



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2021 AT 7.39 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL
HALL, FRESHWATER**

PRESENT: Councillors: D James (Chair), A Bamford, C Bray, G Cameron, T Dimmick, B Hobbs, B Hinton MBE, M Locke, J Medland, T Murphy, N Thomas and J Young

Members of the public: 3 members of the public including Cllr P Spink and Cllr C Jarman.

Clerk: H Rowell

Charlotte Begg, Library Supervisor, Freshwater Library gave a short presentation on a story walk project. It was agreed to consider how this project could be supported by the Parish Council.

1. APOLOGIES

None

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THE 4th MAY 2021 AND THE ANNUAL MEETING ON THE
18th MAY 2021**

The minutes of the meetings held on 4th May and 18th May (having been circulated) were agreed (BH/TD).

**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
COUNCILLORS.**

Reports received see Appendix 1

6. CLERK'S REPORT

Parish Facilities Officer

Following the resignation of the current officer who leaves the parish on the 14th of June, the post has been advertised with a closing date of the 18th June.

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 20/21

The Audit is with the internal auditor and has to be signed off by the Parish Council at a full meeting before the 30th June 2021. Therefore, we will need to convene an Extraordinary Meeting for Tuesday 29th June 2021 to sign of the AGAR before sending to the external auditors.

Boat Park

All the unclaimed boats have been claimed and/or in the process of being removed.

Windmill Lane Parking

The signs have been replaced to prevent parking on Manorial Land in Windmill Lane.

Rights of Way Application for path between Tennyson Road and Avenue Road

The application for the incorporation of the above path has been submitted to the Rights of Way Officer at Isle of Wight Council with 44 evidence statements from residents. It generally takes a year to process this type of application.

Website

The website is in the process of being updated to reflect the changes in councillors. If councillors could take a few minutes to have a look at the website and provide feedback that would be helpful.

Memorial Hall Repairs

The downstairs door has been replaced following problems with access. The window in the Council Chamber has been repaired.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

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

Payments (having been circulated) were agreed – see appendix 2.

9. INSTALLATION OF THE SEESAW ON STROUD

Following the agreement to purchase the seesaw at a previous meeting it was agreed to go ahead with the installation as soon as possible. Options for repairing the existing seesaw will be explored.

- 10. THREE-YEAR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – CLLR BAMFORD**
Cllr Bamford proposed the development of a financial three-year plan that reflects the budget, building in inflation and anticipated costs relating to the management of the parish assets.
- 11. COMMUNITY GRANTS – CLLR BAMFORD**
Cllr Bamford proposed reviewing the grants process to consider applications four times a year in future.
A grant was presented from West Wight Youth Football. It was agreed to provide a grant of £600 for the forthcoming 12 months.
- 12. PARISH COUNCIL CO-OPTIONS**
An advert will be going out to invite applications for co-option onto the parish council.
Cllr Hinton MBE left the meeting after this item.
- 13. WATER QUALITY COLWELL BAY – CLLR LOCKE**
It was agreed to provide information to residents of the Parish. This will include the Southern Water interactive map which shows the overflows: [Beachbuoy \(southernwater.co.uk\)](https://southernwater.co.uk). It also refers people to the Environment Agency for more advice and information - [Bathing water quality \(data.gov.uk\)](https://data.gov.uk)
The specific Environmental Agency page for Colwell Bay [Bathing water profile \(data.gov.uk\)](https://data.gov.uk) lists it as excellent. They take weekly samples during the season, it's good to know that Colwell Bay is officially "excellent". "When these factors combine to make short term pollution likely we issue a pollution risk warning on this website and the beach manager will display a sign advising against bathing at the bathing water." Environment Agency. The Bathing Water Controller is Isle of Wight Council. The Environment Agency specific page also has links to a web widget which will go on the parish website.
- 14. BEACH SAFETY UPDATE – CLLR JAMES**
The Chairman thanked Cllr Dimmick and Cllr Murphy for their help with the deployment of the concrete anchors. FPC are still awaiting planning permission and hope to get the buoys in place by the end of June 2021. It was agreed to go ahead and purchase the buoys, so that if/when planning permission is granted, they can be put in place at the next low tide.
- 15. OLD AMBULANCE STATION STRUCTURAL WORK – CLLR BAMFORD**
Following the structural survey report (circulated to councillors), it was agreed to progress with the quotation from Rowan Services to project manage the work that needs to be done, exploring with them an alternative roof material called Alwitra for longevity and the difference in cost.
- 16. OLD AMBULANCE STATION REFURBISHMENT - CLLR JAMES**
Following the upgrading of the building would it be useful to consider internal refurbishment to enable it to be used for parish work activities. It was agreed that once the new Facilities

