



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th AUGUST 2020 AT 7.35 PM VIA ZOOM PORTAL.**

PRESENT: Councillors: A Bamford (Chair), C Bray, G Cameron, T Dimmick, C Fleury, A Harris, B Hinton MBE, B Hobbs, D James, G Kennett, T Murphy and J Young

Members of the public: Cllr John Medland

Clerk: H Rowell

Natalie Thomas, 70/30 Project Lead for the Isle of Wight gave a short presentation about Adverse Childhood Experience (ACEs).

1. **APOLOGIES**
Councillor V Lowthion
2. **TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th JULY 2020**
The minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2020 (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)**
None
5. **TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNTY CLLRS/QUESTION AND UPDATE SESSION (UP TO 15 MINUTES FROM BOTH CLLRS)**

IW Councillor's Report to Freshwater Parish Council
IW Cllr John Medland, Freshwater South Ward
August 4th 2020

Dear members

I am looking forward to joining you again after this strange time of virtual meetings. You should be aware that a consultation on the IWC's car parking strategy has been launched but has a very short time to run, to August 16th.

In response Cllr Fleury asked about the cost of the consultation would it be a further £30K for the consultation, and we have not seen the outcome of the previous consultation.

This is an opportunity for us to put forward our plans for the localisation of control of car park management with an agreed payment to IWC to cover their existing income. I believe that we can demonstrate that parish led car parks will be better used, taking more traffic out of congested street parking and that special vouchers could be used to support sectors of the economy. The IWC's aims including maximising income, aiding the local economy, and reducing car use seem contradictory to me.

Also, in terms of transport the pandemic has stimulated the government to provide funding for road pavement and cycle-way schemes and a local resident has taken a particular interest in promoting this for the West Wight. My emphasis has been on reconsidering opening a cycle route to Newport which has long been considered a strategic priority by IWC. Officers are now actively considering applying for funds for this from the new budget.

The simplest way to do this, ignoring the favoured but ownership complex former railway route, would be to continue the existing road cycle route from the Thorley Road to Five Houses and from there upgrade the footpaths into bridleways all the way to Alvington Manor Road.

I am deeply concerned that the government is keen to suspend the planning system for building applications. In the past few months, I have been actively engaged with the campaign to raise awareness on the public consultation over oil drilling at Arreton. Even with such an important application there have been repeated mistakes in process. I fear our planning system is already at full stretch.

Could I ask that the Parish publish a formal vote of gratitude to recognise the role played by the WWSCC as the core volunteer hub for the West Wight during the initial wave of the current pandemic with particular reference to the hundreds of volunteers and the core team of staff who managed the crisis so effectively?

The Chairman reported that the Parish Council have written and thanked WWSCC.

Cllr Cameron apologised for not submitting a written report, due to work pressures and reported the following

Supported the request for funding as per Cllr Medland's Report for WWSCC. Written to Southern Vectis re trees in Queen's Road (see agenda item 17) Requested yellow lines to restrict parking at the Crundles for safety reasons Concerns about West Bay as they have started to close facilities including the swimming pool. Request councillors promote VJ Day on the 14th August.

6. CLERKS REPORT

Gate Lane Toilets

One of Freshwater Inshore Lifeboat Crew has offered to lock the toilets at 10.30pm on Fridays and Saturdays during the rest of the summer holidays.

Granny's Meade

There is a large wasp nest on Granny's Meade near the path. Hillbans have been out but could not find it. However, if they do treat it the footpath will need to be closed, a process which could take 3 months.

Stroud

Brighstone Landscaping have cut the hedge between the housing and the Stroud.

Footpath beside the old Nat West Bank

We are still collecting evidence statements from the public, and once these have been collated, we will be submitting the application to Public Rights of Way.

Website

The Chairman and the Clerk are meeting with the communication lead to explore ideas for redesigning the website.

Parish Emails

The Parish Emails have now been set up and will be in full use by the 1st September.

