

5452 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Report from Parish Clerk.

The following applications have been approved:

P/00559/11: Demolition of utility room. Alterations: Single storey rear/side extension to provide additional living accommodation and conservatory to include terraced area over with balustrading at 10, West View Road, Cowes.

P/00664/11: Demolition of dwelling and garage. Proposed construction of two pairs of semi-detached houses with parking and alterations to vehicular access at 21, Church Road.

P/00454/11: Demolition of dwelling. Proposed pair of semi-detached houses. Alterations to vehicular access and hardstanding at 6, Solent View Road.

A resident has requested a visit from the Planning Dept to look at the impact the redevelopment at 48, Lower Church Road is making to her property, and also mentioned the noise levels from the piling operation. Representations were made to the IW Council on the resident's behalf, but the Case Officer has declined to revisit the property. Other advice was offered to the resident. **It was agreed that Councillor Fuller would follow this up.**

b. **P/00951/11:** Alterations including re-cladding of dwelling. Single storey rear extension to form family room. Balcony at 1st floor level on rear elevation. Loft conversion to provide en-suite bedroom including new window at 2nd floor level on rear elevation at 66, Solent View, Road, Cowes

Resolved: That the Parish Council has no objection to the application and has no further comment to make.

5453 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

Councillor Day had nothing to report

b. Parish Clerk

The Parish Council will not need to find another meeting venue at least until the February 2012 half-term, but this may be slightly extended.

There is a special training event on 13th October from 7pm taking place at the Riverside Centre to highlight the planning implications of the forthcoming Localism Bill.

The next Island Waste Advisory Group meeting is 2.30pm on Thursday 21/7/11 at Forest Road.

The lockable bollard on the Village Green was put in place on 21/6/11, and the Sailing Club has been given a key for the Dingy Week event.

Whilst the Parish Council doesn't meet in August, there will almost certainly be the need for at least one or two committee meetings.

PC Mark Thomas was absent last month due to being on paternity leave.

The Cowes Safer Neighbourhoods Team has undertaken to carry out patrols on Gurnard Beach this summer at the relevant times when time permits

Contact has been made with those who have volunteered to assist with the Parish Plan 5 year review project, to update them with progress so far and to advise that hopefully a start on the project can be made in the autumn.

What was seen as possible unauthorised dumping of waste from the Southern Gas Networks site in Rew Street on farmland at the top of West View Road has been clarified – this is a liquid bentonite and disposing of it on farmland is recommended by the Environment Agency

A missing row of walls tiles in the Ladies and a missing exterior guttering bracket on the Village Green toilet block were reported to the IWC on 8/7/11.

c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller produced a written report which included Cowes High School progress, Cowes Children's Centre, The Glen planning application, Gurnard Primary School redevelopment proposals, beach cleaning, signage for road works in Cockleton Lane, local tree planting and summer surgeries from Andrew Turner MP. A short report was also given on his activities the past month and his plans for August. Questions followed which included the water quality on Gurnard Beach. Allegations have apparently been made that raw sewerage has been pumped into the Solent, and Councillor Fuller agreed to speak to Southern Water about the allegations.

d. Southern Gas Networks Liaison Meeting 17/6/11

6 attended the meeting at the Woodvale Hotel and 2 complaints were mentioned, one of which SGN is following up still. The drill site is demobilized now, but there is still some pipe laying to do, both in Rew Street and in Jenny's field. The noise barrier was due to be removed that week, and plans are in hand to build a pond in Downer's field. Topsoil spreading on the Butcher's land is complete, and Jenny's field should be reinstated within 2 months. Cow Lane will be closed at the far end in September, and the final commissioning of the site will be after the Bestival weekend.

The next meeting is 22/7/11 at 11am. Councillors reported that mud deposited on Cockleton Lane on 9th July was not cleaned off.

