



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
Parish Office 01983 752000

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 7.04 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER**

PRESENT: Councillors: G Cameron (Chairman) C Bray, A Bamford, E Cox, B Hinton MBE,
B Hobbs,

Members of the public: 0

Clerk: E Carter

1. APOLOGIES

Councillors D James, N Thomas, L Becker, J Medland, K Fosbury, D Hicklin,

LATE Cllrs G Kennett & C Jarman

**2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd AUGUST 2022.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August (having been circulated) were agreed (EC/BH).

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

Cllr Cameron declared an interest as a Trustee for the West Wight Sports

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

Cllr Cameron declared an interest as a Trustee for the West Wight Sports Centre.

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

Reports received see Appendix 1.

All councillors confirmed that they had received two reports and read them.

Action: Assistant Clerk to email the three ward Councillors and remind them that the reports must only be about what happens in Freshwater Parish.

6. CLERK'S REPORT (CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS)

Councillors confirmed they had read the report.

Cllr Cox mentioned that she had received a letter from the chair of Freshwater Bay Residents Association, asking for an update on the toilets at Gate Lane. Confirmation was given of the removal date of the electricity pole and also that the portaloos are cleaned 7 days a week and emptied 3 days a week due to current demand – which will be continually monitored and review as and when necessary.

Gate Lane Toilets

Confirmation has been received from the contractors that work will commence on the demolition of Gate Lane Toilets on the 21st September once the electric pole has been removed on that date. The portaloos will be relocated close to the site on Parish Council land.

Wightfibre

Wightfibre have been contacted raising the issues of concerns with a request to meet with them on site once the Clerk has returned from leave.

Cllr Bray and the Clerk met with Lanes-1 in Norton Green to discuss how the common land needs to be restored following the works. The contractors assured us that this would happen including the removal of all stones from the grass. We have requested this assurance in writing.

Skate Park and MUGA

Further vandalism has been done to the Skate Park which we are looking at getting repaired.

Moa Place Toilets

The toilets have constantly been vandalised at Moa Place this last month. Ranging from graffiti, damage to the rooflight, damaging the internal doors, blocking the toilets and causing floods.

The ladies had to be locked for a week whilst repairs were carried out.

SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks)

The Clerk attended the local meeting of the SLCC held at Ventnor on the 23rd August 2022, which was poorly attended (only 8 councils represented). The meeting was held to elect a new chairman as the current one has resigned. A zoom meeting is planned for the autumn to try and engage **more** councils and reinvigorate the branch to support Clerks.

Benches

The two new benches on Stroud have been fitted and are being used.

Trees

The tree work in Spinfish has been completed. We are currently waiting to hear back from the contractor, as to when the rest of the work flagged up in the Tree Survey Report carried out last year, will be started. The paperwork required for this has been submitted to the IWC as the trees have TPO's on them. The contractor is waiting to hear back from Jerry Willis but at the moment the waiting time is double what it is normally.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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

Payments (having been circulated) were agreed (EC/CB)– see appendix 2.

Cllr Cox asked about clarification on the photocopier. It was explained that it was rental and usage charges. Cllr Cox also asked about the fete. Assistant clerk mentioned an invoice that was being queried.

9. FINANCE MEETING REPORT: COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Isle of Wight Prostrate Cancer wish to hold a testing day at the Bowling Club in Totland. It was agreed that £500 would be awarded (EC/B Hinton)

LARGE GRANT APPLICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Cllr Bamford confirmed and asked to ratify that the form received from the West Wight Sports Centre was incorrectly filled in for the large grant application. And that this will now be moved to the October meeting. It was confirmed that a meeting is set up with the Manager of the Sports Centre to go through the forms.

Cllrs B Hinton & C Bray proposed and seconded the motion.

Cllr Bamford also asked to ratify that the Community Connector grant be paid once an invoice has been received. It was mentioned that this year's money has already been agreed but nothing for next year has.

Cllrs B Hinton & C Bray proposed and seconded the motion.

Action: Cllr Kennett to confirm who employs the Community Connector

Cllr Kennett arrived at 7.38pm & Cllr Jarman arrived at 7.40pm

Cllr Bamford reminded everyone that Octobers finance meeting is very important and that if possible, everyone must attend.

10. IWALC OPEN DAY – CLLR BAMFORD

The date of Saturday 24th September at the Sandown Community Centre was confirmed for the IWALC open day. Freshwater Parish Council have been asked to display what Projects are currently underway in the Parish. It was proposed that the New Skate Park, Gate Lane Toilet rebuild, and the library be displayed.

Action: Cllr Bamford to send out an email confirming day, time and directions to the Community Centre.

11. TO DISCUSS MUGA AND CURRENT SKATE PARK PROBLEMS - CLLR CAMERON

A brief report was given about the small group that is currently causing issues around the village.

Discussions took place concerning the damage that has been carried out at the Skate Park. It was agreed that the parish should report publicly what is happening and the cost of the damage to the parish.

Cllr Cameron proposed that CCTV should be installed and agreed that he would submit a project proposal form for this.

12. FYTBUS REPORT – CLLR CAMERON

Cllr Cameron report that only 5 people turned up for the presentation given by the FYT Bus. Confirmation was given that the electric bus should be arriving by December/ January. Solar panels will be fitted for daytime generation and turbine – wind for night-time generation. DDRT - Dynamic Demand Response Transport is being used - This is where you can book the bus to collect you from your residence. The hospital transport service was praised for being extremely useful.

