



**FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE AT 7.26 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL  
HALL, FRESHWATER**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: G Kennett (Chair), A Bamford, C Bray, E Cox, D Hicklin, B Hinton  
MBE, B Hobbs, D James, C Jarman, J Medland, N Thomas and E Roberts.

Members of the public: 20

Clerk: H Rowell

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Gravity Engineering gave a question-and-answer presentation on the plans for the new Skate Park and Pump Track.

1. **APOLOGIES:**  
Councillor K Fosbury.
2. **TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> MAY 2023 AND THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023.**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and the Annual Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023 (having been circulated) were agreed (EC/CJ).
3. **TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**  
Cllr Hinton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 12 as a Trustee of Dimbola.  
Cllr Thomas declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14.
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).**

### **Councillor Resignation**

Lindsay Becker has resigned as a parish councillor; a notice has been published asking the residents of South Ward if they would like an election. Any requests for an election, need to be sent to the Proper Officer at the Isle of Wight Council by the 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

### **Library**

A meeting was held between Friends of Freshwater Library (FOFL) and Freshwater Parish Council to discuss the lighting of the library steps and associated costs. We have provided FOFL with options and they are going to consider their financial contribution and a further meeting has been agreed for the 13<sup>th</sup> June to move this forward. We are also planning quarterly meetings with FOFL and the library service.

### **Fire Risk Assessment**

A fire risk assessment has been completed on the Memorial Hall including the parish accommodation upstairs. It has flagged up the need to put in place a process, with necessary equipment to enable people with disabilities to leave the upstairs accommodation safely, in case of fire. I am meeting with Debbie (Memorial Hall Administrator) and Fire Safe Training to discuss the measures we need to put in place.

### **MUGA**

Cllrs Bray, Bamford and myself met with Tim from Basketball Isle of Wight at the MUGA on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 to discuss the agreed funding and the implications of the RoSPA report. Tim believes there is sufficient funding to cover the full refurbishment. We have a verbal quote for between £4,000 and £6,000 for CCTV which is not in their allotted funding, so would be the responsibility of the parish council. Clare Griffin at WWSCC has agreed to host the monitor.

### **Gate Lane Toilets**

The toilets are completed; It was confirmed today that the electric meter will be installed on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, so the toilets will open to the public once the safety check has been completed.

### **Potholes**

The Potholes in Pound Green and Spinfish have been filled in.

### **Moa Place Flower Beds**

The Isle of Wight Council have acknowledged ownership of the flower beds and have raised a job to have the bushes cut back to improve visibility.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE.**

Noted.

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

Payments for April were presented and agreed see Appendix 2 (EC/JM).

**9. SKATE PARK REPORT**

Following an emergency Skate Park Meeting having received the RoSPA report advising closure, it was agreed to close the Skate Park with immediate effect. It was agreed to make cost effective safe repairs to enable the park to reopen for the summer. The Facilities Officer and Finance Officer have offered their time to do the work required.

**10. TO AGREE PROPOSAL TO APPLY FOR PLANNING PERMISSION FOR THE NEW SKATE PARK.**

It was unanimously agreed to put in the application for planning permission.

**11. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE REPORT – CLLR THOMAS**

Following an inaugural meeting of the committee it was agreed to work towards having a Community Resilience plan which can be activated at any time. To understand the local health needs of the community as this will be paramount in delivering an effective community resilience plan.

To work towards having a local plan in place in the event of an emergency which may impact the local community which will include updating the current 10-year-old Flood plan.

To identify local risks and resources, working with partners including Yarmouth Harbour Commission.

**12. LADY OF SHALLOT FUNDING PROPOSAL – CLLR MEDLAND**

Thanks were expressed to Dimbola for storing the sculpture for free. It was agreed to apply for an Awards for All Grant for £10,000.00 to cover the costs of installation which would include an artistic interpretation of a lake. It was agreed that Cllr Medland would explore the possibility of a grant application.

**13. FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL EMAIL SYSTEM**

It was agreed that some councillors could use their personal email accounts for parish business if they preferred, rather than the Parish Council system.

**14. COMMUNITY PANTRY UPDATE – CLLR THOMAS**

It was agreed to explore the possibility of a bespoke model for Freshwater and arrange a meeting with the Isle of Wight Council Connect 4 Communities Team, Cllr Kennett and Cllr Medland.

**15. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.**

- Strategic Plan for the Parish Council

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the

consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**16. STAFFING COMMITTEE REPORT**

This item was deferred to the next Parish Council Meeting.

**17. WEST WIGHT HERITAGE CENTRE – CLLR MEDLAND**

This item was deferred to the next Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.42pm.