



**FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 7.05 PM VIA ZOOM PORTAL.**

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

Members of the public: Cllr John Medland

Clerk: H Rowell

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Members of the Robert Hooke Society gave a short presentation to councillors on their proposal to replace the Robert Hooke Trail Plaques. Cllr Fleury proposed that this project was accepted as a proposal, seconded by Cllr Hinton and agreed unanimously that this would be considered by the Parish Council.

**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillors T Dimmick, and G Kennett

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020, AND THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (having been circulated) were agreed (CB/CF)

The minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 (having been circulated) were agreed (CB /CF)

**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**

Dear members, Apologies for my late report. I was under the impression that this meeting was taking place next week.

Following on from last month's report a meeting has been called with the Cabinet Member for Transport and key figures to take forward the idea of a bid for the Newport to Freshwater cycleway later this month which I plan to update you on in my next monthly report. The main point of this report is to ask members to add an agenda point for the October meeting.

Since Natalie Thomas of Wave made her presentation to the August meeting about reducing childhood trauma and deprivation, we have been in discussion on a motion I will hopefully put to the next IW Council on the 16<sup>th</sup>. While preparing this I noted that on August 21st that there is an opportunity to make an application through the Health and Wellbeing Programme for three years funding to work on children from pre-birth to two and a half years, focusing on the whole family to raise birth weight, encourage breastfeeding and improve infant learning. The approach must be led by non-government organisations. Natalie and I discussed the potential and she has taken the initiative to develop the application. The point of the proposed agenda item is to ask Freshwater Parish Council to join a partnership with the Sports and Community Centre Trust, Barnardos and the Brookside Health Centre to make the joint application which must be submitted by a deadline of October 30th . The involvement of the parish is to demonstrate clear community participation. Only 20 applications will be successful nationally but if it is agreed the project could bring up to £510,000 of revenue funding for three years starting in the new year. I look forward to seeing you this evening and to answer any questions.

**Ward Councillor's report September 2020 Cllr. George Cameron – Freshwater North**

Firstly, may I apologise for the short report this month, this is because I went away for four days after the last meeting and after being away for two weeks I am now still in quarantine. I would like to congratulate and thank all those that took part in the annual Solent swim yesterday in aid of our West Wight Sports and Community Centre. Especially the 25 swimmers who took part and raised the funds, it takes a special person to commit to such a task. But, the organisers, support staff and under the leadership of Clare Griffin deserve a very big thank you and well done from all, I would have been there myself had it not been for being in quarantine.

I hope that everyone enjoyed and celebrated VJ Day on the 15th August, as reported last month, this is a major celebration and I hope it all went well for everyone.

I have had a conversation with our District Steward about the cars in Sunset Close that seemed not road worthy and caused a problem to residents, this is now resolved and both cars were undergoing repairs and were road legal, I was concerned about oil spillage on the road but it is left clean and tidy.

I also had a response from our enforcement officer about some building material that was reported as dumped at the Freshwater Bay side of the Marsh. This was established as not an issue due to the small amount of rubble and on the verge of the marshland, I am still concerned about it and have asked for a more detailed response.

I am still getting complaints about flooding at both sides of the Windsor Drive development and are making enquiries via our planning department as to whether the developers adhered to the plans when the properties were built. I will update on this when I conclude my enquiries.

Lastly, whilst concluding my report this month, I would like councillors to take the opportunity to join in the planning training session that is on offer on the 9th September at 5pm or the 16th September starting at 2pm, the deadline for booking a place is the 5th September. These training sessions are important and with legislation changing constantly it is beneficial to keep up to date with planning policies in order to make constructive comments and decisions on applications put before us. George.

## **6. CLERKS REPORT**

### **Wasp Nests**

This month the parish have had to get one wasp nest removed from the Allotments. Another was reported at Granny's Meade, which the contractor could not find. It was then reported on Facebook in August that a child had been stung over 20 times at Granny's Meade and had been taken to A&E. A location was given as to the nest, which led us to believe there were now two nests. Following lots of attempts to find the nests at Granny's Meade Hillbans were able to finally deal with the nests on the 27<sup>th</sup> August. We received a call to say that the parent of the child who was stung does not believe there was a nest and that her dog angered a wasp which then stung her son.

