



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 2nd MAY AT 7.22 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL
HALL, FRESHWATER**

PRESENT: Councillors: E Cox (Chair), A Bamford, L Becker, C Bray, K Fosbury, G Kennett, D Hicklin, B Hinton MBE, B Hobbs, C Jarman, J Medland and N Thomas

Members of the public: 1

Clerk: H Rowell

- 1. APOLOGIES:**
Councillor D James and E Roberts.
- 2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 4th APRIL 2023.**
The minutes of the meeting held on 4th April (having been circulated) were agreed (CJ/BH).
- 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. Cllr Spink sent apologies for the meeting.
- 6. CLERK'S REPORT (CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS).**
Skate Park and MUGA
One of the MUGA doors has been smashed in, and the electrical cabinet has also been smashed open and a wire ripped out and tripped the system so the lights will not work.



I am meeting with Lifeline tomorrow on site, to have a survey for CCTV.

Gate Lane Toilets

We had a site visit at the toilets recently and I have been assured that they will be completed by the 12th May in time for Walk the Wight. However, we are still waiting for the electric meter to be installed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

Noted.

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

Payments for March were presented and agreed see Appendix 2 (CB/GK).

9. WEST WIGHT YOUTH CRIME UPDATE – CLLR THOMAS

It was agreed to invite PC Gunter to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss local concerns.

10. PROPOSAL FOR PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – CLLR KENNETT

It was agreed that the crossing is not in the best position. It is being repainted and the lighting improved. It was agreed that Cllr Medland would work with Cllr Kennett to see what else can be done.

11. FRESHWATER IN BLOOM PROPOSAL

Deferred to a future meeting.

12. LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT – CLLR BRAY

Cllrs Kennett, Cox and Roberts have visited many of the assets in the parish. It was agreed to engage with the primary schools to find out which play equipment on the Stroud is most used and what new items they would like us to consider. A proposal will be brought forward based on the outcome of the survey and costs.

Some tree work needs to be completed following the recent survey. A quote of £1540.00 has been received and this work was agreed unanimously.

13. SKATE PARK MEETING REPORT

The Skate Park Committee met on the 5th April and propose the following:

To request planning proposal from Gravity and apply for planning permission. Cllr James proposed a slight change to the location which was agreed and appears on the updated plans. Once the draft planning application is agreed, invite all the homeowners who live around The Stroud to consult on the application.

It was proposed to invite Gravity Engineering to meet with the Parish Council (KF/BH).

This was unanimously agreed.

14. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The Lady of Shallot.
- Update on the Community Pantry – Cllr Thomas
- Wightfibre.
- Future of the West Wight Heritage Centre – Cllr Medland
- Dog Patrols – Cllr Jarman

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.