Councillors and Staff Posters and Badges

Our Communication Officer and Administrator are working on the new posters, there will be two, one for Councillors and one for staff, so we can include all staff. We are also researching badges for use when out and about and for the staff in the Parish Office.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

8. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -LIST CIRULATED TO COUNCILLROS FOR INFORMATION

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Payments for approval Jun-Jul 2020

Date	Amount	Supplier	Description
27/07/2020	£ 14.76	BIFFA WASTE SERVIC	Old Ambulance Waste Rental and Collection
22/06/2020	£ 31.40	BIFFA WASTE SERVIC	Old Ambulance Waste Rental and Collection
08/07/2020	£ 1,650.00	BRIGHSTONE LANDS	Brighstone Landscaping contract
08/07/2020	£ 1,429.99	BRIGHSTONE LANDS	Brighstone Landscaping contract
08/07/2020	£ 1,345.99	BRIGHSTONE LANDS	Brighstone Landscaping contract
03/06/2020	£ 1,345.99	BRIGHSTONE LANDS	Brighstone Landscaping contract
29/07/2020	£ 18.21	BUSINESS STREAM	Water for Allotments
01/07/2020	£ 100.00	COMMUNICORP	Subscriptions
23/07/2020	£ 53.85	CORONA ENERGY RETA	Corona Energy bills
16/07/2020	£ 36.85	CORONA ENERGY RETA	Corona Energy bills
16/06/2020	£ 50.60	CORONA ENERGY RETA	Corona Energy for June (3 invoices)
01/06/2020	£ 19.82	CORONA ENERGY RETA	Corona Energy bills
29/07/2020	£ 780.00	CROSS COUNTRY SERV	Tree work at Brookside
08/07/2020	£ 420.00	CROSS COUNTRY SERV	Tree work
24/07/2020	£ 2,158.86	Currys	Misc for FATAG shop
10/07/2020	£ 18.40	EE LIMITED	Community Connect phone
10/06/2020	£ 18.40	EE LIMITED	Community Connect phone
03/06/2020	£ 50.00	ELDRIDGES	Fatag
24/07/2020	£ 376.80	EQUIP4WORK LTD OFF	Office Furniture Online for FATAG shop
08/07/2020	£ 380.38	HILLBANS	Pest Control Services - January to June 2020
29/07/2020	£ 2,949.19	HMRC PAYE/NIC SHIP	HMRC PAYE/NIC SHIP
20/07/2020	£ 36.00	INTUIT LIMITED	Quickbooks
16/07/2020	£ 31.20	INTUIT LIMITED	Quickbooks
18/06/2020	£ 36.00	INTUIT LIMITED	Quickbooks
16/06/2020	£ 31.20	INTUIT LIMITED	Quickbooks
03/06/2020	£ 8,000.00	Island 2000 Trust	Island 2000 Trust
24/07/2020	£ 5.00	ISLE OF WIGHT SPOR	ISLE OF WIGHT SPOR
01/07/2020	£ 636.00	IWC - CT & NNDR	Library Council Tax
01/07/2020	£ 197.00	IWC - CT & NNDR	Gate Lane Council Tax
01/07/2020	£ 117.00	IWC - CT & NNDR	Moa Place Council Tax
01/06/2020	£ 636.00	IWC - CT & NNDR	Library Council Tax
01/06/2020	£ 197.00	IWC - CT & NNDR	Gate Lane Council Tax
01/06/2020	£ 117.00	IWC - CT & NNDR	Moa Place Council Tax
10/06/2020	£ 3,019.66	M J HOOPER	MTN Electrical Services remedial works and new lighting
29/07/2020	£ 150.00	MARK ADAMS	Allotments - Improve path between plots 19 & 20.
29/07/2020	£ 120.00	MARK ADAMS	Replace starter motor on Suzuki van
29/07/2020	£ 80.00	MARK ADAMS	Remove 9 redundant concrete fence posts
29/07/2020	£ 30.00	MARK ADAMS	General maintenance at Stroud field
29/07/2020	£ 25.00	MARK ADAMS	Fix Gents door and frame
29/07/2020	£ 15.00	MARK ADAMS	Unlock toddlers play park and put a covid signs
08/07/2020	£ 125.00	MARK ADAMS	Replace rear tail gate struts on Suzuki Van
08/07/2020	£ 60.00	MARK ADAMS	Gate Lane ladies toilet tap fixed
08/07/2020	£ 15.00	MARK ADAMS	Moa Place - Remove overhanging willow branches
08/07/2020	£ 15.00	MARK ADAMS	Remove signs from ladies and gents

