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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 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, V Lowthion, A Harris, T Dimmick, B Hinton MBE, T Murphy and G Cameron.

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: M J Mills

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors H White and D James. Also IW Cllr J Medland

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 6th AUGUST 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2019 (having been circulated) were agreed (CB/GC).

**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)**

No members of the public present.

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

Cllr Medland had submitted a written report.

Cllr Cameron referred to an initiative where meals were being supplied. This was currently being hosted by the Conservative Club. Up to 14 children were involved so it was well worth doing. A permanent base was being sought.

On planning a revised scheme had been submitted for the Masonic Hall. There had been objections to the Pizza takeaway, but Cllr Cameron thought that this would be approved. Elliotts had been given a licence for boxes on the highway at a cost of £240 per annum. Island Roads had been asked to deal with the large stones in School Green Road.

A traffic order was being considered for Queens Road. Cllr Hinton expressed his concern regarding more yellow lines, but Cllr Cameron felt that this was important for safety reasons. Cllr Lowthion asked about timescale regarding a decision on the school places consultation and Cllr Cameron thought that this would be the next cabinet meeting. Cllr Kennett would raise a question on this at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

6. CLERKS REPORT – TO BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS.

Property adjoining the Memorial Hall

Cllrs will be aware that the property to the east of the Memorial Hall is in a very poor state of repair. The Memorial Hall committee have been concerned that the wall may be dangerous, and the Clerk therefore arranged for Building Control to inspect it which they did on 9th August. It was felt that no immediate danger to the public existed, but it did warrant some action and the owner of the property will now be contacted.

Library

Sofa and spare cover purchased for the Library.

Bins

Bins have now been purchased and are stored at the Old Ambulance Station.

Gate Lane toilets

The taps have been sticking on and this has been looked at by the handyman. There are also problems with the lighting with automatic lighting not coming on as it should.

Toilet cleaning

The Clerk has spoken with the contractor and the contractor will now be keeping a log of the time spent at the toilets in future.

Audit

The Clerk has been advised that this has been passed to the appropriate staff member at the external auditors for a final sign-off.

War memorial

The office has been advised that work on the war memorial should start this week. The Church has been advised.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

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

The following payments were approved:

01/08/2019	Debit	IW Council	626 Library, 115 Moa Place, 194 Gate Lane	935.00
01/08/2019	Debit	Nest	July pensions	274.68
05/08/2019	Debit	Jo Blackley	Bookkeeping July 2019	128.00
05/08/2019	Debit	Bank Charges	Service Charge	25.05

06/08/2019	100583	Teddy's Place	June & July 2019. Watering of Planters Avenue Road	150.00
06/08/2019	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier		2,185.86
06/08/2019	100585	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Stroud: Replace Toddler swings and add a support swing	60.00
06/08/2019	Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions	Toilet Cleaning: July 2019	829.14
06/08/2019	100586	Zurich	Admin: Insurance 14/08/2019 - 13/08/2020	3,062.62
06/08/2019	100587	RVN Building Supplies	Land: PFO Supplies for School Green Road Work	75.87
06/08/2019	100582	Southern Electric	Old Fire Station Elec usage	41.17
06/08/2019	100584	Isle of Wight Sports Foundation	2019 Affiliation Fee	6.00
06/08/2019	Debit	IKEA	Sofa	268.00
06/08/2019	online	Dropbox	Subs	9.99
07/08/2019	Debit	Screwfix	Wood stain for seats	32.99
07/08/2019	online	Co-Op	squash	4.10
07/08/2019	online	Morrisons	petrol	34.67
09/08/2019	Debit	IW Council	Old Fire Station	126.00
09/08/2019	Debit	Currys PC World	Laptop	379.00
12/08/2019	DD	EE	Adams mobile contract	18.00
12/08/2019	Debit	Currys PC World	Laptop bag	14.99
12/08/2019	Debit	JCB Imaging	Book Fayre Poster	18.00
14/08/2019	Debit	Jo Blackley	Bookkeeping August 2019	168.00
20/08/2019	Debit	Advancedscape	3 dog bins, 2 litter bins	475.00
20/08/2019	100588	PC Consultants	IT Support 105.60 +27.60	133.20
20/08/2019	100589	Brighstone Landscaping Ltd	Ground maintenance contract July 2019	1,429.99
20/08/2019	100590	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	17.50 + 15 + 15 + 70	117.50
20/08/2019	100591	Cross Country Services	Land: Removal of tree limbs from Jubilee Field. Storm damage	360.00
20/08/2019	100592	The Footprint Trust	Warmer Freshwater Initiative first 1/4 April to June 2019	237.50
20/08/2019	100593	Isle of Wight County Press	Admin: Job Advert for New Clerk	277.20
20/08/2019	100595	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Land: Installation of refurbished Stroud sign	57.00
Total				11,934.52

9. FINANCE COMMITTEE – TO NOTE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 20th AUGUST TO INCLUDE FUTURE FUNDING OF THE JUST ASK POST.

