



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER AT 7.50 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Kennett (Chair), A Bamford (until 8.40pm), C Bray, E Cox, B Hinton MBE, B Hobbs, D James, C Jarman, J Medland.

Members of the public: none

Clerk: H Rowell

Clare Griffin and 2 West Wight Sports and Community Centre Trustees talked about their grant applications and answered questions. Cllr Medland chaired this discussion.

- 1. APOLOGIES:**
Councillors D Hicklin, E Roberts and N Thomas.
- 2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 1st AUGUST 2023.**
The minutes of the meeting held on 1st August (having been circulated) were agreed (CB/AB).
- 3. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**
Cllr Bray declared a non-pecuniary interest in one the grant applications as the applicant is known to her.
- 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 (CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS).**
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To clarify this item, on checking the rules, as the meeting was quorate, it does not matter that Councillors abstained, Cllr Cox had sufficient yes votes to pass the motion. Therefore, Cllr Cox will be moving forward with this work as detailed in the Minutes of the above meeting, following the meeting held on the 5th September and reporting back to Full Council.

Badgers on Jubilee Field

Minor badger activity has been reported on Jubilee Field, which has been reported to Graham Lee from the Badger's Trust this was his response "I visited Jubilee Field via the Sports Centre, nice sandy soil there which badgers like! As it was only a bucket full that had been dug out, I put it back in so it's level again. A couple of badger paw prints in it, they will dig down a few inches to find grubs so hopefully that will be it, but obviously keep an eye on it. If it does happen again in a small amount, it may be worth scattering Silent Roar (dried Lion dung pellets) on it as it gives off a musty smell which usually deters them from digging lawns and flower beds, it is natural and harmless so safe to use." So, we just need to keep an eye on it.

Skate Park

The skate lite has arrived and the work is being done on the Skate Park this week, with a view to reopening next week.

MUGA

The work to upgrade the MUGA is due to commence within the next couple of weeks. Tim from Basketball Isle of Wight has agreed to be the onsite contact.

7. CORRESPONDENCE.

Noted.

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

The accounts were approved (JM /CB).

9. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON THE 15th AUGUST 2023 – CLLR THOMAS.

It was proposed that Cllr James led this item as Cllr Thomas has sent apologies.

a) TO APPROVE THE GRANT APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS.

The following applications were approved:

- Wight Surf History - £500.00 towards the digitization of their films and suggest they work with the West Wight Heritage Centre
- Dementia Friendly Lunch Club - £500.00.

- Isle of Wight Prostate Cancer Support Group - £800.00, and to request a report on how the funding supported the West Wight Community.

b) TO CONSIDER OUTSTANDING GRANT APPLICATIONS

It was agreed with one abstention that the Finance and Governance Committee will review the current grant awarding policy.

10. TO AGREE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – CLLR BRAY.

The Terms of Reference were approved.

11. LAND MANAGEMENT REPORT – CLLR BRAY

A line of memorial trees was proposed for Grannies Meade.

12. TO APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE – CLLR COX.

This item was deferred to a future planning meeting.

13. PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS AT FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL – CLLR COX.

It was proposed that FPC no longer holds a full council meeting in August, the planning meeting dates would still be advertised but if no planning applications were brought forward those meetings could be cancelled. If issues arose in August they could be dealt with at either of the planning meetings or if Councillors felt that it was necessary an extraordinary meeting of the Council could be called.

It has become apparent that many Councils do not have full council meetings in August, a number of our own Councillors have suggested that we could do the same. This would give Councillors and Officers a month when having a holiday without missing a meeting would be possible, which I imagine would be of benefit to everyone.

Therefore, Cllr Cox's proposal is as follows:

That Freshwater Parish Council have 11 full council meetings annually, these meetings would take place on the first Tuesday of each month excluding August.

Please note that should we pass this motion the FPC Standing Orders would need to be amended to show this change in Council policy.

This was deferred to the November meeting.

14. TO PROPOST THE CREATION OF A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE GATE LANE TOILET PROJECT – CLLR COX.

The creation of a working group was proposed to review the Gate Lane toilet project. The group would not be open to the public but would involve both officers and members of FPC staff and possibly outside participants at the invitation of the group for their feedback in regard to this matter only.

The project has been of a significant size to warrant a review of the process from start to finish. The aim would be to assist in any future projects the Council may undertake. Whilst the project is still not complete, the process should begin. At the end of the process we may even have suggestions for the ongoing maintenance and improvement of the toilet block and surrounding landscaping.

This item was deferred until the next Parish Council Meeting.

15. TO AGREE THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE BOAT PARK COMMITTEE – CLLR KENNETT.

The Terms of Reference were approved.

16. TO ELECT A MEMBER TO JOIN THE BOAT PARK COMMITTEE – CLLR KENNETT.

Cllr Hinton MBE was elected to join the Boat Park Committee.

17. TO ELECT A MEMBER TO JOIN THE LAND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – CLLR BRAY.

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

18. TO CONSIDER A CANDIDATE FOR CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL.

No candidates have been forthcoming so this will be deferred. A second co-option notice will be posted.

19. CHRISTMAS 2023

It was agreed to increase the Christmas Budget by £500.00 this year as the current budget of £4,000.00 is proving insufficient to cover the costs.

20. IWALC REPORT – CLLR BAMFORD.

This item was brought forward to follow item 5 on the Agenda as Cllr Bamford had to leave the meeting early. IWALC has met with the IWC to discuss the transfer of assets in the future and how this is managed, in particular improving communication with officers in the Council. There will be a follow up Topic Meeting in October.

21. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

- IWC Assets – Cllr Medland
- Moa Place Car Park – Cllr Medland

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

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