03/06/2020	£ 120.00	MARK ADAMS	Dismantle scaffold, remove waste and open and close for electricians
03/06/2020	£ 15.00	MARK ADAMS	Corrected invoice 10276
30/07/2020	£ 319.97	NEST	NEST July 20
29/06/2020	£ 319.97	NEST	NEST June 20
01/06/2020	£ 319.97	NEST	NEST May 20
08/07/2020	£ 27.60	PC CONSULTANTS	Remote 09/06/20 Fixed outlook issues for Clodagh
10/06/2020	£ 84.00	PC CONSULTANTS	Renewal of anti virus licences
29/07/2020	£ 267.60	PLAYSAFETY LIMITED	Annual inspection of MUGA and Skatepark
01/07/2020	£ 834.00	PTR CONSULTING ENG	GATE LANE SURVEY
29/07/2020	£ 209.26	RICOH UK LTD	APR - JUN P-COPIER
03/06/2020	£ 273.38	RICOH UK LTD	JAN - APR P-COPIER
08/07/2020	£ 1,691.25	ROBIN ATTRILL	Toilet Cleaning
17/06/2020	£ 839.47	ROBIN ATTRILL	Toilet Cleaning
29/07/2020	£ 37.83	SSE	Gas
03/06/2020	£ 47.18	SSE	Gas
31/07/2020	£ 15.27	SSE GAS	Gas
19/06/2020	£ 22.44	SSE GAS	Gas
29/07/2020	£ 75.00	Teddy's Place	Teddy's Place
08/07/2020	£ 75.00	Teddy's Place	Teddy's Place
03/06/2020	£ 75.00	Teddy's Place	Teddy's Place
08/07/2020	£ 114.00	THE SIGN COMPANY L	Covid banner
29/07/2020	£ 21.68	TOTLAND PARISH	Urgent repairs to skatepark split 50/50
08/07/2020	£ 700.80	VENTNOR TOWN COUNC	Wallgate Contract 1 April 2020 - 31 March 2021 - 4 handwash units
08/07/2020	£ 27.20	W HURST + SON	Tools and equipment - Cutting and Sanding discs, drill bit and goggles
08/07/2020	£ 68.50	Wessex Business Services	Gluesticks and Notebooks
03/06/2020	£ 80.57	Wessex Business Services	Stationery
08/07/2020	£ 600.00	WEST WIGHT FOOTBAL	Grant to WW Football Club
10/06/2020	£ 517.00	WEST WIGHT TOWN AN	2020/21 contribution towards the West Wight Town and Parish Council's Association
Jun/Jul	£14278.50	Staff Wages – 2 months	

9. LAND MANAGEMENT – Cllr BRAY

Cllr Bamford, Cllr Murphy, and I met at the Pond at Marsh Close on 10th July to look at tree work required, which we plan to do this over a period of two years. The pond dries out in the summer and it will be best to carry out the work before winter.

Firstly there are a number of dead branches that need removing:-

1. 2220 this tree is leaning - take it down to the height of 2ft where it splits
2. 2215 copice to ground level
3. 2218 take out marked branches, and some of the smaller branches and lift the crown

4. 2219 remove dead branches
5. 2213 take off the lowest limb
6. 2211 pruning around the streetlight

We are aware of the sensitive nature of this site, the people who live around the pond have looked after it, and care very for it, unfortunately no one came out to speak to us that afternoon, we will be writing to the residents to let them know what we plan to do.

CB 15/07/20

Addendum to report following telephone conversation between Cllr Bray and the Clerk. Following the removal of the dangerous tree at the Health Centre, it was clear to see which were Parish trees. Cllr Bray met with Cross Country Services and a quote is provided for removing branches and clipping the trees back.

