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All Members are summoned to attend a meeting of FULL COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 3rd MARCH 2026, in the Council Chamber, Memorial Hall, Freshwater commencing after the Planning Committee Meeting at 6.30pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out within the agenda below.

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.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary (personal) interests relating to items on the agenda.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

To receive and consider granting any written requests from Members for dispensations in respect of disclosable pecuniary interests.

4. COMMUNITY ACTION IW PRESENTATION

Community Action IW will attend to present further information on the Housing Needs Survey that they can facilitate on our behalf.

5. MINUTES

To agree the minutes of the Freshwater Parish Council meeting held on 3rd February 2026 ([PAPER A](#)).

To agree the minutes of the Extraordinary Committee Meeting held on 17th February 2026. ([PAPER B](#))

To agree the minutes from the Budget Setting Meeting held on 26th January 2026. ([PAPER C](#))

6. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT

To receive a written update from Ward Councillors.

Councillor Cameron (To Follow)

Councillor Jarman (To Follow)

Councillor Spink (To Follow)

7. OFFICER REPORTS

i. To receive a written update from the Clerk ([PAPER D](#)).

8. CHAIRS REPORT

To receive a report from the Chair, Cllr Frances Turan ([PAPER E](#)).

9. CORRESPONDENCE

10. UPDATE FROM THE SKATE PARK WORKING PARTY.

11. MEMORAIL HALL RENT INCREASE NOTICE

To discuss and agree the attached rent increase notice for the office rent at the Memorial Hall. ([PAPER F](#)).

12. APPROVE THE IT POLICY

To discuss and approve the new IT policy, based on the NALC template. This is a requirement that has been identified in the Internal Audit interim report. ([PAPER G](#)).

13. APPROVE THE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

To discuss and approve the new Risk Management Policy. ([PAPER H](#)).

14. IWC BRIDGE WEIGHT RESTRICTION REMOVAL ORDER

To discuss and agree a response to the Isle of Wight Council proposal to remove the weight restrictions on The Causeway and Blackbridge Road Bridges. ([PAPER I](#)).

15. FORT VICTORIA COUNTRY PARK IWC PLANS

To receive an update on the proposal from Isle of Wight Council to introduce parking charges and close the public toilets on site in the winter.

16. STROUD PLAYING FIELD DRAINAGE ISSUES

To discuss and agree a response to the issues with the failed French drains on Stroud Playing Field. With the continuous rainfall the drains have failed and are causing flooding issues to houses on School Green Road.

17. FINANCE

- i. To review and approve the payments list (**PAPER J – To Follow**).
- ii. To receive the recommendations from the finance committee. ([PAPER K](#))

18. GRANTS

- i. To review and approve the Grant Application from Dementia First – Carers Friendship Group ([PAPER L](#)).
- ii. To review and approve the Grant Application from West Wight Churches Youth Project ([PAPER M](#))
- iii. To review and approve the Grant Application from St Johns Ambulance ([PAPER N](#))

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.

19. MEMORIAL HALL REPLACEMENT FIRE EXIT DOORS

To discuss and agree the replacement fire exit doors for the memorial hall. (**PAPER O**).

20. GABIONS AT SPINFISH

To discuss and agree the repairs required to the Gabions at Spinfish following an open tender process. (**PAPER P**).

21. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Signed: Melanie Gardiner (Assistant Clerk)

Date: Thursday 26th February 2026

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