



# FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 2nd APRIL 2019 AT 6.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

**PRESENT:** Councillors A Bamford (Chair), G Kennett MBE, C Fleury, A Harris, T Dimmick, D James, G Cameron, C Bray, B Hobbs, V Lowthion, D Eccles and B Hinton MBE.

Clerk: M J Mills

IW Cllr J Medland

Members of the public 5

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- 1. APOLOGIES:** None (all present).
- 2. TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST THEY MIGHT HAVE IN THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**  
GC and CF P/00258/19 Former Eves Electrical, Avenue Road, Freshwater – know Applicant.  
BAH P/00167/19 Masonic Hall, 13 Solent Hill, Freshwater – family connection.
- 3. TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON A PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE AGENDA, AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION.**  
No one wished to speak at this point.
- 4. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 19th FEBRUARY 2019.**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February (having been circulated) were agreed.  
(CF/CB).
- 5. UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING AND IWC PLANNING DECISIONS.**  
**Refusal**  
P/00020/19 1 Parkside, The Causeway, Freshwater.  
Demolition of shed, outbuildings and garage; proposed detached dwelling.
- 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (AT TIME OF SENDING OUT NOTICE).**  
**P/00253/19 Little Halt, Pound Green, Freshwater**  
Demolition of existing extension; proposed single storey extension  
This was felt to be more in keeping and a good application. The Committee had no objection.  
  
**P/00254/19 Little Halt, Pound Green, Freshwater.**  
LBC demolition of existing extension; proposed single storey extension  
The Committee had no objection.

**P/00258/19 Former Eves Electrical, Avenue Road, Freshwater**

Change of use of former shop to Pizza Takeaway with associated signage and flu.

The Applicant was present and gave some details and addressed issues regarding the overhanging sign and fumes from the oven.

The Committee supported business use in this area and had no objection to the application.

**P/00167/19 Masonic Hall, 13 Solent Hill, Freshwater.**

Conversion and alterations of former Masonic Hall to form three dwellings with parking.

The committee were concerned about other properties being overlooked particularly as this was an “upside down” development.

More information was needed on the interior design to consider the overlooking issue.

The matter would be put off to the next meeting.

**P/00270/19 Former Sandpipers Hotel, Coastguard Lane, Freshwater**

Removal of conditions 5 and 6 on P/00166/16 which restricts Hampton House to holiday use.

There was concern re loss of tourism. Cllr Eccles pointed out that the financial details in the Supporting Planning Statement had been redacted which made the document of little value.

Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan encouraged tourism.

Cllr James said that he understood that under the current Island Plan there was a presumption against applications of this kind but this might change under the new draft island planning strategy development plan.

Cllr Cameron suggested that the application was not consistent with the Freshwater Neighbourhood Plan.

IW Cllr Medland said that there was a need for holiday accommodation in Freshwater Bay.

Cllr Hinton pointed out that this could create a precedent. Dimbola had on occasion looked for accommodation for tourists and had found it difficult.

The Committee objected to the application.

**P/00276/19 Colwell Baptist Church and Baytrees, Colwell Road, Freshwater**

Demolition of Baptist church and Baytrees; Outline for community building and 3no residential units

There was discussion regarding the position regarding parking. Cllr Eccles had concerns about properties being overlooked. He pointed out that there was on road parking from Madeira Lane to Martine Close. He suggested that on site parking was being reduced to get more building space in. Cllr James felt that 2 spaces for a community building was not very much.

Cllr Kennett supported the application and felt that this was good use of land in place of an ugly building. There was a need to minimise overlooking she said.

Cllr Lowthion said that there was a real need for the community building. The Baptist Church at Wellow had closed. Parking would be for only 1 or 1½ hours.

Cllr Bray said that the new Methodist Church had been a real asset to the village. Here people could park around the common.

It was felt that there was insufficient information on the houses. Elevations were needed perhaps with an artist’s elevation.

The matter would be put off to the next meeting.

**P/00277/19 Bayside, Southdown Road, Freshwater**

Proposed extension to front porch; rear balcony; deck area; double garage to front

The Committee had no objection.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The Chair pointed out that the system for accessing applications and commenting had changed with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The planning meeting closed at 7.15 pm.