It was noted at the meeting that this pond has always been known as Selwood Pond so will be referred to as such for the future. **Action** - All residents local to the pond will be written to and informed of the work that is being undertaken.

10. LAND MANAGEMENT 2 YEAR PLAN, PHASE 1 –CLLR BRAY

The quote for work at Selwood Pond was unanimously agreed (B Hobbs/GC)

The quotes for the remaining tree works was unanimously agreed (BH/TM)

11. APPROVE CONTRACTORS FOR LAND MANAGEMENT WORK – CLLR BRAY

Cllr Bray proposed that Cross Country Services undertake the tree work for the Parish, seconded by Cllr Cameron this will be reviewed annually. This was unanimously agreed.

12. GATE LANE TOILET WORKING PARTY REPORT – CLLR HOBBS

Cllr Hobbs proposed the recommendation from the working party to put forward the new drawings to planning for a rebuild. This was seconded by Cllr Hinton MBE. Agreed with one vote against.

13. MUGA AND SKATE PARK COMMITTEE REPORT – CLLR FLEURY

Cllr Fleury presented the minutes from the last MUGA and Skate Park Committee Meeting on 20th July 2020. These were rejected by Freshwater Parish Council.

14. WEST WIGHT HERITAGE CENTRE -CLLR HARRIS

Progress Report 30/07/2020

Since taking over the shop on the 8th July a lot of progress has been made towards creating the centre and preparing for the opening on the 1st September.

Linda and her husband along with the FATAG team have been busy gathering all the archive material, refileing and relocating it into the new premises. Linda and Keith have spent many hours finding furniture and making a front reception desk. A BT line with internet has been ordered, new signage is designed and now being made, kitchen area made ready and computer equipment ordered. Website *Westwightheritage.co.uk* and *.com* have been registered and will be created during August.

The Centre will be opened by the Lord Lieutenant of the Island (Susie Sheldon) at 12 pm. on 1st September. Covid rules, masks and distancing will apply.

The response from many areas and residents has been overwhelmingly positive, with new volunteers and archive material coming forward. Bookings for a seminar in October have been made, details to follow. We need to ensure that we bring in the other Councils in the West Wight on board and let them know that they have the use of the window to communicate their events etc., for a donation!

Finally, there are still many tasks still to complete, we need a chippy to modify a door and we need an electrician to modify and upgrade some lighting. Computers and printers will be installed and set up over the next two weeks.

If any councillors would like to assist, then contact Linda, especially for woodwork and electrics.

Ps Heritage in West Wight.

3 Stone Age sites, 1 Roman settlement, 4 Gun batteries, 2 Forts, 1castle, 1Redoubt, Tennyson, Cameron, Marconi, Hooke, Rockets, Plane Crash..... Probably more history per square mile than anywhere in the country. Not to mention the Dinosaurs!

Adrian Harris 30/7/2020

15. GIFT TO NATURE -CLLR JAMES

Cllr James proposed that the parish write to Gift to Nature re: signage to include FPC logo and to find out more about recently laid footpath surface, which was unanimously agreed. Invite Gift to Nature to come and present their work to the Parish Council

16. STROUD PLAY AREAS

Two reports were presented one from ROSPA and one from the Isle of Wight Council's Environmental Health Officer. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerks would go through the reports and arrange for any work required to be completed.

17. TREES ON QUEENS ROAD

FPC has been served a notice under Section 154 of the Highways Act from Island Roads in relation to the cutting back of a number of trees on Queens Road. This is drastic work that could endanger the old trees. Jerry Willis the Council's tree expert has been asked to come and do a site visit.

18. ANNUAL AUDIT AND AGAR

The audit report has not been returned to the Parish Council yet, so the AGAR cannot be agreed at this meeting. It was agreed to arrange an extraordinary meeting to agree the report.

19. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

1. Land Management – Stroud Coppice
2. Gate Lane Toilets

The meeting closed at 9.54pm.