



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2023 AT 7.44 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,
MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER**

PRESENT: Councillors: D James (Chair), A Bamford, C Bray, E Cox, K Fosbury, D Hicklin, B Hinton MBE, B Hobbs, G Kennett, and J Medland (until 9.17pm).

Members of the public: 2 including Cllr P Spink.

Clerk: H Rowell

Lizzie Grainger, Headteacher, Yarmouth and Shalfleet CE Primary School was in attendance to meet Councillors following the opening of the new School. Lizzie invited Councillors to visit the school and dates will be arranged.

- 1. APOLOGIES**
Councillors L Becker, C Jarman and N Thomas.
- 2. TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 6th DECEMBER 2022.**
The minutes of the meeting held on 6th December (having been circulated) were agreed (EC/KF).
- 3. TO INVITE COUNCILLORS TO DECLARE AN INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**
Cllr B Hinton MBE declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 13 as a Trustee of Dimbola.
- 4. TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS ON THE AGENDA FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (UP TO 15 MINUTES).**
None.
- 5. TO ACCEPT WRITTEN REPORTS FROM FRESHWATER WARD COUNCILLORS.**
Reports received see Appendix 1.

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

Christmas

The window competition went really well, the Beauty Box won, and the runners up were, The Red Cross Shop and Rock and Rose Tattoos.

There has been damage to the 3 real trees, these were pushed over so they ended up sitting at an angle which could have caused an accident, the library tree lights were destroyed, which the Facilities Officer replaced. The library building lights were cut and tried setting fire to and destroyed. Moa Place tree lights were pulled out of the electric connection box, taken off the tree and thrown onto the library roof.

Boat Park

The last new bench at Freshwater Bay has been sold, and a memorial plaque will be in place this week.

Parish Council Vacancy

Cllr George Cameron has resigned as a Parish Councillor, and I have informed Electoral Services. A notice will be going up inviting residents to get in touch if they would like an election. Cllr Cameron was thanked for his long service and contribution to the Parish Council.

Octopus Footpath

The following email has been received from Rights of Way:

“After much communication, I am pleased to report that the owner of the Octopus Workshop has agreed to enter into a deed with the Isle of Wight Council dedicating the path/alley as a permanent public footpath. The Council’s legal department are submitting a draft deed to the owner’s Solicitors, and it is hoped that the matter will be completed in the not-too-distant future.

Please can you confirm that upon being supplied with a copy of the completed deed (and the path being available to use) that you will email Rights of Way to confirm that your application for a definitive map modification order to add the path to the definitive map as public footpath will be formally withdrawn.”

Skate Park & Pump Track

A press release is being prepared and will go out tomorrow, to provide information about progress.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Noted.

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

Payments were not available and will be prepared for the meeting in February 2023.

9. ALLOTMENT REPORT – CLLR BRAY.

- It was agreed that we would increase the Allotment fees slightly. Quarter plots have been increased by £2.50 for the year, Half plots by £5 & a whole plot by £10.

We are also increasing the Grazing field by £50. This will take effect from 1st January 2023. (Quarter plot will be £12.50 for the year, half plot £25, whole plot £50 and Grazing field £350) (This includes water cost).

- We have made amendments to the Current Tenancy agreement to reflect changes and issues we have come across over the last year. These include belongings left on site at their own risk and rules on bonfires.
- We have found someone to help out on a tenant's plot while she is receiving medical treatment.
- We have heard from IW Council (Jade Kennett), and they are covering the cost to make sure the water connection to the allotments is secure. They have asked if the Parish could help with any funding for the new school allotment gardens.
- We are still waiting to hear about how the school contractors will be storing our pipe works for the water connection.
- It was suggested to investigate funding/Grants for water butts.
- The new footpath has been completed and all tenants seem to be happy with it.
- There have been multiple reports from tenants about increased badger activity, we are keeping an eye on the situation.
- There are multiple dead elms outside the boundary fence, footpath F15. IW Council have emailed back stating these are not in need of urgent treatment, but they will keep an eye on them.
- We are still within the budget, with available funds.
- New Tenancy Agreement is to go out in December ready for the New Year.

The report was proposed (EC/AB) and accepted.

10. PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION DAY 25th JANUARY 2023 – CLLR BAMFORD.

The consultation will be held in the Small Hall in the Memorial Hall and the Parish Council Chamber. It will be advertised widely through social media and local publicity. Grant recipients have been invited to attend and celebrate their work in the community. We will also be showcasing the work of the parish and encouraging residents to give us their views on the precept increase options.

11. TO AGREE THE AMMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS AND ADOPT THEM – CLLR COX.

The amended Standing Orders were adopted with two changes, amending Unitary Authority to Principal Authority and point 1u from 'join the meeting' to 'participate in the meeting'. Any further revisions can be brought to future meetings. (EC/BH) agreed with one vote against. Cllr Hicklin will bring further amendments to the next meeting.

12. TO AGREE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS' ATTENDANCE AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS – CLLR JARMAN.

Cllr Jarman has sent apologies, so this item is deferred to the next Full Parish Council Meeting.

13. TO APPROVE THE PERMANENT LOCATION OF LADY SHALOTT SCULPTURE DONATED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL – CLLR JAMES.

It was proposed and agreed (KF/DH) to site the sculpture at Dimbola. It was agreed to write and express the parish council's thanks to Dimbola and put in place a formal agreement.