Cllr Fleury gave further details. This was then approved.

10. HOOKE TRAIL – TO CONSIDER REPORT FROM CLLR KENNETT.

Cllr Kennett had submitted a written report. Cllr Hobbs said that this had initially been funded by the Freshwater Community Initiative. Cllr Kennett said that it was now 10 years old. She had inspected the whole trail. Some parts were OK and some needed urgent refurbishment.

Cllr Cameron suggested redoing it all.

Cllr Lowthion recalled visiting Florence and finding reference to Robert Hooke. She felt that this was very important and that also there should be a map.

Cllr Harris suggested that a local company might like to sponsor the map.
Cllr Kennett pointed out that the figures did not include installation costs. It was felt that a proper contractor should be used, and this should be arranged by the parish office.
Cllr Dimmick queried the type of stainless steel to be used as some types would suffer with rust.

11. LIBRARY – APPROVAL OF TERMS OF REFERENCE.

Cllr Hobbs queried whether there had been liaison with the Friends of Freshwater Library.
Cllr Hinton said that there were good links with FOFL and there would be no more negativity.

12. CLIMATE EMERGENCY – TO NOTE THE DECISION OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL ON 24TH JULY TO DECLARE A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER ACTION.

Cllr Murphy gave further details and suggested that the Parish Council support this.
Cllr Lowthion said that this was a good opportunity for the Parish to influence decisions at Isle of Wight Council. The cycleway to Freshwater was an example.
Cllr Cameron referred to the work already done, for example the Freshwater bags. He suggested the formation of a working group. Cllr Murphy agreed to lead this.
Cllr Fleury suggested amending standing orders to take the climate emergency into account.
Cllr Murphy referred to Timebank and the many good things in the West Wight.
Cllr Kennett said that Adrian's Bike Shop had encouraged many people to get involved in cycling. The cycleway was being held up by only one landowner.
The Chair mentioned that Rapanui were putting in bike charging in their new plans.
Cllr Lowthion agreed to be a member of the task group. She would do a report for the next meeting. It was suggested that there be some publicity on what the Parish Council were already doing.
Cllr Hobbs queried use of solar panels at the Memorial Hall and Gate Lane toilets. Cllr Murphy said that it would need to be checked to see if this was still viable.

13. COLWELL BAY – SAFETY ISSUES RE USE OF BOATS AND SWIMMERS.

The Chair pointed out that this area was now very busy. Totland Parish Council were keen to support the business and they were not looking into safety issues.
Cllr Kennett felt that the present situation was dangerous.
Cllr Bray said that there were issues also at Alum Bay and the Waterfront.
Cllr Cameron agreed to look into this. The Clerk pointed out that there were byelaws, but Isle of Wight Council had previously said that resources were not available to enforce.
Cllr Harris queried coastal management exclusion.
Cllr Dimmick said that there was a Maritime Conservation Zone but there was a problem with boat owners consuming alcohol. The Maritime and Coastguard Agency had said that they could not do anything, and it was a police matter.
Cllr Cameron will report back on this.

14. RESTORATION OF THE PILL BOX AT THE CAUSEWAY.

Cllr Kennett had spoken to someone re ownership of the land and this was now being checked.

15. UPDATE RE WAR MEMORIAL.

This was now booked in.

16. TOILET CLEANING CONTRACT.

The Chair said that breaking the contract would be difficult. This would continue to be monitored. The Clerk referred to a recent incident when the contractor had dealt with an issue very quickly.

17. BOOK FAIR – UPDATE FROM CLLR JAMES.

Cllr Hinton was concerned about timing for delivery of books. Generally, he felt that there was insufficient information regarding the event.

Cllr James was ill but Cllr Lowthion contacted him during the meeting. He said that the event started at 1pm and book sellers were delivering from 12 noon. Cllr Hinton thought that this would not work.

The office would liaise with Cllr James and Cllr Kennett would assist with the event.

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

Cllr Hobbs reported re the Patient Participation Group.

The Clerk summarised the recent NALC legal guidance.

Cllr Fleury said that a children's Splash and Dash had taken place at the West Wight Sports and Community Centre on 24th August. Also, there had been a successful event at the skatepark with 60 to 70 participants between the ages of 3 years and 20 years plus with a number of spectators.

Cllr Fleury said that the Christmas group had now met. They were looking at electric for School Green Road and another event at the Library in conjunction with the coffee shop. The latter would involve more lights at the Library and moving the event to the other side of the grounds from last year.

19. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

The condition of the Causeway Bridge (GK).

Solar panels (AH)

Freshwater branding (AH)

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 TO INCLUDE APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS RE STAFF SALARIES.

The report was approved.

Interviews for the Clerk's post were being arranged.

The Clerk will work for the parish remotely from Cornwall and would be paid on an hourly basis.

21. OTHER

The Clerk was leaving to move to Cornwall. The Chair thanked him for his service. The Clerk expressed his sadness at leaving the post.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.