



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 4th MAY 2021 AT 7.02 PM **VIA ZOOM PORTAL.****

PRESENT: Councillors: A Bamford (Chair), C Bray, G Cameron, T Dimmick, C Fleury, A Harris, B Hobbs, B Hinton MBE, 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

Clerk: H Rowell

1. APOLOGIES

None

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 6th APRIL 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th April (having been circulated) were agreed (BH/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. CLERK'S REPORT

Queens Road Trees

Following further correspondence from Island Roads Cllr Bamford, Cllr Bray, Cllr Cameron the Assistant Clerk and the Clerk have met with Cross Country Services to discuss the tree work as recommended by Island Roads and taking advice from Wayne Isaacson the Tree Surveyor. We have agreed the minimum work required to ensure we meet the requirements of the Highways Act. We have also asked Cross Country Services to provide a quote for wooden posts along the bank/boundary to prevent further erosion, and to protect the tree roots.

We have put in an application to close the road and anticipate the work will be done in about four weeks.

Boat Park

Five annual permits have been issued. Some of the boats have been removed, and the ones that are left will be removed. There is a list of 3 or 4 residents who have expressed an interest in purchasing for a donation some of the unclaimed boats. A waiting list is in operation of people who would like to store their boat at the Boat Park and once the unclaimed boats have been removed, we will be working through the list. A new bin has been installed and the storm boards removed.

Tree Survey

The Annual Tree Survey has just been completed and we will be discussing the findings with Cllr Bray in due course.

Road Race

We have had a lot of correspondence in respect of the road race which was due to take place in October. The organisers had been invited to the May Parish Meeting, which they had accepted. The proposed event has now been postponed to next year. Once we get an update from the organisers, we can consider inviting them to a future meeting.

Skate Park Fundraising

Rapanui have launched the t-shirt competition. Banners are being made to go up in the village. Some local fundraising events have been organised by local skateboarders and surfers.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

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

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

8. BEACH SAFETY – CLLR JAMES

Full proposal submitted for the buoys at Colwell Bay to install a 600-metre line of safety buoys at Colwell Bay, extending 100 metres from shore, to deter jet skis, rigid inflatable boats and other powered craft from entering the area of the water where many people swim throughout the warmer months of the year. Costs to include licences with the MMO and Crown Estates at an installation cost of £7412.31 including VAT. There will be ongoing licence costs of about £300 a year.

It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with this project as per the proposal.

- 9. LAND MANAGEMENT – COMMUNITY PLANTING UPDATE – CLLR MURPHY**
Two thirds of the trees have been mulched with the help of volunteers. The planting has been registered with the BBC Countryfile Plant Britain Scheme. Some adjustments have been made with the mowing regime to enable some wildflower meadows.

Cllr Bray raised concerns about ash trees in Stroud Coppice following the storm yesterday, and as a tree has come down in the storm, the contractors have been contacted to cut down the other potentially dangerous trees immediately.

- 10. OLD AMBULANCE STATION PROJECT PLAN – CLRR BAMFORD AND CLLR BRAY**

Following the structural survey, a builder (Rowan Services) on the preferred list for MHALCo has been contacted to look at what is needed in terms of priorities, including the wiring and the roof. Following their assessment, the builder has concerns about the wiring and has asked an electrician to provide a safety assessment. Rowan Services would project manage all the work required. Costings for priority work will be provided to councillors.

- 11. WEST WIGHT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL – CLLR MEDLAND**

Cllr Medland proposed that the parish council took on this CIC, as part of parish council activity. A parish council does not have the legal powers to run a company. It was proposed that this was discussed more widely within the west wight to identify individuals/organisations that could move this forward.

- 12. TO REVIEW UPDATED STANDING ORDERS (CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS)**

A full review has been undertaken of the standing orders for councillors to examine in preparation for the Annual Meeting on the 18th May 2021.

- 13. COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE PROPOSAL**

As part of our financial accountability and to support the smooth running and management of parish assets, the following proposal aims to facilitate smooth streamlined reporting structures for decision making and actions.

Proposal

That there are three areas of councillor leadership as follows:

- Standing committees for the following: Finance, Planning and Staffing.
- Councillor Leadership - Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the provision of services with a budget, which are daily managed by a member of the parish staff. These include: Land Management, Allotments, Christmas, Boat Park, Skate Park/MUGA. A Councillor will be agreed as the Chairman, with budgetary accountability, working with the relevant member of staff. The sponsor will have the responsibility to report back to the Parish Council and make recommendations/proposals.

- Projects put forward to meet a need and proposed by a Councillor. Once the project has been accepted by the Parish Council a member of staff will be assigned to support the work required. A working Group may be set up to deliver the project and report back to the Parish Council.
- Council representation/link with all organisations receiving annually agreed funding from the Parish Council. This will include, Gift to Nature, WWSCC, WW Heritage Centre, IWALC, FYT Bus, MHALCo etc. The Councillor will provide regular reports to the Parish Council.
- Councillors providing Parish Council representation on other associated and relevant organisations as agreed.

It was agreed to move forward using this approach.

14. REVIEW OF THE LAST FOUR YEARS OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

Councillors reflected on the last 4 years, achievements, consultation, evolution and the importance of continuing to raise our profile as a dynamic organisation working with and supporting the community.

15. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Councillors were requested to send in any items for the next meeting on the 1st June 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.43 pm.



Freshwater Parish Council

Transaction Detail by Account

May 2021

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Administration Expenses	
Admin, Training & Office Costs	
Bookkeeping	£30
Communications	£60
Office Costs	£96
Total for Admin, Training & Office Costs	£186
Other Administration Expenses	
Bank charges	£10
Photocopier	£177
Total for Other Administration Expenses	£186
Staff Salaries	£10,672
Total for Administration Expenses	£11,045
Grants & Projects	
Current Grants & Projects	
Colwell Bay Buoys	£214
Community Connector	£16
Heritage Centre	£48
Total for Current Grants & Projects	£277
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Memorial Hall Expenses	
MHALCo Maint & Other Costs	£458
Total for Memorial Hall Expenses	£458
Services Expenses	
Allotments	£13
Freshwater Bay Boat Park	£12
Land Management & Trees	
Committed Contracts	£1,428
Land Management	£523
Trees	£2,865
Total for Land Management & Trees	£4,816
Library	
Library General Costs	£825
Total for Library	£825
Motor vehicle Expenditure	£649
Old Ambulance Station	£33
Public Toilets	
Services Expenses:Public Toilets	1,784
Total for Public Toilets	£1,784
Gate Lane	£467
Moa Place	£142
Total for Public Toilets with sub-accounts	£2,393
Stroud Coppice	£20
Total for Services Expenses	£8,761



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May 2021

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	£0
Youth Expenses	
Skatepark & MUGA	
Skatepark Expenses	
Skatepark General Expenses	£114
Total for Skatepark Expenses	£114
Total for Skatepark & MUGA	£114
Total for Youth Expenses	£114