

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2025 AT 6.30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS COX (CHAIR), ARMSTRONG, BAMFORD, BETTS, HINTON (left the meeting at 7.17pm), JARMAN, PAKEL, SEELY, TURAN, WHYTE

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR KNOWLES

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 3

CLERK: K GIBSON

MINUTES SECRETARY: M GARDINER

RESPONSIBLE FINANCE OFFICER: TARA BLOOMFIELD

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN: Councillor Turan was elected.
2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN: Councillor Seely was elected.
3. DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE – WERE SIGNED BY THE CHAIR AND THE VICE CHAIR
4. APOLOGIES: COUNCILLOR WHISTANCE
5. APPOINTMENT OF RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER – TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENT OF TARA BLOOMFIELD AS THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER: TARA BLOOMFIELD WAS CONFIRMED AS THE REPOSNIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER - (CJ/BS) **AGREED**
6. TO NOTE THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL HOLDS THE GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE
It was confirmed that the Parish Council does not hold the General Power of Competence.
7. TO APPROVE AND RE-AFFIRM STANDING ORDERS, CODE OF CONDUCT AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – COPIES CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS
Standing Orders and Code of Conduct were approved (CJ/AB) **AGREED**
It was agreed to defer the approval of the Financial Regulations to the Full Council meeting in June 2025.
8. TO REVIEW THE TERMS OF REFERENCE POLICY
The Terms of Reference policy was agreed (CJ/TA) **AGREED**
9. TO REVIEW ALL COMMITTEES' TERMS OF REFERENCE
The terms of reference for Planning, Personnel, Library and Land Management were agreed. (CJ/AB) **AGREED**
10. TO REVIEW THE INVENTORY OF LAND AND OTHER ASSETS
It was proposed to defer the item until the July meeting (CJ/AB) **AGREED**

11. TO CONFIRM THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSURANCE COVER FOR ALL INSURABLE RISKS

The existing arrangements for cover was agreed (**CJ/BS**) **AGREED**

12. TO REVIEW THE COUNCILS AND STAFF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO OTHER BODIES

The clerk will circulate full details of subscriptions to all Councillors.

13. TO REVIEW THE COUNCILS' POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

It was proposed to defer the review of policies and procedures to the next full council meeting.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES

Appointments were made in accordance with the list attached.

It was agreed to defer the following until the next full council meeting:

- Vice Chair of Planning, Chair and Vice Chair of Personnel, Chair and Vice Chair of Land Management & Assets.
- Appointment to the Freshwater and Totland War Memorial Bungalows to allow the Clerk to investigate if Parish Councillor involvement is still required.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm