

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held in the main hall at Gurnard Primary School in Hilton Road, Gurnard on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Day (Chairman), Harley, Jacobs, Hollis, Mrs Pain, Mrs McKean, Mrs Butler & Mrs Bugden

**IW Council Neighbourhoods and Environment Officer Jacqui Darby** was not able to attend but copies of her quarterly report were handed out to all Councillors.

**PC Mark Thomas from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team** attended and reported that crime figures continue to be low. In the past 12 months this equates to 101 crime reports for Gurnard & Northwood, a reduction from 104 the previous year and 131 the year before. Criminal damage is also down from 31 last year to 28 this year with figures of around 51 to 56 being commonplace on previous years. 19 reports of violence have mainly been domestic and house burglary has fallen from 5 to 1 this year. Mark continued to outline figures for Cowes as a whole (includes Gurnard & Northwood) and these have seen a drop of over 42% in the past 4 years. There has been some partying on Gurnard Beach recently which the Police attended, but there was not underage drinking. However littering has increased and IW Council litter picking was in progress today. The litter bin from opposite No 8 Princes Esplanade has been removed.

#### Comments from members of the public present (10)

Comments included concerns about public liability in the event of accidents connected with the placing of refuse bags at the kerbside and attempts will be made to clarify this. Also there were concerns about loss of privacy connected with the 30 The Avenue planning application proposals. A complaint was made by a resident about noise and general disturbance from the play area, and a lack of understanding about why the trees were planted at Woodvale. Finally concerns were expressed during the meeting about the gas main proposals and the impact upon residents in Rew Street and the Hornhill Copse area which included reference to the hazards, spoiling a beautiful area and the general size of what is seen as an industrial development so close to a residential area.

#### 5183 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Hathaway who had another commitment, and from Neighbourhoods and Environment Officer Jacqui Darby.

#### 5184 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Bugden made a personal declaration of interest in agenda item 15 due to her involvement with the nomination process. Councillor Harley made a personal declaration of interest in agenda item 8 due to him living so close to Gurnard Beach and also being instrumental in the initial proposals for the beach before the council this evening. Councillors Day, Harley, Mrs Pain & Mrs Bugden made personal declarations of interest in agenda item 9 due to them serving on the grants panel.

#### 5185 MINUTES

- a. The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were received and noted.
- b. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### 5186 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010

- a. Re Minute 5173 (minutes 5082g & 5159 also refer): Solent Middle School will take part in a litter pick later in the year. Gurnard Primary School has yet to confirm and Gurnard Scouts has responded positively. So far there are 7 people to cover the beach and some tools have

been obtained. A risk assessment has yet to be completed and **it was suggested asking for the event to be mentioned in Cowes Village Talk.**

5187 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a. Report from Parish Clerk.

The following applications have been approved:

**P/00105/10:** Demolition of dwelling. Construction of 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings with parking and alterations to vehicular access at 21, Church Road, Cowes.

**P/01771/09:** Replacement of planning permission (P/02771/06 TCP/27025/B: demolition of holiday chalet. Replacement detached chalet) in order to extend the time limit for implementation at 11, Shore Road, Cowes.

**P/00097/10:** Demolition of existing and replacement stable block comprising 3 loose boxes (revised description) (re-advertised application) on OS parcel 8500 & 9400, land at West View Road, Cowes.

b. **P/00423/10:** Householder application: conversion of garage into dining room at 4, Gurnard Heights, Cowes

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

c. **TCP (General Development Procedure Order 1995) Notice** under Article 7 Certificate D for proposed development at Cow Lane, Gurnard

**Resolved: That the Parish Council declines to comment.**

d. **P/00435/10:** Householder application: Single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation and integral garage with roof space accommodation over to include dormer windows on front and rear elevations at 30, The Avenue, Cowes

**Resolved: That the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that the resultant mass will be too great, that the proposals are of poor design, that there will be an adverse impact upon both the visual appearance and the street scene and that there will be overlooking concerns and loss of privacy for dwellings to the rear.**

e. **P/00454/10:** New pressure reduction station and associated modules, buildings and pig trap installations. Fencing, field gates. 5 metre high lighting column. On-site access road, vehicular access off Rew Street on land south of Hornhill Copse, and west of, Rew Street, Cowes.

