

**FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL**  
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**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER  
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2024 AT 6.30 PM IN  
THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL HAL, FRESHWATER.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: E Cox (Chair), A Bamford, D Hicklin, B Hinton MBE, B Hobbs, D James, C Jarman (until 7.50pm), G Kennett, F Turan and W Whyte

Clerk: H Rowell

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**1. APOLOGIES**

Councillors: T Armstrong, C Bray and N Thomas

**2. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

None

**3. TO AGREE THE COMMENTS FOR THE ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY – REGULATION 19 SUBMISSION.**

Following on from previous meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July and 16<sup>th</sup> July when Cllrs joined groups to consider the following categories:

Community – Cllrs Kennett, Jarman and Thomas

Economy – Cllrs Hinton MBE and Cox

Environment – Cllr Bray

Growth – Cllr Hobbs

Housing – Cllrs James and Turan

Transport – Cllrs Armstrong and Whyte

With the Chair of Planning Cllr Bamford offering to support any group that needed it.

At the meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> August Cllr Cox called this Extraordinary Meeting following the proposed submissions by the groups and the complexity of the submission process which officers needed to complete by midnight on the 19<sup>th</sup> August, to determine each groups top three policies to comment on and how to respond to the questions.

It was agreed that Cllrs were not qualified to answer the questions and Cllr Cox proposed adding the following rider to each submission **“Freshwater Parish Council does not have the technical and legal competence to determine whether or not the Plan is legally compliant and has fulfilled its duty to cooperate.”** This was agreed by all.

Cllr Jarman left meeting early at 7.50pm.

It was agreed that the 3 submissions from each group must be completed on the required forms and submitted to the Deputy Clerk by 9am on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August for her to upload before the deadline. The forms were supplied to Councillors.

Cllr Kennett proposed that Freshwater Parish Council wrote to the Isle of Wight Council expressing their concern about the consultation process and its complexity. A draft letter will be brought to the next full Parish Council Meeting.

The meeting Closed at 8.30pm.

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