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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2025 AT 19.50PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Turan (Chair), Armstrong, Betts, Bamford, Cameron, Cox, Hinton, Hobbs, Jarman, Pakel, Seely, Whistance  
**CLERK:** M Gardiner

**Members of the Public:** 0

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Prior to the Council meeting commencing there will be a public forum of up to 15 minutes, if necessary, when there will be an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions of the Parish Council regarding matters on the agenda.  
**NONE**

**1. APOLOGIES:** Councillor Chaucer, Whyte

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary (personal) interests relating to items on the agenda. **NONE**

**3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

To receive and consider granting any written requests from Members for dispensations in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests. **NONE**

**4. MINUTES**

To agree the minutes of the Freshwater Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (**PAPER A**). (**DW/BC**) **AGREED**

To agree the minutes of the Freshwater Parish Council Extraordinary meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (**PAPER B**). (**DW/BC**) **AGREED**

**5. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT**

To receive a written update from Ward Councillors.

Councillor Spink gave a written update late (circulated at the meeting).

Councillor Cameron gave a written update (circulated to Councillors). Parish Councillors discussed whether reports published on the Parish website that are produced by Councillors (who are both Ward and Parish Councillors) should be either be authored as a Ward Councillor or as the Full Parish Council.

Councillor Jarman gave a written update (circulated to Councillors).

## 6. OFFICER REPORTS

### **Moa Place Toilets**

Following on from the Councillors land management walk about we have had the lengthsman inspect the reported early subsidence. He has reported that the brickwork needs repointing but is safe and that there is no current danger to the community. A temporary repair will be made before a full repair taking place January. There will also be a measure attached to the area to monitor any further movement.

### **Parish Office Christmas Closure**

As per previous years the parish office will close for the Christmas period from 19th December to Monday 5th January 2026. Both the RFO and I will be monitoring our email accounts in case of any emergencies.

### **January Full Council and Planning Committee Meetings**

Change of Date. Due to the office closure the full council meeting and initial planning committee meeting will be moved from the 6th January to the 13th January to enable the office to produce and publish the agendas with the statutory number of days' notice as per previous years.

## 7. CHAIRS REPORT

**Sunday 9th November** was a very emotional day for me. As chair of the Freshwater Parish Council, I had the honour of laying a wreath on behalf of our community. It was a very well organised ceremony with a good turnout. The last post always brings tears to my eyes, and I usually stand on the edge of the crowd to avoid notice. This time however I was front and centre which needed all my self-control to avoid attracting attention.

Mine was a generation where hardly any of our friends had grandfathers. I personally only had one grandparent. It left a hole in my family, and the ongoing effect was significant. I will most definitely never forget the sacrifice and the tragedy of all who served, wherever they came from.

**Monday 10th November**, Becca and I attended the Tree Warden introductory meeting at the Steam Railway. It was a very long day with lots of people and a great deal of information and lively discussion. It would be great to find a few enthusiastic residents to take this forward.

**Friday 14th November** the land management committee had its fourth and final walk about. I would like to thank Caroline Pakel, for collating the information and photos from all four tours so professionally. We can now, at last, start to address the problems and improve the parish's assets for the benefit of residents.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November** we held a very positive enthusiastic skatepark committee meeting.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** I collected the last of the Christmas tree decorations from the printers. These together with photos kindly supplied by Paul Blackley will be used to decorate the tree in All Saints Church this year.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November** two of my friends kindly joined me for a Blue Peter evening to cut out the pictures. Julie is very professional as she was once a

teacher and now volunteers to work with the children at the library.

**Tuesday 25th November** spent most of my day gardening. Wonderfully relaxing.

**Wednesday 26th November** out and about delivering the community magazine, a good way to meet people. I love a chat and learn a lot by sharing.

#### **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

3 items of correspondence. The Clerk will write to FOFL to thank them for their donation towards utilities at the Library.

#### **9. CHRISTMAS SHOP WINDOW SPOTTING COMPETITION**

Councillor Cameron has requested to discuss and agree the shopkeepers window decorating contest.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that this would be a Councillor led initiative with a closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and winners to be announced on the 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Councillor Whystance kindly agreed to produce and distribute entry numbers/forms.

Councillor Jarman kindly agreed to provide prizes for the winners and runners up.