14. TO APPROVE A LETTER TO THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL REQUESTING INVESTIGATION OF FURTHER ENCROACHMENTS ON TO PUBLIC LAND IN THE LONGHALVES AREA – CLLR JAMES.

It was agreed to write to the IWC corporate estates department and highways department about the concerns where land has been encroached. (DJ/JM).

15. MEMORIAL HALL – LAND REGISTRY -CLLR JAMES.

It was agreed to register 'adverse possession' to establish legal ownership in partnership with Totland Parish Council, following the original agreement of 1/3rd Totland Parish Council and 2/3rd Freshwater Parish Council, utilising a neutral solicitor. (DJ/BH).

16. TO AGREE PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS.

- Donated art work for the new toilets in Gate Lane – Cllr Kennett
- Amended Standing Orders – Cllr Hicklin
- Update from Wightfibre
- Speed limits/Traffic Regulation Orders

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.

17. TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR THE WEST WIGHT HERITAGE CENTRE LEASE.

It was agreed to transfer the lease to FATAG Ltd with the legal costs being the responsibility of the Parish Council, and the Parish Council to act as guarantor until the next break clause in the lease (July 2024). Implementing the next break clause in the lease (BH/EC).

The meeting closed at 9.27pm.

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Report for South Ward – Cllr John Medland

Dear fellow councillors,

Happy New Year,

Following on from the December report I am attaching a draft Word version of the application to the Food Pantry budget.

Given the shortness of the six month programme the lateness of the application documentation (unready until early December) and the concerns touched on in last month's report, Cllr Thomas and I have agreed that I make a minimal application for capital costs only, with a cash grant to purchase food to meet demand in addition to the donated supplies. Additional food storage capacity should allow us to cope with any gluts of free food supplies and therefore better manage supply with demand.

If you are happy with this draft I can submit it and we can see if it is accepted.

The greatest downside that I see is that we end up with spare catering equipment which is not required over time and needed space and repurposing. The social demand surge we were expecting by this month has not occurred, but Mel Gardiner feels that the crisis period may begin in March/April when a lot of government emergency subsidies come to an end.

I am afraid that I will not be with you for this item as I have a clash with Corporate Scrutiny, and it seems I have a number of these clashes both with Scrutiny and Planning Committee meetings over this year.

I intend to be with you as soon as I can.

Totland Parish Council have agreed to create a space in their office that FATAG can use for scanning for the planned Heritage Lottery application.

You will be pleased to hear that after considerable negotiation the owners of the Octopus shop (former Nat West Bank) have agreed to making the private path connecting Avenue and Tennyson Roads into a permanent public path.

Once we receive a copy of the completed deed agreed between the legal agents of both parties, and the path is reopened, we need to confirm with Rights of Way that our application to add the path as a public footpath to the definitive rights of way map is to be withdrawn.

County Councillor Ward Report – Colwell and Totland Ward – Cllr Chris Jarman

Supported community meetings regarding the move of Yarmouth School to their new site in Freshwater, presented historical financial details of the agreement and updates on the process for disposal of the Yarmouth site.

Continued to support the Friday sessions at Parish Hall including their Christmas lunch session.

The future of our WestWight Walking for Health group which I lead has been secured by transitioning the management and hence insurance from Ramblers to IWC.

Appendix 1 County Councillor Ward Council Reports – January 2023

Launched annual IWC budget consultation.

Supported the Christmas Fayre on Colwell Common.

Assisted with organisation and support of St Nicholas Party at Riverside for Ukrainian refugee children.

Coordinated the West Wight donations to the Shoeboxes for Ukrainian Soldiers Appeal resulting in substantial numbers of shoeboxes being produced and delivered via MAD-aid.

Remainder of my time has been spent on IWCouncil budget planning.



Freshwater Parish Council

Transaction Detail by Account

December 2022

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Administration Expenses	
Admin, Training & Office Costs	
Bookkeeping	£32
Office Rent	£1,030
Total for Admin, Training & Office Costs	£1,062
Other Administration Expenses	
Bank charges	£9
Total for Other Administration Expenses	£9
Staff Salaries & PAYE/Ni & Pension Contributions	
Employer Pension Contributions	£368
PAYE/Ni	£6,391
Staff Salaries	£11,908
Total for Staff Salaries & PAYE/Ni & Pension Contributions	£18,667
Total for Administration Expenses	£19,738
Grants & Projects	
Current Grants & Projects	
Current Grants	
Afton Marsh	£3,333
Community Connector	£17
Golden Hill	£3,333
Heritage Centre	£72
WWS&CCT	£40,000
Total for Current Grants	£46,755
Current Projects	
Household Support Project	£175
Total for Current Projects	£175
Total for Current Grants & Projects	£46,930
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Services Expenses	
Allotments	£1,700
Land Management & Trees	
Committed Contracts	£2,050
Land Management	£2,433
Trees	£2,705
Total for Land Management & Trees	£7,189
Library	
Library General Costs	£867
Total for Library	£867
Motor vehicle Expenditure	£179
Old Ambulance Station	£109
Parish Facilities Officer	£900
Public Toilets	£3,059
Seats, Bridges & Woodwork	£95



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December 2022

ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Stroud Playing Fields	£105
Xmas	£764
Total for Services Expenses	£14,965
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expense	£0
Youth Expenses	
Skatepark & MUGA	£12
Total for Youth Expenses	£12