- e. Gurnard Regatta Steering Group Meeting 23/6/11
6 attended the meeting at the Sailing Club, and work is well advanced on the craft stall but there is one plea for recycled bubble wrap. There is still some work to do on both land and water based activities, but some progress has been made: It is hoped to have some community stalls on the Green, but take up is not brilliant so far. The administration is well in hand, and all that remains to do is to send off a Village Green indemnity form and the 2 risk assessments. Some prizes have been purchased and there was a plea for more help, especially setting up and taking everything down again on the day. An action point list was produced to prompt people to action, and the next meeting is 21st July at 7pm.
- f. Play Area
(Minute 5437e refers – minutes 5350b, 5333g & 5319b also refer)
Problems with the toddler's swing continue. Following the ropes being replaced and a sheared bolt being repaired, the plastic thimble inserts in the eyes on the ropes are starting to crack again. The IW Council is on the case again, but Eibe seems to be rather slow in designing a modification. It is understood that the ropes will be replaced again, but that work continues on finding a long term solution.
- g. IWALC Executive Committee meeting 16/6/11
Cllr Day reported that 22 Councils were represented. Following a presentation from Michael Bulpitt from the IWRCC the amended constitution was adopted, officer elections took place and representatives were appointed to various outside bodies. The Chairman is Gill Kennett, Vice-Chairman is June Davison and Treasurer is Richard Day. Gill Kennett was congratulated on her MBE, and Cathy Mills gave a short presentation on volunteering. Various reports were received and a new Finance & General Purposes Committee was formed. The next meetings were set for 21/7/11 and 15/9/11.
- h. IW SLCC Branch Meeting 16/6/11
14 branch members attended this event in the Memorial Hall at Freshwater, and the SLCC National President, Bruce Poole, was also present. The President clerks for 3 Parish Councils in the West Country, and he began by giving credit to John Whitney and his loyalty, work and expertise that he has brought to the Society over many years. A report was given on the Quality Parish Scheme workshop back in April, and an update was given on all the National Executive Council activities which included 3 consultations, the most important of which were the new Parish Protocol with the IW Council and the often over-bearing workload that some Clerks are struggling with. The Society has a new Chief Executive, Howard Midworth, who will work alongside Nick Randle until late 2012 before taking over. The Treasurer brought everyone up to date with a financial statement, which at £1488 will cover all the planned training events. The time of open forum included dealing with Councillors who had secret agendas, tenancy agreements for libraries and public toilet blocks and frequency of branch meetings. The next meeting is 20/10/11 at the Riverside Centre in Newport.
- i. IW Older Voices Forum AGM 16/6/11
Councillor Mrs Bugden reported that 30/40 people attended the meeting at the Riverside Centre, and various reports were received, as well as an update on campaigns which included achieving proper nourishment of patients in hospital. Mr Phillips was elected as Chairman and Roger Barnard as Secretary, and there were 2 presentations: from Mervyn Eastman on cooperative movements and from writer and former Police Officer Bob Brigstocke on his work encouraging writing in schools.

5454 GURNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL SITE

Minutes 4960, 5152a, 5062, 5104h, 4123c, 5153f, 5189a, 5302, 5317b & 5331b refer

A report was given outlining some of the history surrounding the whole business of school reorganization and how it was to impact upon the Primary School in the Village. The report also included details of attempts to identify possible uses of the site, which included consultation with the residents in the Village and the Parish Council's decision to lodge an initial expression of interest to the IW Council in November 2010 for the swimming pool, the orchard and playing field should they be offered as an asset transfer to the community, which was acknowledged with the promise of further details when they came to hand. Nothing further was heard until 30/6/11, when 7 days notice was given of an exhibition to redevelop the site with 7 housing units. The Parish Council considered this turn of events, and in particular the seemingly poor communication by the IW Council on the work leading to its latest proposals.

Resolved: That the Parish Council writes to the IW Council to remonstrate about the poor communication.

- 5455 POLICIES
- a. Principles for Race Equality
The Parish Council carried out an annual review of its principles in respect of Race Equality.
Resolved: That the Parish Council approves the annual review.
- b. Crime & Disorder Act 1998
The Parish Council carried out an annual review of its responsibilities under section 17 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998.
Resolved: That the Parish Council approves the annual review.
- 5456 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT
Minutes 5269c, 5288, 5319g, 5337, 5352, 5368, 5421g & 5440 refer.
- a. IW Community Transport Forum Meeting 6/7/11
The meeting took place at the offices of the IW Rural Community Council in Newport and was attended by 16 members of various community transport schemes, including Cllr Pullen and the Gurnard Parish Clerk from the Cowes, Northwood & Gurnard Community Transport Forum, as well as Andy Morris (IWC Transport Manager) and Marc Morgan-Huws and Tanya Simms (Southern Vectis). There were updates from Andy Morris and Marc Morgan-Huws and discussion topics included driver management and bus capacity, which included that 2 schemes are fully approved, which includes the Cowes, Northwood & Gurnard scheme – 8 others are at various stages in the process, but 2 of these will only need support not buses. More advertising is needed – Radio Solent and BBC TV South have shown an interest. Marc is not keen on Southern Vectis employees being involved with the management process, so a panel has been set up of 3 members of the IW Forum to look at this issue - bus passes will be given to volunteer drivers to use to get to and from the bus and there may possible sponsorship opportunities of the schemes from local business once it is up and running. The next meeting is 1/8/11 – 6pm at the Nelson Road offices of Southern Vectis.
- b. Driver Assessment
These took place at the Riverside Centre over 3 consecutive days from Thursday 30th June and were led and managed by staff from Southern Vectis, which included 2 PCV driving instructors, but were supported by members from 3 of the Island's community transport groups including 3 members of the Cowes, Northwood & Gurnard Community Transport Forum. The days consisted of a welcome and introduction, some basic administration, an initial driving assessment in a minibus and short personal interviews. All the days went well and, whilst there were a small handful of candidates who did not make it through the assessment days, about 21 drivers on the Cowes, Northwood & Gurnard Community Transport Forum database have made it. Those will now take a medical exam and, if they pass, will have their driving licences fast-tracked to get the class "D" provisional class added, and training will start as soon as possible after that. The Cowes, Northwood & Gurnard Community Transport Forum meets again with Southern Vectis on 14th July, at which the issues of the scheme and driver management will be discussed.
- c. Scheme Management
A brief report was given on the various options being considered to manage the community bus scheme and its drivers, together with some estimates of what this management is likely to cost. Consideration was given as to what to put in place should this come to fruition during the summer break
Resolved: That the Parish Council delegates authority to the Parish Clerk to commit the Parish Council to expenditure, and to incur expenditure as necessary, for the community bus management scheme up to a maximum of £1000.
- 5457 REGISTERS OF FINANCIAL AND OTHER INTERESTS
An annual review was carried out on Councillors' registers of financial and other interests, and no changes were reported by those present.
- 5458 GRANTS & DONATIONS
Minute 5389 refers
One late application for grant support has arrived from an organisation that has been supported in the past, the IW Musical Competition Festival, and consideration was given as to whether to award it a grant or not.
Resolved: That the Parish Council declines to award a grant to the IW Musical Competition festival.

