



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LAND MANAGEMENT AND ASSETS COMMITTEE OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 18th MARCH 2025 AT 7.15 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER OF THE MEMORIAL HALL

PRESENT: Councillors Cox (Chair), Bamford, Hobbs, Knowles, James, Turan, Whyte

PUBLIC: 2 (Councillor Hinton in attendance, Councillor Jarman (arrived at 8.19pm))

Clerk: M Gardiner
K Gibson (Clerk in attendance)

1. APOLOGIES: None.

2. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST THEY MIGHT HAVE IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None.

3. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE LAND MANAGEMENT AND ASSETS COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 18th FEBRUARY 2025 (CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS)

The minutes (having been circulated) were **AGREED. (FT/DJ)**

4. TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTERS ON THE AGENDA (AT THE CHAIRS DISCRETION)

None

5. TO AGREE THE BOAT PARK TERMS AND CONDITIONS/POLICY/FORMS

The Clerk recommends that we increase the insurance level to £10 million pounds and is currently awaiting a quotation.

6. UPDATE ON THE GATE LANE TOILET DRINKING FOUNTAIN

It was proposed that the Parish Council reinstate the current drinking water tap at Gate Lane toilet, having taken steps to ensure that the building is not damaged further and ask the Clerk to investigate applying for a grant for an alternative drinking fountain, and costs for the remedial works of the fountain. **(EC/DJ) AGREED**

7. TO CONSIDER FUTURE USES FOR THE MOA PLACE TELEPHONE BOX

It was proposed that in considering the future use of the telephone box, the Parish Council consult with public and schools for feedback and ideas for future use. **(EC/DJ)**.

8. SKATE PARK/PUMP TRACK – TO NOMINATE A COUNCILLOR TO LEAD THE PROJECT

It was proposed that Councillor Knowles review the Skate Park and Pump Track project and come forward to the Committee with an action plan. As lead of the review, Councillor Knowles would not have delegated decision making powers. Councillor James welcomes Councillors Knowles' collaboration. **(EC/DJ) AGREED**

9. TO REVIEW THE LAND MANAGEMENT POLICY

This item has been incorrectly listed on the agenda and should have been to review the draft land management plan for the Boat Park, Promenade and Shelter and therefore cannot be voted on at this meeting.

Copies of the draft land management plan for the Boat Park, Promenade and Shelter have been circulated to Councillors for consideration.

10. UPDATE – NEW CONTRACTOR ERMCLIMITED MEETING AND PROPOSAL:

a: **Update from the Chair of the meeting with ERMCLimited.**

The Chair gave a verbal report.

b: **Quotation from ERMCLimited for pre contract grass cutting for the Committees consideration.**

The Clerk recommends and the Chair proposes the following:

That the Parish Council accept the recommendation of the Clerk to approve an extra grass cut of the Manorial land prior to the commencement of the start of the Council's contract with ERMCLimited. **(EC/AB) AGREED**

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.

11. TO AGREE THE QUOTATIONS FOR THE TOILET AND LIBRARY TENDER.

Toilets – Gate Lane/Moa Place: It was proposed to recommend to full council to accept the Officers recommendation to continue with the existing contractor for best value, subject to checking for a break clause in years one and two. **(WW/DJ) AGREED**

Library: It was proposed to refer the current contract to the library committee for scrutiny and report back to full council with their recommendations. **(EC/DJ)**.

12. UPDATE ON THE TREE SURVEY WORKS

The urgent works at Stroud Coppice have been completed.

Officers are waiting for two further quotes for the remaining tree works.

It was proposed the Parish Council commissions a new Tree Survey to be completed between November and February 2027/28. This survey will need to be included in the budget setting process in 2026/27. **(EC/DJ)**.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm