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FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.19 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF
THE MEMORIAL HALL**

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PRESENT: Councillors: A Bamford (Chair), G Kennett, C Fleury, C Bray, A Harris, D James, V Lowthion, T Murphy and T Dimmick,

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Members of the public: 1 Cllr J Medland

Clerk: H Rowell

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors B Hobbs, B Hinton MBE, G Cameron and H White.

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 3rd December 2019**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2019 (having been circulated) were agreed. (CF/CB)

**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)**

None

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

____ Cllr Medland's Report

____ IW Councillor's Report to Freshwater Parish Council
____ IW Cllr John Medland, Freshwater South Ward
____ January 14th 2020

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____ Dear members

____ A happy new year to you all.

____ This month I am back at Dimbola Museum with an international volunteer project
____ funded by Erasmus + renovating the inside and clearing the garden beds to
____ complement the excellent external building renovations and repairs. Once the renovation
____ works are complete both our most important historic buildings, Farringford and Dimbola will
____ have been renewed. They, combined with the neighbouring National Trust landscape,
____ offer a unique and excellent complementary tourist attraction. I hope this year we can
____ investigate how we promote our rich literary, artistic and cultural history through
____ complementary events?

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____ It is good to see that the parking proposals for Gate Lane and Afton Road, as agreed
____ between myself, the Parish, the FBRA, and Dimbola with the IWC Contract
____ Management Team in early 2018, has finally been submitted for consultation. This
____ should finally end the anomaly of contradictory unenforceable parking regulations
____ and signage and create a two-coach parking bay while maintaining a high level of on
____ street parking which benefits local business and residents and keeps traffic speeds down.

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____ The termination of the telephone box in Moa place has been up for consultation by
____ IWC Planning Department up to January 13th and the BT consultation remains open
____ until February 12th. The Parish should have been written to directly by the Planning
____ Department to ask your opinion. Just in case I have written to the relevant officer,
____ Stuart Van Cuylenburg to note the interest of the Parish Council taking control of the
____ asset from BT if it is decided to discontinue its function as a public telephone. He has
____ informed me that the IWC is objecting to the removal of any 'K6 type boxes' on heritage
____ grounds.

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____ While continuing my hourly surgery at 10-11 am at the Memorial Hall Mini-Market on the
____ last Friday of the month from February I am arranging my work hours so that I can attend
____ the Our Place Café every Tuesday morning. I find this a useful way to meet up with
____ residents and volunteers and staff working with the public to provide support services.

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____ Best wishes,

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____ Ward Councillor John Medland.

____ Cllr Fleury asked the Clerk to contact Cllr Cameron and ask when he would be able to
____ write a written report. Both Cllr Fleury and Cllr Kennett recognised his high work
____ load. **ACTION: The Clerk to contact Cllr Cameron.**

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6. TO DISCUSS PRESENTATIONS FOR FRESHWATER PARISH CONSULTATION DAY 29th JANUARY 2020

Councillors G Kennet and V Lowthion gave their apologies for the consultation event. Invitations to be sent out to the following organisations: FATAG, FOFL, Community Connector, Just Ask, Men in Sheds, Footprint Trust, Freshwater Bay Residents Association, WWSCC, Churches Together, FYT Bus and others the Parish Council have supported.

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7. CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk's Report 14th January 2020

Footpath between Blackhut Green and 100 School Green Road
The PFO is hoping to complete the shuttering on the path this week.

Quotes for utility supplies are being collected for the toilets and the library
Action: Clerk to review all contracts and bring recommendations to Full Council

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Community Connector

Tudor Trust have been approached in respect of 50% funding for 2-3 years.
Demographic data shows that, 67% of people seen live in Freshwater, 18% Totland and 8% Yarmouth. There is a 50/50 split between male and female, with the highest proportion of people being between 36 -55 in age and mental health is the main presenting issue.

125th Anniversary of Freshwater Parish Council

The clerk has written to the Chamber of Commerce to request an article celebrating the Parish Council.

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All Saints School

Cllr Paul Brading has declined the invitation to attend the parish meeting due to its proximity to the meeting at Yarmouth School on the 13th January but is happy to attend at a future date. Two press releases have been released in respect of the Closure of All Saints School from 31st August 2020. Stating that the Freshwater site is due to receive a multi-million-pound investment from the Department of Education. The other in respect of moving Yarmouth CE Primary School to Freshwater, which the Governing Body made the unanimous decision to move Yarmouth CE Primary School to Freshwater in September 2021.

Benches/seats

The information in respect of the replaced/removed benches has been sent to Island Roads and we are working with them to ensure that this is resolved, and no further benches are removed.

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Buildings Maintenance Group

A Buildings Maintenance Group has been set up with Cllr Bamford, Cllr Bray and Cllr Dimmick to take forward Ambulance Station repairs and upkeep.

IWALC Workshop 24th January 2020 1.30-4pm at the Riverside Centre, Newport.

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There will be representatives from Planning, Infrastructure & Transport, Sustainability and Housing from the IWC; a representative from Island Roads, representatives from CCG and Dentistry; representatives from Southern Water and Southern Vectis. Maximum of 4 councillors plus questions in advance.

Framework Agreement

A framework agreement for day to day building maintenance is being developed by the IW council. Freshwater Parish Council was asked if it would like to be part of this. It doesn't tie the parish council into using the framework but creates an option. The Framework is set up to engage a suitably qualified and competent contractor to supply all labour and materials to be able to satisfactorily carry out all maintenance and general repair work for council/other buildings, eg if a roof suddenly leaks etc. **It was agreed that the Parish Council would not participate.**

Footprint Trust

Press release from the Footprint Trust acknowledges support from Freshwater Parish Council.

