



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 11th JANUARY 2022 AT 7.17 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER**

PRESENT: Councillors: D James (Chairman) A Bamford, C Bray, G Cameron, E Cox, B Hinton MBE, B Hobbs, G Kennett, C Jarman, J Medland and N Thomas

Members of the public: 7

Clerk: H Rowell

A presentation was given by Adam Barnes and Chris Mannion about the Coasteering Business Proposal, with questions and answers from members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

None

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THE 7th DECEMBER 2021**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th December (having been circulated) were agreed (CB/GC).

**3. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON
THE AGENDA**

None

**4. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES)**

**5. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD
COUNCILLORS.**

Reports received see Appendix 1. Cllr Spink sent his apologies for the meeting.

**6. CLERK'S REPORT (CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS)
Consultation**

The small hall has been booked for the 26th January 10 -1pm, and a late afternoon session 4-7pm.

When would councillors like to come in and get the boards ready, and who is available to come and talk to residents on the 26th January? The consultation will focus on the budget and precept, the Skate Park and Gate Lane Toilets.

Annual Parish Meeting

A speaker has been booked for the Annual Parish Meeting on 15th March 2022 and that will be Kelly Wetherick from the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

Elections

Over 10 requests to hold an election in both Colwell Ward and South Ward for the 3 vacancies have been received by Clive Joynes, Proper Officer, Isle of Wight Council. The next stage will be to seek nominations. The Isle of Wight Council will manage the elections on the behalf of the parish council.

Community Grants

“We are so delighted with the £500 grant awarded to the Timebank. Please will you pass on our grateful thanks to all” from Sally at the Timebank .

Christmas 2021

The Admin Assistant has dismantled Christmas, the trees have been stripped of lights and everything has been stored in the Old Ambulance Station ready for next year. She would like to thank the councillors who helped.

Neighbourhood Plan

A letter has been sent to the Minister of State for Housing in respect of the value of the Neighbourhood Plan, a copy was also sent to NALC through IWALC and the Isle of Wight Council. No reply has yet been received.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

8. TO AGREE ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT -LIST CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS FOR INFORMATION

Payments (having been circulated) were agreed (CJ/GC)– see appendix 2.

9. CAR PARKS UPDATE – CLLR JAMES

Ventnor Town Council are pursuing opportunities on behalf of several Town and Parish Councils in respect of working with the IWC to consider local management of car parks.

10. LADY OF SHALOTT – CLLR JAMES

A second possible location map has been presented to Island Roads, if they are in agreement a licence application will be presented to a future Parish Council Meeting, along with any associated costs.

11. YHAC REPORT – CLLR BAMFORD

The minutes of the meeting on the 17th November 2021 were received. Cllrs were requested to feedback any comments to Cllr Bamford and anything they would like raised at forthcoming meetings.

12. LAND BY LONGHALVES LANE – CLLR JAMES

Concerns have been raised about the extension of some boundaries encroaching onto Longhalves Lane. Cllr Medland agreed to contact Rights of Way at the Isle of Wight Council.

13. WW LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING IMPROVEMENT PLAN – CLLR MEDLAND

Unfortunately, it wasn't successful due to a very short time scale, a veto from Calbourne, Newtown and Porchfield PC and local resources.

14. REPORT FROM THE WEST WIGHT TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS' ASSOCIATION – CLLR JAMES

The meeting was held by Zoom on the 10th January 2022. The main agenda items included the possible road races, but no application has been received and EV charging points as funding is available to enable town and parish councils to install them.

15. PARISH COUNCILLOR ELECTIONS

Once the dates for the elections and deadlines for nominations have been received the information will be disseminated to the community.

16. CHRISTMAS REPORT – CLLR BRAY

WINDOW COMPETITION – This is the 4th year of running this and it gets great feedback. 15 Shops entered; prizes were 3 hampers made by Clodagh. Judging took place between 12th-15th December with the winner and runners up being announced on 20th December. The Judges were Paul Topping from IW Radio, Amy Shephard from IW Beacon & Theo Pearce age 10 from Freshwater replacing the 3rd judge.

1st place went to The Shop

This year there was a tie for 2nd and 3rd place which were Earl Mountbatten & Rock n Rose tattoo studio.

All thank you letters were hand delivered by Clodagh including to the judges.

LIGHTS, TREES AND BANNERS –

20 new sets of battery-operated lights were purchased for the artificial trees.

1 new banner was purchased for the library railings.

6 new lamp post lights were purchased, and Island roads booked to put these up and remove.

Our maintenance man did most of the work putting the tress and lights up and removing them.

Our 3 real trees were removed by Will Cross for free.

PARKING – We were able to offer free parking for 3 consecutive full days in December at The Avenue Road carpark. This was closer to Christmas as requested by the shop owners. Lovely feedback on social media regarding the lights through the village especially the library.