13. UPDATE ON UKRAINIAN FAMILIES IN THE WEST WIGHT – CLLR JARMAN

Confirmation of an upcoming all-day event at the Cow Barn was mentioned. One of the summer firework nights at Alum Bay had also been well attended, as was the Robin Hill outing. Some events are open to the whole Island of Ukrainian families, and some are just West Wight. Jobs are being found and most now have at least one job.

14. THE FUTURE OF WEST WIGHT HERITAGE CENTRE PROPOSAL – CLLR MEDLAND

This item was deferred for the second time until the next meeting due to Cllr Medland sending his apologies. It will be carried over to the October meeting, when it will be the final chance for it to be discussed. If not, it will be removed and not placed for discussion again.

15. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

Update on The Lady of Shallot requested.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Report from John Medland, IWC Councillor for Freshwater South Ward.

Dear fellow councillors,

Please accept my apologies as I am again attending Corporate Scrutiny tomorrow night at IWC and remaining in Newport for meetings the following morning.

In my last report I informed you that we had an offer of artwork from Boris Moscoff and asked if this could be forwarded to MALCO. Perhaps the Clerk can direct me on how I can take this offer forward?

Had I been with you I would have used point 14 to formally propose that the Parish Council seek agreement with the owner of the Heritage Centre for outright purchase of the whole building including the flat above.

As I have previously argued the current rental arrangement is unsustainable, whereas ownership through the Public Works Loan Board would ensure the continuation of the WW Heritage Centre and bring a revenue to the Council from the upstairs flat which I understand is £700 a month or £8,400 a year, which would greatly assist our revenue budget. It would also provide a long term capital asset for the Council and a potential future high street ground floor office.

I have spoken to Cllr. Steve Blamire of Totland Parish Council about the potential to make FATAG's next Lottery application for a grant including a flat-bed scanner which could allow for the digitisation and online publication of the FATAG and local council archives. This would also provide a long term revenue for FATAG as there is a high demand for such a digitisation service for other IW local archives.

This summer FATAG has held two successful fund raising activities at the Colwell Common Car Boot sales organised by Totland Parish Council. The last such event of this year is to take place on September 23rd and FATAG will seek further dates next year. The covid delayed FATAG book on Totland is due to be marketed before Christmas this year which should bring in considerable extra income as the cost of publication and publicity is already covered by Totland Parish Council's grant and the current FATAG Lottery grant. FATAG are also reprinting another 1,000 copies of the Freshwater book which has completely sold out.

I am attaching the latest report of the Freshwater Speedwatch initiative which is sponsored by the Freshwater Bay Residents Association. This will give us highly valuable data for the IWC's speed review due this Autumn.

I was curious about the revival of the 2004 'Sandpipers Glen' retirement development application through a lawful development certificate. This was refused a month ago on the basis of it being a 'lapsed permission'.

I am continuing to support efforts by More than Homes to build local public rented accommodation and this Council's Food Pantry application. The lack of housing plans are a handicap to the Parish Council in relation to meeting on brownfield sites the local housing need identified in the draft Island Planning Strategy, due to be finalised this month.

Report from IWC Councillor for Freshwater North and Yarmouth

I am still waiting to hear whether my request for planning applications ‘On the Rocks’ and ‘land close to Fort Victoria’ to be called in for determination by the Planning Committee has been granted. Unfortunately, my application re Westbay has been refused.

The ‘white pods’ that appeared at Tapnell Farm have been removed and the enforcement file closed.

I have reported that campervans at Fort Victoria are being used as ‘permanent dwellings’ and have requested to be kept updated re this matter.

I was greatly disturbed that work to relocate slow worms at Birch Close has been allowed to take place on the grounds that it did not constitute development. It is far from clear that other conditions imposed by planning committee can be satisfied and to allow work which is irreversible to take place before those conditions have been met is in my view unsatisfactory. I shall continue to work with Councillor Jarman to ensure that this is not repeated in future cases.

The Draft Island Planning Strategy is to be discussed at tonight’s meeting of Corporate Scrutiny. Amendments have been made to remove the allocations brought about by extending the Freshwater settlement boundaries and development outside of settlement boundaries will only be supported where there is an identified ‘local need’ (i.e. local to the parish in which the development is proposed). To that extent, therefore, it is an improvement on the previous draft. However, the newly appointed PM, Liz Truss has stated that mandatory housing targets are to ‘scrapped’ by amending the Levelling Up Bill. I do wonder, therefore, if it is appropriate for the Council to proceed with the DIPS given that there is to be an imminent change to national planning policy.

I continue to attend the Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee.



Freshwater Parish Council

Transaction Detail by Account

August 2022

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Administration Expenses	
Admin, Training & Office Costs	
Bookkeeping	£32
Communications	£60
Office Rent	£2,061
Training	£124
Total for Admin, Training & Office Costs	£2,277
Other Administration Expenses	
Bank charges	£9
Photocopier	£173
Total for Other Administration Expenses	£181
Staff Salaries	£13,094
Total for Administration Expenses	£15,552
Grants & Projects	
Current Projects	
New Gate Lane toilets	£246
Total for Current Projects	£246
Grants	
Current Grants	
Community Connector	£17
HAF	£2,444
Heritage Centre	£86
Total for Current Grants	£2,547
Total for Grants	£2,547
Total for Grants & Projects	£2,793
Services Expenses	
Events	
Platinum Jubilee Event	£4,161
Total for Events	£4,161
Freshwater Bay Boat Park	£1,660
Land Management & Trees	
Committed Contracts	£2,050
Total for Land Management & Trees	£2,050
Library	£1,525
Motor vehicle Expenditure	£25
Old Ambulance Station	£241
Parish Facilities Officer	£900
Public Toilets	£1,707
Stroud Coppice	£420
Stroud Playing Fields	£345
Total for Services Expenses	£13,034
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	£0