintenance 1st 1/4	1,650.00
10/07/2019	Debit	EE	Monthly mobile charges	18.60
15/07/2019	Debit	Corona Energy	Moa Place WC energy	20.82
15/07/2019	Debit	Corona Energy	Library energy	99.33
16/07/2019	100574	Mark Adams Maintenance Services		296.85
16/07/2019	100575	PC Consultants	Reverse changes of IW Geek	82.80
16/07/2019	Debit	The Co-operative	Postage	16.80
16/07/2019	Debit	Southern Electric	Library: General Costs for June 2019	25.76
16/07/2019	Debit	Mike Garwood Ltd	PFO: Equipment. Blower.	225.25
16/07/2019	Debit	Intuit UK Ltd	Quickbooks service plan	23.04
16/07/2019	100577	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Land: June 2019 maintenance works	1,429.99
16/07/2019	100578	Mark Adams Maintenance Services		63.75
26/07/2019	Debit	Corona Energy	Gate Lane WC energy	13.11
29/07/2019	Debit	HM Revenue & Customs	Payroll	2,257.93
29/07/2019	Debit	Michael Mills	July Salaries	1,171.84
29/07/2019	Debit	Melanie Gardiner	July Salaries	1,361.42
29/07/2019	Debit	Clint Oliver	July Salaries	328.26
29/07/2019	Debit	Shaun Dunn	July Salaries	509.52
29/07/2019	Debit	Emma Carter	July Salaries	832.06
29/07/2019	Debit	Clodagh Pearce	July Salaries	520.00
31/07/2019	100579	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	45.00	
31/07/2019	100580	Ricoh UK	Photocopier rent and printing charges	208.90
31/07/2019	Debit	JCB Imaging	Banner; School STAT's advertised	60.00
31/07/2019	100581	Artframes	Office: Chairmen's Board Framing	46.00

**Total on QuickBooks**

**14,456.59**

	100582	SSE	Old Fire Station Electricity	41.17
	100583	Teddys Place	Avenue Road Planters	150.00
	100584	IOW Sports Foundation	Affiliation Fee	5.00

**Total New Payments**

**196.17**

**9. VERGE CUTTING. TO NOTE THE CUTS IN FUNDING AND SERVICE AND TO CONSIDER ANY ACTION.**

The Chair said that this had been discussed at the West Wight local councils' group. The question was whether or not to instruct the Parish Facilities Officer to do work at bus stops and other difficult areas.

Cllr Bray said that insurance needed to be considered. It was easy to break a car window with a stone for example.

Cllr Murphy suggested that training would be good and signage and hi vis should be considered.

Cllr Fleury felt that the Isle of Wight Council should be doing this but the Chair was aware that other town and parish councils were already undertaking this work.

**10. BINS. TO NOTE THE SHORTAGE OF BINS AND TO CONSIDER INSTALLING ADDITIONAL BINS AT THE STROUD.**

The Chair said that this was something else which other town and parish councils were now undertaking. Suggested venues were: Freshwater Bay, the Stroud and the Causeway. It was felt that these should be large double bins.

Cllr Kennett suggested asking Island Roads for details of where existing bins were situated.

Cllr James said that National Trust now had a policy of not providing bins so people had to take their litter home.

It was agreed that additional bins be provided.

**11. SEATS – TO CONSIDER LOCATION FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEAT IN THE PARISH.**

Cllr Fleury suggested outside the Standard. This was agreed.

**12. JUST ASK OFFICER. TO NOTE THAT FUNDING FROM PUBLIC HEALTH COMES TO AN END IN NOVEMBER 2019 AND TO CONSIDER FUTURE FUNDING FOR THE POST.**

Cllr Kennett explained the background to the post being provided. She said that it was clear that Public Health would not extend the funding. The post was different to the Community Connector but complemented it.

The Just Ask officer gave some input regarding her role and impact.

Cllr Fleury said that there was only a 4 month period to fund in the current financial year.

Cllr Hobbs was concerned about creating a precedent.

Cllr Kennett suggested that action supporting the community would pay off in the long run. An evaluation was being done which would help.

Cllr James suggested a fund raiser. Cllr Hobbs thought other councils should contribute.

A member of the public said that the Just Ask Officer had helped him. He felt that the post was very worthwhile.

Cllr James suggested that data should be collected in future including data on where people being helped lived.

It was agreed that this matter would be considered at the next finance meeting.

**13. BADGERS. TO APPROVE ACTION REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH BADGER ACTIVITY AT THE LIBRARY AS RECOMMENDED BY PSE LTD.**

It was noted that the cost of fencing was not included in the quotation and the Assistant Clerk was obtaining a figure for this. The proposed action was agreed.

**14. FRESHWATER PLASTIC FREE - FOUNTAINS AND UPDATE.**

Cllr James confirmed that bags were now in the shops. There were more stockists than with the previous sales of bags. Cllr James was confident that the entire print run would be sold. Monies raised would go towards funding taps to fill water bottles, possibly at the toilets. Several businesses were already supporting the refill scheme. The Chair thanked Cllr James for his work on the project.

**15. FETES ON THE GREEN. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD EVENTS ON SCHOOL GREEN.**

Cllr James explained that this had come forward from someone with a background in event management who now had a shop in School Green Road.

Cllr Fleury was concerned about possible mess to clear. He was also keen to avoid any clashes between events. He thought the green was not suitable for Easter or Christmas and thought that Jubilee or Stroud would be better.

Cllr Bray suggested the library gardens as a better venue.

Cllr Kennett thought that it was a brilliant idea but agreed that the green was not the right venue at Christmas.

Cllr James said that help would be sought from the Parish Council for advertising events but it was hoped that other expenses would be met by businesses.

It was agreed that a working group be established and councillors should contact the clerk to register their interest.

**16. LIBRARY NAME. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL THAT THE NAME BE CHANGED TO WEST WIGHT LIBRARY.**

The Chair had received an e mail from FOFL which confirmed that they had no objection to the proposed change. However it was felt that there was no reason not to continue under the long established name which identified where the library is located. The name would not therefore be changed.

**17. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CONSULTATION – TO RESPOND TO THE CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL CONSULTATION**

The Chair said that this would affect vulnerable people. There were teenagers with mental health issues who had bus passes who might lose their jobs.

Cllr Cameron said that IWC would take note of any representations.

Cllr White noted that other local authorities had withdrawn the concession but she said that the Island was a special case.

Cllr James said that one problem was the expensive fares which resulted from the private bus monopoly.

Cllr Hinton felt that volunteers at Dimbola would be affected. The work they were doing made them feel worthwhile.

Agreed that the Parish Council would respond to say that the concession should be retained.

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

Cllr Kennett submitted a written report re a request from West Wight Sports and Community Centre to put a small container on Jubilee Field to store cycle equipment for Isle Access. This was agreed.

Cllr Fleury reported that All Saints fete had raised £700 and the Solent Swim had raised £14500 with 58 swimmers.

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

Cllr Kennett pointed out the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the commencement of the second world war was approaching. She suggested tidying of the pill box by the Causeway.

Beach safety at Colwell (DJ)

Update re war memorial (CF)

Toilet cleaning contract (GC)

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.

**20. STAFFING ISSUES – REPORT FROM STAFFING COMMITTEE.**

The report concerning staff numbers, hours and pay was approved.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.