Christmas 2022 planning to start in July.

6 Lamp post lights to buy	3174.00 (one off cost for next 5yrs)
6 Lamp post lights to be erected and removed	842.84
Avenue road carpark	97.80
Mark Adams to put up all Christmas and remove	1635.00
Batteries for artificial trees	220.19
20 sets of Battery lights for artificial trees	303.18 (should not need to purchase any this year)
3 real trees	810.00
New banner	70.00
3 Hampers	126.39
3 storage boxes	30.15 (should not need to purchase for 2022)
Bubble wrap for new lamp post lights	33.60
Tape for new lamp post lights	5.10
TOTAL COST PAID OUT	7348.25
Money received for tree bracket +	15.00
TOTAL COST FOR CHRISTMAS	7333.25

17. PROPOSAL FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL OWNED COMMUNITY SUPERMARKET – CLLR THOMAS

Cllr Thomas put forward a proposal to consider a community supermarket to tackle the ongoing issue of surplus food, to consider its viability. Cllr Thomas to explore this further with other organisations already providing elements of support.

18. IWC ASSETS IN FRESHWATER PARISH MEETING – CLLR MEDLAND

Cllr Medland requested a meeting to discuss the assets. It was agreed that this meeting would be arranged following a future planning meeting. The first available date is 21st June 2022.

19. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

- The Queen's Diamond Jubilee
- Housing Needs Survey
- The beacons for the Queen's Jubilee

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 of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

20. FRESHWATER BAY COASTEERING BUSINESS PROPOSAL FOR FRESHWATER BAY – CLLR BAMFORD

There were 6 votes against the proposal to site the building as per the proposal at Freshwater Bay and 4 abstentions. There were no votes in favour of the proposal.

21. TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION WITH IW COUNCIL REPORT

There is a second consultation on the 20th January 2022 which Cllrs are encouraged to attend.

The meeting closed at 9.43 pm.

County Councillor John Medland's Report

Dear fellow members,

Unfortunately I cannot be with you at this meeting as I am obliged in my IWC role to attend the Corporate Scrutiny Meeting at County Hall.

The call in for Birch Close remains an option that all three of us ward councillors are continuing to pursue in the light of the admittance by IWC that the very similar Westridge Farm case was flawed and is to be recalled to the Planning Committee later this year. However I have asked Cllr Jarman to take the lead on this now as the ward councillor.

I am very grateful to our Chairman for taking practical steps to forward the Lady of Shalott statue offer.

I have met Mrs Ross of Lisarda to discuss the issue of the land she wished to donate for an improved bus stop and am seeking agreement from IWC/Island Roads so that this can be progressed.

I have also asked IWC to investigate two empty houses in Coastguard Lane.

Talking of Gate Lane I have been picking up considerable local opposition to the idea of sea containers being located in the boat park which is on this meeting's agenda.

I will be meeting with the FBRA committee next week to discuss their wish for reduced speed limits on our local lanes. IWC is carrying out a Speed Limit Review over the next year which we discussed in the Neighbourhoods and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee last Thursday. According to the Cabinet member, Cllr Jordan the major restraint is the absence of funds to make the necessary changes.

On the Causeway issue I have asked Cllr Jordan for a start date. He told me to ask Island Roads but they tell me they are again contesting his decision to restore it to its pre-repair condition!

Having obtained detailed property maps of the WWSCC, Brookside and Parish properties I am proposing a three way partition of the remaining bits of unclaimed land between the three properties. I had best present this to the next meeting so you can all see what I am talking about.

Can we please agenda this please Heather?

Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to let me know about any other ward matters.

Best wishes

Cllr. John Medland.

Ward Councillor for Freshwater South, IWC.

County Councillor Chris Jarman's Report

My Ward Councillor Surgeries have continued on Thursday mornings. I have likewise continued to deal with issues raised by local residents by telephone or email. A total of 41 issues were raised since the last parish meeting. Some of these were redirected to IWPlanning, Island Roads, Wightfibre and the housing providers.

I have continued my role as a Covid Marshall at Brookside Medical Centre including continued encouragement of Colwell Residents to get their vaccinations at all levels. There were a few issues to assist with on booking appointments and regarding the lower age groups.

Like many parts of the IOW we had a temporary shortage of LFT kits in late December. I was part of the dialogue to resolve this and the supply now seems to have corrected itself following the sourcing and delivery of significant new stock.

I have been approached regarding various historical planning issues and future proposals and have sought to assist where possible. The backlog of over 300 planning applications and issues within the IWC Planning Committee have brought significant challenges. I anticipate these will continue for some time.

I supported the Christmas Fair on Colwell Common and like all others thoroughly enjoyed the event. A hearty congratulations to all involved.

