



**FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2021 AT 7.18 PM VIA ZOOM PORTAL.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: A Bamford (Chair), C Bray, G Cameron, T Dimmick, C Fleury, A Harris, B Hobbs, D James, G Kennett, T Murphy, V Lowthion (from 7.25pm) and J Young

Members of the public: 4 members of the public including Cllr J Medland were in attendance and Louise Hill (County Press) who joined the meeting for item 10.

Clerk: H Rowell

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**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillor B Hinton MBE

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL  
MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March (having been circulated) were agreed (CF/GK) Councillors were reminded at this point that the parish council is in 'purdah'.

**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. CLERK'S REPORT**

**Parish Office**

Following lockdown and the government's roadmap parish staff will be returning to the office from the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 when we will also be reopening to the public.

**MUGA**

The Clerk met with Simon Proffitt who has asked to use the MUGA for Pickle Ball so we have agreed that he will mark the courts out and utilise this resource for their games.

### **Pathway by the Octopus Workshop**

The owners of the Octopus Workshop have decided to reopen the footpath and will be putting up signage to inform residents. They are having some building work done and once that is completed the footpath will reopen.

### **Boat Park**

The land Registry is in the hands of the solicitor and will hopefully be completed soon. The stickers for the boats that will be using the Boat Park. The footpath has been re tarmacked and a new bin is going to be placed down by the wishing well.

### **Website**

The new website is up and running, we are awaiting the manual which will give us full control to develop new pages, change layouts etc. It is still a work in progress with some empty pages.

### **Stroud**

The land Registry for the 4 parcels of land has not been completed yet; this is being chased through the solicitor.

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

None received.

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

Payments (having been circulated) were agreed – see appendix 1. (AH/GK)

## **8. BEACH SAFETY**

A proposal was presented by Cllr Dimmick for beach safety at Colwell, as yet no costings for the buoyage have been received. The next spring tide is at the end of May, which is when it would be wise to have the installation. It was proposed and agreed to put in a planning application for swimming buoys at Colwell. Cllr James will prepare the application.

## **9. LAND MANAGEMENT – PLANTING REPORT – CLLRS BRAY AND MURPHY**

Four community group teams socially distanced in groups of six planted 420 trees in three hours on Stroud and Jubilee Field. Another volunteer party will be brought together to mulch the trees over the growing season. Cllr Murphy will be registering the planting on the BBC Countryfile Plant Britain Scheme.

## **10. ISLE OF WIGHT ROAD RACE – CLLR CAMERON**

West Wight Town and Parish Association held a zoom meeting with the race organisers on 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. The discussion focussed on the safety of the races and timings of the event which is planned for the October half term.

Concerns were raised about a lack of meaningful consultation with residents. It was proposed to invite the race organisers to deliver a presentation to the next parish meeting.

**11. GATE LANE TOILETS – CLLR HOBBS**

Costings have been received from the quantity surveyor to support the Public Works Loan application.

**12. SKATE PARK UPDATE - CLLR FLEURY**

An on-site meeting was held on The Stroud to look at a 50 x 50 metre area that would be appropriate it was proposed that the play equipment side of the field would provide the most space. It was unanimously agreed to site the Skate Park and Pump Track in this area of The Stroud.

A logo has been agreed by the community, and a T-Shirt competition is being run by Rapanui.

**13. NEW SCHOOL BUILD UPDATE – CLLR JAMES**

The tendering process has been success and a construction company has been commissioned. It is expected that building work will commence in the summer of 2021.

**14. PROPOSAL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF VIRTUAL PARISH MEETINGS – CLLR YOUNG**

From the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 the current legislation that enables the legality of virtual meetings for local council business expires, and there are no parliamentary plans to put in place new legislation. Hertfordshire County Council are leading a court case to enable the continuation of virtual meetings when/if necessary/appropriate. It was proposed to write in support of this court case to LGA, NALC, local Media and IWALC. Agreed unanimously.

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

- A reflection on the last 4 years
- Gate Lane Toilets
- Future of the West Wight Community Partnership – Cllr Medland
- Beach Safety

The meeting closed at 9.09 pm.



# Freshwater Parish Council

## Transaction Detail by Account

February 2021

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Administration Expenses	
Admin, Training & Office Costs	
Bookkeeping	£56
IT	£308
Office Costs	£1,286
<b>Total for Admin, Training &amp; Office Costs</b>	<b>£1,650</b>
Other Administration Expenses	
Bank charges	£20
Parish Facilities Officer	£29
Subscriptions	£859
<b>Total for Other Administration Expenses</b>	<b>£908</b>
<b>Total for Administration Expenses</b>	<b>£2,558</b>
Grants & Projects	
Current Grants & Projects	
Community Connector	£15
Events / Xmas Lighting	£30
Heritage Centre	£59
WWS&CCT	£3,000
<b>Total for Current Grants &amp; Projects</b>	<b>£3,105</b>
Future Grants & Projects	
New Gate Lane toilets	£256
<b>Total for Future Grants &amp; Projects</b>	<b>£256</b>
<b>Total for Grants &amp; Projects</b>	<b>£3,361</b>
Services Expenses	
Allotments	£701
Freshwater Bay Boat Park	£50
Land Management & Trees	£2,884
Library	£399
Old Ambulance Station	£68
Public Toilets	£1,761
<b>Total for Services Expenses</b>	<b>£5,863</b>
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	£0
Youth Expenses	£100