Freshwater Bay Railings

I spoke to Lee Matthews at the Isle of Wight Council in respect of the railings and funding for replacement/maintenance. We haven't received any money yet. He seems to think that the conversation was about on-going maintenance and long-term ownership, and it didn't get bottomed out. He is going to dig out the emails and check the funding is still available.

Footpath off Brookside Road

I have spoken to Isle of Wight Council about who is responsible for this footpath and they cannot find any record of it being IWC land and believe that it is old manorial land which the Parish Council should maintain. **Actions Cllr James will print off Land Registry documents and Cllr Medland will talk to Rights of Way.**

8. CORRESPONDENCE.

Noted

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

These payments were approved (GK/ CB).

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29/11/2019	100651	Men in sheds	Grant for one third contribution for shipping container	700.00
29/11/2019	100650	IW Council	Payment to IW Council for free parking in Avenue Road Car Park 19-20/12/19	120.00
29/11/2019	100652	RJR Electrical	Electrical works to Library - parts and labour	280.00
29/11/2019	100653	Miss E Carter	Safco 2163BL Onyx Mesh Tub File (From Amazon)	12.78
29/11/2019	100654	Enchanted Isle	1hr Rhapsody appearance on November 30th	40.00
29/11/2019	100655	Hillbans	Pest control services - Sept - Oct 2019	126.79
29/11/2019	100656	Cross Country Services	Removal of storm damaged stem from Willow in Stroud playing field	150.00
29/11/2019	IB	Paul Blackley	Paul Blackley 25 hrs for November	400.00
29/11/2019	IB	Jo Blackley	Jo Blackley 13.5 hrs for November	270.00
29/11/2019	Debit	Biffa Waste Service Ltd	28 days rental of a wheelie bin 26/10-22/11/19 & Compliance Charge	10.80
29/11/2019	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier	Rent of Parish office - Monthly rent	945.42
29/11/2019	cash	Petty Cash	Funds Transfer	200.00
03/12/2019	100659	RVN Building Supplies	Land Management; Norton Green Work; Thatches Cottage	45.61
06/12/2019	Debit	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Redecoration of Parish Office	778.00
06/12/2019	Debit	Island Cleaning Solutions	Cleaning Public Toilets	829.14
06/12/2019	Debit	SLCC	ICLA Fees for Heather Rowell	118.80
06/12/2019	IB-GK-CP	Gill Kennett	Repayment of loan	300.00
16/12/2019	Debit	Intuit UK Ltd	QB Pro 1 User Monthly Service Plan - Billed 10-Dec-19	31.20
16/12/2019	Debit	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Brookside Stream and Library Maintenance	85.00
16/12/2019	Debit	Thompsons Plants	3 X 18ft Spruce Trees	660.00
16/12/2019	Debit	Dropbox	Invoice	29.97
16/12/2019	Debit	Business Stream Library	Water Services 12 Sept - 2 Dec 2019	53.71
16/12/2019	Debit	Brightstone Landscaping Ltd	Grounds Maintenance for November 2019	1,429.99
16/12/2019	Debit	Corona Energy	Invoice	228.87
16/12/2019	Debit	Memorial Hall - Supplier	Hire of Mail Hall for Xmas craft event 30/11/2019 9am-2pm	97.50
16/12/2019	Debit	W Hurst & Son (IW) Ltd	Maintenance Materials	17.13
16/12/2019	IB	Carol Brav	Hedgehog boxes	71.66
18/12/2019	IB	Island Signs	2 x A3 Signs Orchard	81.60
18/12/2019	Debit	Totland Parish Council	September and October toiletries recharge	299.43
18/12/2019	Debit	Totland Parish Council	Replacement Defibrillator Pads for memorial hall	32.00
18/12/2019	Debit	Mark Adams Maintenance Services	Invoice	1,695.89
18/12/2019	Debit	Jo Blackley	December bookkeeping invoice	225.00
18/12/2019	Debit	Paul Blackley	December invoice	264.00
20/12/2019	Debit	WWSCC	2nd installement for Community Connector	20,000.00
24/12/2019	Debit	Staff	Wages (sept, Oct and Nov 2019)	14,456.00

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

The Following reports were accepted:

Sustainability Group – Cllr Murphy reported that the Task and Finish Group will have the Island Plan ready for March 2020.

FYT Bus – Cllr Harris reported that a new bus would be purchased this year. Proposal by Cllr Fleury to continue with FYT Bus funding of £5K per year for 3 years to be presented at next meeting.

Land Management – Cllr Bray – presented the minutes and actions from the Land Management Committee Meeting on 26th November 2019.

11. TO AGREE FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS

1. IW Weatherproof Games Area
2. Approve Funding for FYT Bus
3. Gate Lane Toilets
4. Monitoring Officer’s Bulletin #14 Parish Councils
5. No 12 Bus
6. Land Management as an ongoing agenda item.

12. TO APPROVE THE DRAFT BUDGET

Cllr Fleury Presented the draft budget which was unanimously approved for forwarding for consultation on the 29th January 2020.

13. TO APPROVE THE ADVERT FOR TENDERING THE CLEANING CONTRACT FOR THE PUBLIC TOILETS

Advert approved unanimously

14. TO APPROVE THE QUOTE FOR PAINTING AND RESTORATION WORK OF THE LIBRARY

Cllr Bray presented two quotes and it was agreed to appoint Steve Richards Carpentry and Renovation.

Action: The Clerk to set up a meeting with Steve Richards, Cllr Bray, Cllr Dimmick and Cllr Bamford.

Reports attached (item 10):

- a) Sustainability Group Cllr Murphy
- b) Land Management Cllr Bray – verbal
- c) FYT Bus Grant Cllr Harris – report to be given at the meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.39pm.

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