Officer has been appointed that discussions will take place with them about the usage of the building in the future.

17. LAND MANAGEMENT UPDATE – CLLR BRAY AND CLLR MURPHY

Poplars on jubilee field have been reported to the council. These are trees that didn't come up in the survey so are being added to the tree work required. A Freshwater Green Team of volunteers is being developed to help with the work on parish land.

18. GATE LANE TOILETS – CLLR HOBBS

Planning consent has been approved. It was agreed to publish the tender for the demolition and rebuild of the toilets.

19. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

- Isle of Wight 70/30 Project – Cllr Thomas
- Christmas 2021 – Cllr Bray
- Monthly Finance Report – Cllr Bamford
- Update from the School Delivery Team
- Graham Biss to provide an update

The meeting closed at 9.29 pm.

MEETING OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL 1st JUNE 2021

APPENDIX 1 – WARD COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Ward Report – Totland and Colwell Ward – June 2021

On 26th May I attended the first Full Council meeting of IOW with the newly elected IOW Councillors.

We announced the Alliance Group and together with others supporting us we established Chair, Deputy Chair, Leader and Deputy Leader positions. We then announced our new cabinet and responsibilities plus re-establishment of reverse polarity of the various scrutiny committees with the inclusion of many conservative councillors where their talents and experience helped best.

My own roles are:

Member Full Council

Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Transformational Change and Resources

Chair - Investigating & Disciplinary Committee

Chair - Pension Fund Committee

Member - Planning Committee

Member - Harbour Committee

Elected Member for Totland and Colwell

I am in the process of establishing a Totland and Colwell Fund to support local regeneration, businesses and opportunities for young people. All of my IOW Councillor allowances will be diverted into this fund. The fund will have contributions from other sources. John Howe has agreed to be a co-Trustee and others are being sought.

Locations for regular surgeries covering Totland & Colwell Ward are under discussion and these should commence within two weeks.

Kind regards

Cllr Chris Jarman

Ward Report – Freshwater North and Yarmouth – June 2021

I am very pleased indeed to have been elected to represent Freshwater North and Yarmouth.

Much of my time since the election has been spent on the Council Induction Programme.

I have, however, also dealt with the following Ward matters:

1. You may have seen in the County Press that a large number of trees were cut down at Silver Glades Caravan site in the Cranmore AONB. The work was carried out at a weekend, when it is difficult to contact the local authority. I have been in contact with the Council Tree Officer and the Forestry Commission as well as local residents. The Forestry Commission is investigating with a view to prosecution for felling without a licence. I have asked for a replanting order in addition to a fine. In the interim a TPO has been placed on the remaining trees. I will continue to monitor progress. A similar incident also took place at Lucket's Farm, Yarmouth (although fewer trees were felled). This is being investigated by the Tree Officer. I will continue to monitor progress.
2. During my election campaign (and subsequently) residents throughout the Ward have expressed concern about the number of housing developments/applications that are taking place on greenfield. I pledged in my election campaign to do all that I can to prevent unnecessary greenfield developments. To that end I have spoken to Councillor Paul Fuller, who holds the portfolio for planning and housing. It is proposed to reduce the housing targets by claiming an exceptional case for the Island. I am also working with Bob Seely M.P. re his plan to reduce housing targets and to protect greenfield sites.
3. I have responded to concerns of residents, by writing as follows to the relevant depts:
 - a) temporary suspension of parking on Heathfield Road near to the junction with the A3054: Road to be subject to a 30 mph speed limit.
 - b) a weekly Drs Surgery at Yarmouth (referred resident to the FYT bus in the interim).
 - c) Whether the number of residents parking permits in Y1 exceeds the number of spaces.
 - d) When will the fencing on Bouldnor Rd (near to junction with Thorley Road) be replaced?