### **Whittingham Place Footpath**

The Parish Facilities Officer has cut back and cleared the footpath that runs between Whittingham Place and Duo baguette shop.

### **Library**

The outside of the Library has been repaired and painted. New guttering will be erected. The Parish Facilities Officer has weeded and dug over the front flower beds.

### **Skate Park and MUGA**

A letter was sent to Totland Parish Council Chairman. They have come back to confirm that once the Clerk is back from annual leave they will respond accordingly.

### **Trees Queens Road**

Following on from the article in the IWCP concerning the Trees along Queens Road. A letter was printed in Friday 14th of August edition.

### **Military Road.**

A letter received from Jon Brownscombe via email regarding the proposed engineering work at Brook to try and stabilise the cliff and road. **Cllr Hobbs proposed that Freshwater Parish Council formally support any works that maintain the Military Road. This was seconded by Cllr Hinton and carried unanimously.**

### **Meeting with the Police**

The Assistant Clerk, Admin Assistant and the Chairman met with the PCSO and a colleague on Friday 21st August to discuss local issues including concerns about the allotment break ins, Skate Park and MUGA. Their recommendation was to put a bin on Black Hut Green and new CCTV at the Skate Park. It was agreed to have regular ongoing monthly meetings.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

Up to date accounts will be available for the October Meeting.

## **9. TREE PLANTING UPDATE – CLLR MURPHY**

Our community tree planting day was postponed at the end of March due to the Coronavirus restrictions.

- One pack (105 trees) of the 420 trees ordered from the Woodland Trust also did not arrive due to this reason.
- I have looked after the trees we did receive over the summer which will be ready for planting this season (November onwards).
- I have also contacted the Woodland Trust and we should have some more trees with us by mid-November.
- I am proposing a new date for the event on Saturday 28th November.
- A risk assessment will be carried out beforehand to ensure the event can be carried out in a “COVID safe” manner, maintaining physical distancing, sanitising hands etc, etc.

- Mel Gardiner and Adam Tucker have agreed to help out with the event. Given the time of year, it would be good to be able to supply some hot drinks/refreshments for our volunteers, possibly with the co-operation of the WWSCC.
- Other than this, the details of the planting remain the same (see attached schedule and map).

### **Additional tree planting over the winter 2020/21**

- As has been previously discussed by the land management committee, it is proposed to continue with our programme of planting both landscape and fruit trees on the public open spaces managed by the parish council.
- It is proposed to supplement our successful Stroud orchard with soft fruit bushes.
- Plant groups or individual landscape trees (often also productive ie. Walnut and Sweet Chestnut) around the periphery of Stroud and Jubilee fields. - Replacement of dead Elm trees at the southern end of Spinfish with landscape trees (possibly Beech and disease resistant Elm).
- Additional landscape/edible planting on Queens Road.
- Establish a small community orchard area on the green at Middleton.
- The exact numbers, species and locations of these plantings are yet to be confirmed and will be presented to councillors at a future meeting for approval.

### **Stroud and Jubilee field proposed tree planting Spring 2020 28/2/20**

\*See attached map for location of proposed planting areas.

Area 1: Approximately 100 trees and shrubs proposed to be planted along Northern boundary of Jubilee field. Adjacent to the skate park.

Area 2: Approximately 60 trees proposed to be planted on the Western boundary of Stroud field, adjacent to the garden hedge of No. 100? School Green Rd.

Area 3: Four groups of approximately 15 shrubs proposed to be planted along the Northern boundary of Stroud. Groups will consist of lower-growing shrubs only and located so as not to obscure views from adjacent properties.