Three independent judges will be appointed. **(BH/CJ) AGREED**

#### **10. FINANCE**

To review and approve the payments list (see appendix) **(DW/CJ) APPROVED**

#### **11. APPRECIATION EVENING JOINTLY HOSTED WITH TOTLAND PC.**

To discuss and agree the hosting of the appreciation evening jointly with Totland Parish Council. To agree potential dates for the evening and a potential budget for entertainment and catering. **DEFERRED**

#### **12. UPDATE FROM THE CHRISTMAS WORKING PARTY**

Councillor Turan gave a verbal update – Christmas Tree at All Saints Church, Parish Christmas trees and lighting and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December late night shopping event.

#### **13. UPDATE FROM THE SKATE PARK WORKING PARTY.**

Councillor Pakel gave a verbal update.

#### **14. UPDATE FROM LAND MANAGEMENT AND ASSETS COMMITTEE.**

Councillor Turan gave a verbal update.

#### **15. NEW PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER CONSULTATION.**

To review the attached document and agree a response to the consultation due by 12<sup>th</sup> December. **(PAPER F – see appendix)**

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** to agree with the proposals – **(DW/EC) 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.**

**16. FRESHWATER LIBRARY ROOF REPAIR TENDER**

To review and agree the proposal for the roof repair.

Officers Report (**PAPER G**) DEFERRED to the alternate planning meeting.

**IT WAS RESOLVED:** that Officers obtain three quotes for the project management as per the financial regs 5.8/5.9.

Councillors requested an update on contact with the Isle of Wight Council (re previous asbestos report) and for the Clerk to chase a response if none has been received.

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**NONE**

**Meeting ends at 20.39pm**

Should anyone require a copy of the minutes in a large print format please contact the Parish Council.

*From*

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Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Our Ref: New PSPO's

Dear Valued Partner,

**NEW ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS**  
**Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 (as amended), Part 4, Ch 2, Section 60 to 68**  
**(incl.)**

We are seeking your views on a proposal to introduce additional Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) across the Isle of Wight. These measures aim to protect and enhance the public realm and ensure our open spaces remain safe and enjoyable for all.

Before moving to public consultation, we want to hear from key stakeholders to ensure the proposed restrictions are proportionate, effective, and supported.

PSPOs are introduced under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.

A PSPO can require or prohibit certain activities from taking place in certain places (restricted areas) in order to prevent or reduce any detrimental effect caused by those activities to local people. PSPOs are intended to:

- Tackle a wide range of behaviour similar to the "good rule and government" byelaws under the Local Government Act 1972 but with the option of a fixed penalty notice on breach (see PSPOs and byelaws: overlap) and more flexibility.
- Cut down on existing consultation requirements by only requiring local authorities to comply with "light-touch" consultation requirements in order to save costs.
- Allow Local Authorities (LAs) to deal with both existing and future problems by using a single order to combat a variety of different issues.
- Replace designated public place orders, gating orders and dog control orders.

The activity restricted by an Order must be carried out in a public place, which is defined in the legislation as 'any place to which the public or any section of the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission'.

## Conditions for Making a PSPO

The Council must be satisfied that:

- Activities in a public place have or are likely to have a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality.
- The effect is persistent or continuing, making it unreasonable and justifying restrictions.

## Proposed Restrictions

We propose PSPOs to prohibit the following in all council-owned public spaces (Parks, Greens, Beaches):

- **Use of disposable barbecues**
- **Release of balloons**
- **Use of sky lanterns**

These measures aim to reduce fire risk, prevent environmental harm, and protect wildlife across our open spaces.

## Penalties

- Breach of a PSPO may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice of £100.
- Prosecution may lead to a fine of up to £1,000 (Level 3 on the standard scale).

Existing PSPOs remain unaffected. Enforcement will apply only in areas where the Public Realm Officer service is commissioned.

Further details, including maps and specific orders, are available on the Isle of Wight Council website.

## We'd like your feedback

- **Do you support these proposed restrictions? Or are you of the opinion that the use of these items does not have a detrimental effect?**
- **Please provide any further detail or explanation.**

Please submit your comments in post or by e-mail by **Friday 12th December** so that we can incorporate your views into the next stage of consultation via:

**PublicRealmOfficers@iow.gov.uk**

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If you have any questions or wish to discuss further, please contact me directly.  
Thank you for your time and valuable input.

Yours faithfully,



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