- 5459 SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2011
 Details of the 2011 conference were given to the Members, which takes place at Wokefield Park in Reading from 14th to 16th October 2011. Details of the programme were also provided, together with expected costs.
Resolved: That the Parish Council funds the attendance of the Parish Clerk at the conference.
- 5460 LITTER PICKS
- a. Litter Pick Exercises 24th & 25th June 2011
 Minutes 5384b, 5419b & 5435c refer
 The event on the 24th June involved 6 children, 3 parents and 1 teacher from Gurnard Primary School together with 1 Parish Councillor. Hilton Road and Tuttons Hill were covered, and the children were very enthusiastic as there was a competition to see who could collect the most rubbish. The school may conduct a litter pick of the Village Green later on in the year.
 The event on 25th June was poorly attended as only 4 residents, the IW Councillor and 2 Parish Councillors took part. There was not much litter on the eastern beach, but there was much more to clear up to the west of the Sailing Club and about 3 to 4 bags were collected.
- b. Next Event
 Minute 5240b refers
 Consideration was given to making some preliminary arrangements for the next event, which should normally take place in October.
Resolved: That the Parish Council arranges another litter pick event for Saturday 15th October 2011, which will be led by Councillor Longman.
- 5461 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY
 Minute 5432 refers
- a. Report
 The vacancy was advertised on 10th June with a deadline set for the 30th June for 10 electors to demand the vacancy is filled by an election. This demand was met and the election was advertised locally immediately afterwards and also on the website home page. The notice of election was posted on 5th July with a short deadline for the receipt of nominations at County Hall set at noon on 15th July. If nominations are received by the 15th July and it proves to be a contested election, then the poll will take place on Thursday 11th August 2011, but if no nominations are received by 15th July, then a new election timetable will be produced.
- b. Poll Cards
 Minute 4880 refers
 Details of the costs connected with the issuing of poll cards were circulated in the event of a contested election, and consideration was given whether to issue poll cards or not.
Resolved: That the Parish Council requests poll cards are not issued.
- 5462 YOUTH SERVICE PROVISION FOR THE COWES AREA
 Minute 5325a refers
 All of the initial consultations on this issue are completed, and it is a fait accompli that some buildings are closing and being sold off, with other venues still being sought to provide what is seen by many as a "leaner" service. However, there is a final period to make further representations that runs until 30/9/11. Details of the project to date were provided, which included 3 rather vague proposals for the youth service in the Cowes area from the IW Council Cabinet document of 21/6/11, and the Parish Council considered if further comments were required.
Resolved: That the Parish Council rejects all 3 proposals contained in the document.
- 5463 ACCOUNTS
- a. Petty Cash
 The Parish Council was given the details of the £1.98 expenditure from this account since the last meeting.
- b. External Audit
 The annual return, together with the supporting documents required for the intermediate audit, were sent off recorded delivery to the Audit Commission on 17th June, in time for the start of the audit on 20th June.
- c. 2011/2012 1st Quarter Financial Review of Income & Expenditure
 Income and Expenditure spreadsheets for the 1st quarter were circulated to all members
Resolved: That the financial review for the 1st quarter 2011/2012 is noted and approved, and that the Community Transport budget is vired from the Projects Budget to the General Budget and reduced to £1500.

d.	<u>Payments</u>	
	Resolved: To make the following payments:	
	Telephone, Broadband & calls	£17.17
	Travelling	£40.95
	Urbaser Ltd	£1742.40
	SLCC	£345.00
	Banner Business Supplies	£70.51
	Petty Cash	£20.00
	Salaries	£982.30
	Post Office Ltd	£450.88

e. Transfer
Resolved: To transfer £48.79 from the Parish Council's HSBC Treasurer's account to its HSBC Business account

f. Transfer
Resolved: To transfer £5000.00 from the Parish Council's HSBC Savings account to its HSBC Treasurer's account

5464 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
 No items were raised

The meeting closed at 9.01pm.

 CHAIRMAN