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**MINUTES OF A LAND MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH
JUNE 2026 AT 7.20PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MEMORIAL HALL,
FRESHWATER**

Present: Councillor Turan (Chair), Betts, Cameron, Hobbs, Pakel,

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: K Gibson

Minutes: M Gardiner

1. **APOLOGIES** To receive any apologies for absence.
Councillor Chaucer
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary (personal) interests relating to items on the agenda.
Councillor Pakel declared a non-pecuniary interest as she has an allotment
3. **MINUTES** To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2026 (PAPER A). – (DW/BC) **AGREED**
4. **ALLOTMENT FOR COMMUNITY GROWING FOOD** To outline a planned proposal put forward by Councillor Pakel to allocate allotment space for a community growing area.

It was agreed that Councillor Pakel will consult with the Allotment Manager to discuss the practicalities of the project going forward.

5. **UPDATE ON MILITARY ROAD** Councillor Cameron will give an update on the plans to protect the Military Road from erosion.

Military Road Update – Councillor Cameron

The Council have said “in respect to the vehicle restraint and monitoring system that is to be installed at Afton Down the design element of this project is at an advanced stage. The only update I read was in a press statement which says early next year, meaning early 2027, not this summer.

Specifically, IW Council and Island Roads say they are designing vehicle restrain barriers for the eastern section of the stabilized Military Road highway, intended to stop vehicles leaving the carriageway. Installation is “expected early next year”.

That is not a firm installation date. It is a vague target window. Given that Island Roads said in its report in May 2024 that there is a risk to life I think the delays are shocking. Even the warning lights haven't been installed.

- 6. UPDATE ON TREE SURVEY WORKS** To review and discuss tree works.
The Clerk gave a verbal update on the completed tree works and proposed future urgent work.
- 7. GRANNY'S MEAD OAK TREE** To review and discuss the instructions from the IWC Tree Officer to protect the area around the Oak Tree for safety reasons.
Consultation Day has been booked for 24th June 2026 in the Small Hall, Memorial Hall.
- 8. MOA PLACE FOOTPATH** To review and discuss issues around the unregistered path from Moa Place to the Doctors Surgery and Sports Centre.
The Clerk gave an update on the recent discussions on the as yet unresolved issue of ownership of the path.
- 9. WILDLIFE TRUST GREEN COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAMME** To discuss and identify potential community groups that may be able to take advantage of the grant programme.
Several local community groups were identified that may benefit from the the above funding and the Clerk will email all to distribute the necessary information.
- 10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
Footpath – plans
Stroud Coppice
- 11. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING.** 18th August 2026.

Meeting closed at: 20.15pm