The Island Wide consultation for the IWC 2022-23 budget has commenced and I held the first online consultation last week to which all Town and Parishes were invited. The process this year is remarkably challenging given the staff shortages in Adult Social Care, reductions in real terms of Westminster Government funding and the failure to secure an Island Deal to recognise our specific Island financial impacts. At the same time we are dealing with much higher than expected inflation, a host of local highways and waste services issues and of course the continued impact of Covid. One key issue I raised in the consultation briefing was to renew and invigorate IWC discussions and joint activities with local Town and Parish Councils.

I have been working somewhat behind the scenes on a number of local resource issues including bank services on the mobile units and Post Office. Following my recent discussions, I have now received written confirmation from Ian Boden, Head of Service Operations, Tesco, that Tescos have agreed to keep the Post Office in the Afton Road store.

Chris Jarman

Ward Councillor Totland & Colwell

County Councillor Peter Spink Report

I trust that you all enjoyed a very happy Christmas and New Year.

1. Following on from my December Report (paragraph 4) I have received a reply from Natural England re the effect of new developments in Freshwater that connect to Sandown WwTW on Solent nitrate neutrality. The response is a little disappointing and is set out in full below. I will ask that it be considered in the report of the cross-party group of councillors that is reviewing planning and planning protocols.

“Thank you for your email which was passed to me by a colleague, and thank you for your patience whilst we prepared our response. I hope the following is helpful in clarifying our advice on nutrient neutrality for development draining to Sandown Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW).

Whilst new development draining to Sandown WwTW will inevitably connect to associated combined sewer overflow (CSO) locations, we are satisfied that new development does not contribute to CSO events, and therefore maintain our existing advice that nutrient neutrality is not required in these instances. The reasons for this are outlined below.

Where development proposes to connect to the foul drainage network, the sewerage provider (Southern Water) will review the capacity of the storage in its sewer network as part of the planning application. If new development would lead to an increase in the base flows to a treatment works, then the Environment Agency would require storage to be increased either in the sewer network, or at the WwTW to ensure the average spills from the CSOs do not increase.

Additionally, new development is required to meet certain surface water management objectives set out by local planning policy. This means that new development itself would not significantly contribute to increased surface water run-off, and does not directly contribute to increased CSO events.

Therefore, assuming adequate mitigation is approved through the planning process in terms of reducing runoff from the site (taking into account climate change), for example through SUDS, upgrades to the storage of wastewater within the site itself and local sewer network, the volume of runoff from the new developments can be controlled such that an increase in the use of CSOs is avoided.

We acknowledge that CSOs can occur for a variety of reasons, however we are satisfied that new development connecting to Sandown does not directly contribute to increased CSO events, and therefore does not result in nutrient impacts to the Solent.

I hope this is helpful in clarifying our position, but please do let us know if you have any queries”.

*Kind regards,
Amy
Amy Kitching*

*Senior Adviser
Thames Solent Area Team*

2. I was heartened by the news that the Council has indicated that it will not contest the application for Judicial Review of the Westridge (Ryde) planning consent and that the matter will, therefore, be re-heard by the planning committee. This is relevant to Freshwater, and in particular the consent re Birch Close as there are parallel arguments. Further, by sharing information and working with other areas our opposition to inappropriate development on greenfield becomes stronger. It is fortunate that Cllrs Jarman, Medland and I have very similar views in this regard.
3. I am very pleased to be joining Cllr Medland at 'Our Place Café' on Tuesdays; we will be able to discuss, together and with Freshwater residents, matters of local concern.

Peter Spink.
Freshwater North and Yarmouth.
January 2022.



Freshwater Parish Council

Transaction Detail by Account

December 2021

DATE	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Administration Expenses		
Admin, Training & Office Costs		
	Bookkeeping	£30.00
	Communications	£60.00
	Office Costs	£2,450.00
	Office Rent	£1,049.92
	Stationery	£34.11
	Total for Admin, Training & Office Costs	£3,624.03
Other Administration Expenses		
	Bank charges	£10.00
	Election Costs	£72.00
	Subscriptions	£715.00
	Total for Other Administration Expenses	£797.00
	Staff Salaries	£9,585.87
	Total for Administration Expenses	£14,006.90
Grants & Projects		
Current Grants & Projects		
	Avenue Road Improvements	£138.78
	Community Connector	£20,015.51
	FYTBUS	£5,000.00
	Heritage Centre	£1,853.09
	Total for Current Grants & Projects	£27,007.38
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Memorial Hall Expenses		
	MHALCo Maint & Other Costs	£2,450.00
	Total for Memorial Hall Expenses	£2,450.00
Services Expenses		
Land Management & Trees		
	Land Management	£295.00
	Total for Land Management & Trees	£295.00
Library		
	Library General Costs	£936.39
	Total for Library	£936.39
	Old Ambulance Station	£129.50
	Parish Facilities Officer	£855.00
	Public Toilets	£2,365.36
	Total for Services Expenses	£4,581.25