Area 4: Approximately 200 trees and shrubs proposed to be planted along the southern boundary of Stroud Field

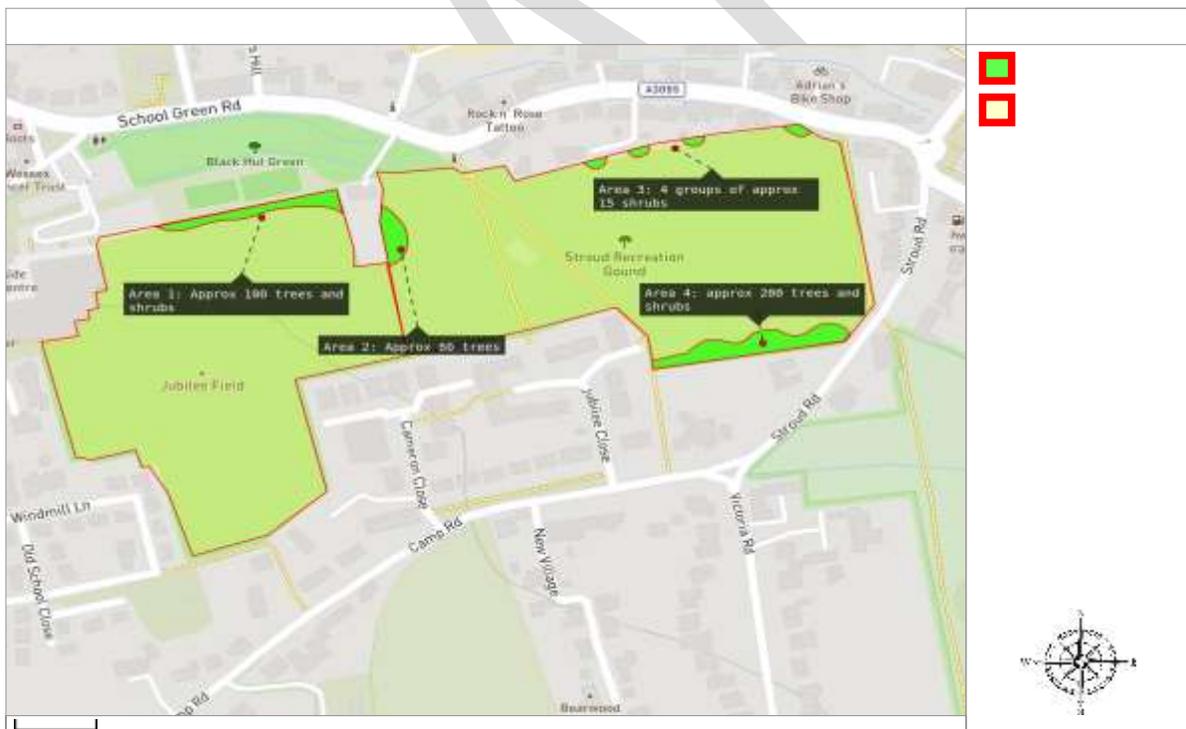
### **Additional information**

The species to be planted are as follows.

Shrubs: Hazel Blackthorn Hawthorn Dogwood

Trees: Silver Birch Rowan Oak Wild Cherry Field Maple Grey Willow

- The plants will be planted as 50cm whips, with spiral guards and bamboo canes.
- The trees will be planted at approximately 2.5 metre spacing.
- It is proposed that the trees will all be mulched with woodchip over the Spring with the help of volunteers.
- The areas in between the trees are to be left unmown if possible, to prevent disturbance to the trees and wildlife.
- It is envisaged that minimal maintenance will be required in the first 10 years, apart from replacing any failures in Autumn 2020 and the removal of tree shelters once the trees are established (usually 3-5 years). It is hoped that volunteers will be able to assist with any further mulching/weeding required.
- The trees will not require watering.



**10. HERITAGE CENTRE UPDATE – CLLR HARRIS**

Cllr Harris proposed that the Parish Council send a letter of thanks, following today's opening ceremony of the Centre to the Chair of FATAG and the team, seconded by Cllr Hobbs, and unanimously agreed. The Centre was officially opened today by the Lord Lieutenant and well attended and supported by the community.

**11. TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED REMOVAL AND THE PARISH ADOPTION OF THE BT PHONE BOX AT MOA PLACE**

Cllr Bray proposed that the Parish Council adopted the phone box, seconded by Cllr Harris and carried unanimously.

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

1. Gift to Nature Report
2. Jubilee Field Report
3. Library Community Gardens Project

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.