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All Members are summoned to attend the Annual Meeting of FULL COUNCIL held on TUESDAY, 19TH MAY 2026, in the Council Chamber, Memorial Hall, Freshwater commencing at 6.30pm for the purpose of transacting the business set out within the agenda below.

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

- i. To elect the chair
- ii. To receive the chair's signed declaration of acceptance.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

- i. To elect the vice chair
- ii. To receive the vice chair's signed declaration of acceptance.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

To receive a copy and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct. ([PAPER A](#))

4. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

6. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

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

7. GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

The Parish Council declares that it **DOES NOT** meet all of the eligibility criteria as set out in The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 (S.I. 2012 No. 965).

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE POLICIES

To note and reaffirm the following policies.

- i. Standing Orders ([PAPER B1](#)).
- ii. Financial Regulations ([PAPER B2](#)).
- iii. Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy ([PAPER B3](#))
- iv. CCTV Policy ([PAPER B4](#))
- v. Complaints Procedure ([PAPER B5](#))

- vi. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy ([PAPER B6](#))
- vii. Finance – Investment Policy ([PAPER B7](#))
- viii. Finance – Reserves Policy ([PAPER B8](#))
- ix. Freedom of Information Policy ([PAPER B9](#))
- x. GDPR Privacy Policy and form ([PAPER B10](#))
- xi. Grievance Policy ([PAPER B11](#))
- xii. IT Policy ([PAPER B12](#))
- xiii. Publication Scheme ([PAPER B13](#))
- xiv. Risk Assessment ([PAPER B14](#))
- xv. Training and Development Policy ([PAPER B15](#))
- xvi. Tree Management Policy ([PAPER B16](#))
- xvii. Vexatious Policy ([PAPER B17](#))
- xviii. Website Accessibility Statement ([PAPER B18](#))
- xix. Whistle Blowing Policy ([PAPER B19](#))

9. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To note the following terms of reference policies.

- Committee Terms of Reference Policy ([PAPER C1](#))
- Planning Committee ([PAPER C2](#))
- Land Management and Assets Committee ([PAPER C3](#))
- Library Committee ([PAPER C4](#))
- Personnel Committee ([PAPER C5](#))

10. APPOINTMENTS OF STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIRS

a) Planning Committee – All Councillors

- To elect the chair and vice chair of the planning committee.

b) Finance Committee – 6 Councillors

- To elect the chair and vice chair of the finance committee.

c) Personnel Committee – Minimum of 4 Councillors

- To elect the chair and vice chair of the personnel committee.

d) Land Management and Assets Committee – Minimum of 5 Councillors

- To elect the chair and vice chair of the Land Management and Assets Committee.

e) Library Committee – 4 Councillors

- To elect the chair of the library committee.
- f) **Community Resilience (including Yarmouth Sea Defences) Committee – 3 Councillors**
 - To elect the chair of the community resilience committee.

11. REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER COMMITTEES AND ORGANISATIONS

- I. **Memorial Hall Arts and Leisure Company (MHALCo) – Maximum of 6 Councillors**
- II. **Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) – Representative and Deputy Representative – 2 Councillors**
- III. **United Charities Trust – 2 Councillors**
- IV. **Freshwater and Totland War Memorial Bungalows – 1 Councillor**
- V. **Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners Advisory Committee – 1 Councillor**
- VI. **Freshwater Bay Residents Association Liaison – 1 Councillor**

12. INSURANCE COVER

To note that adequate Parish Council insurance cover is in place with Zurich and asset values are continually updated.

13. INVENTORY OF LAND AND OTHER ASSETS

To note the attached.

- Asset Valuation Report ([PAPER D](#)).
- Finance Asset Register ([PAPER E](#)).

Signed: Kirsty Gibson (Clerk)

Date: Wednesday 13th May 2026

Should anyone require a copy of the agenda in a large print format please contact the Parish Council. Several paper copy agendas will be provided at the meeting for the public.