Best wishes,

Peter Spink, IoW Councillor for Freshwater North and Yarmouth.

IW Councillor's Report to Freshwater Parish Council

IW Cllr John Medland, Freshwater South Ward

Dear members

Some following items were withheld in my April report but still remain relevant after purdah.

I am grateful to Terry Noyce for alerting us to the fact that the woodland on Bedbury Lane between Farringford Lodge and Sutton House had been partially and illegally cleared as this is part of the Pound Green Conservation Area. The IWC Tree Officer Jerry Lewis was already aware and is planning enforcement action.

On a recent visit to the Causeway, I noted that the original seaward barrier has now fallen, and is suspended for now by only the lateral steel poles. I will raise this with the new cabinet member for Transport, which is the same councillor, Phil Jordan, that we worked with for our collective redesign of Avenue Road.

The flooding problem on F19 (Parkers Hill) between Longhalves Lane and School Green Road recurred last winter. I am grateful to Cllr James for putting me in touch with the new owners of Golden Cottage who I visited. In March, the level of waterlogging of the property was extraordinary. It is clear that the flood drains which disappears under Collards Close is not connecting to the lower drains but erupting on Longhalves Lane and saturating the grounds of Golden Cottage, and for the last few months has been using Longhalves and F19 as a watercourse.

Once the drainage is addressed, we can oblige the owners of the land adjacent to F19 to restore the lost ditch. I had a long discussion with our Island Roads Warden Derek Bean after his return to work on getting their engineers to complete their underground survey.

There is another 'spring' erupting under Darwin House in Victoria Road. It seems to suffer from the same problem of missing/defective drainage which need to be fixed before the road is resurfaced.

I am delighted to learn that the owners of Octopus have decided to reopen the pathway between Avenue Road and Tennyson road due to happen once the building work is completed. There has been intense pressure on the Clerk, the Right of Ways officers and myself complaining about the lack of resolution.

During the election campaign I received a lot of feedback from the public which I have compiled into an Excel doc in the order of items received. It is not 'representative' but it does give a flavour of local political opinion. I will attach it so that you can all see it.

Since the election on May 6th there has been an intensive period of negotiation leading to the formation of a new administration to run the IWC. This 'Alliance' took power from the Conservative group at the IWC Annual Council last Wednesday.

The Alliance administration is determined to work in equal partnership with all the local councils and I am particularly urging the new administration to re-join the County Training Partnership with IWALC and IWSLCC.



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Transaction Detail by Account

June 2021

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Administration Expenses	
Admin, Training & Office Costs	
Bookkeeping	£30
Communications	£60
IT	£74
Office Costs	£2,373
Office Rent	£1,285
Stationery	£128
Total for Admin, Training & Office Costs	£3,950
Other Administration Expenses	
Bank charges	£7
Total for Other Administration Expenses	£7
Staff Salaries	£7,112
Total for Administration Expenses	£11,068
Grants & Projects	
Current Grants & Projects	
Colwell Bay Buoys	£5,511
Community Connector	£16
Community Grants	
Hooke Society	£995
Total for Community Grants	£995
Events / Xmas Lighting	
Christmas Lighting & Trees	£659
Total for Events / Xmas Lighting	£659
Heritage Centre	£405
Total for Current Grants & Projects	£7,585
Total for Grants & Projects	£7,585
Memorial Hall Expenses	
MHALCo Public Works Loan	£1,587
Total for Memorial Hall Expenses	£1,587
Services Expenses	
Freshwater Bay Boat Park	£35
Land Management & Trees	
Committed Contracts	£1,227
Land Management	£89
Trees	£657
Total for Land Management & Trees	£1,974
Library	
Library General Costs	£782
Total for Library	£782
Old Ambulance Station	£166
Public Toilets	£2,862
Stroud Coppice	£20



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June 2021

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Total for Services Expenses	£5,839