**Resolved: That the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that the Parish Council and local residents have not been consulted properly about what is perceived as the likely hazards of having such a large gas industrial installation in a residential area and the impact it will have upon the local environment and residents. The Parish Council also comments it is concerned about there being proper landscaping of such a large site and there should be liaison with the Parish Council in this respect. It is also concerned that the local infrastructure may not be returned at least to its current condition, and it considers 24 hour working unacceptable. Other concerns are excessive noise and light pollution and the adverse impact upon a delicate infrastructure by heavy goods vehicles. The Parish Council is concerned there doesn't seem to be any risk assessment in place for the hazards to residents from the installation and also there appears to be no environmental survey planned for the old Egypt Point site before any reinstatement takes place, to be sure there are no hidden hazards left on the industrial site.**

5188 REPORTS

a. Report from IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller provided a written report for Councillors which included the national programme of personalized adult services, bus service consultation, Gurnard Beach, Cowes Learning Centre, a couple of problems with the Parish No Cold Calling Zone, the recent safe routes to school meeting at Solent Middle School, cycling on the seafront, and the Solent Lawns and Gas Main planning applications. Bucklers View residents are concerned about losing their warden and there appear to be some considerable problems arising from the IW Council's new household waste collection regime.

b. Parish Clerk's Report

There have been some further problems with uploading to and retrieving statistics from the Parish Council's website. Software Development is looking into the problem Council was reminded there will be an election for Chairman next month

The IW branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England has its annual general meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 10.30am at the Royal Yacht Squadron in Cowes.

A public meeting to review the IW Shoreline Management Plan is taking place at Northwood House on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm at which a policy will be set for the management of coastal flooding and erosion risks. **Councillor Harley will attend.**

Cowes Youth Club Management Committee will meet again in early May, after the IW Council Cabinet meeting at which the youth service will be discussed

The new chain-linked bollards are now in place at the top of Winding Way in Shore Road.

Permission has been granted to plant a flowering cherry tree outside 32 Solent View Road which Gurnard in Bloom has agreed to fund.

With respect to the tree felling at Dottens Farm in February, it seems nothing can be done about the trees already felled but the tree officer will be looking to see if any others warrant having a TPO put on them. The ecology team says, with respect of the hedgerows, that hedging regulations have not been contravened.

Wayne Rickard from the Audit Commission in Plymouth has been appointed as external auditor for the Parish Council for this year.

Cowes TC has now paid its 50% of the costs connected with the dog bin on the Cowes/Gurnard border.

Judging for the best kept village awards takes place during April and May, and the In-Bloom team has been advised.

Councillors Bacon, Bryan and Kennett will represent the Island at HM the Queen's garden party this year.

2 residents have raised some concerns about traffic issues in Solent View Road and Baring Road and both matters will go to the Traffic Plan Working Party meeting on 13/5/10.

Following an e-mail vote of 4:1 in favour of removing the dog bag dispenser from the Village Green a request was made on 13/3/10 to have it removed.

The Village Hall has been granted Hallmark 2 & 3 status, which confirmed the grant money being used for heating and insulation.

Solent Middle School has cycle training courses starting up again soon.

The Esplanade wheelie bin arrived early but is still only on hire from 29/3/10. Following an initial problem with emptying it should be emptied every Tuesday.

Highways has been informed again about pavement flooding in 2 areas of Worsley Road namely outside No 9 and by The Avenue junction, and also about the damaged pavement in Tilbury Road – some repairs are in hand.

The IW Council has responded to the request for grit bins negatively, but is due to carry out a review of winter maintenance soon.

The restoration works to the Victorian Drinking Fountain at Woodvale are now more or less completed.

Some clarification was sought from Island Waste about the new waste collection regimes – leaflets have now already been sent to all households.

The Gurnard walk as part of the IW Walking Festival starts from the Outlook Café on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm to Thorness and back, thanks to the coordinator Jo Moore.

The rough weather just prior to Easter created problems on Gurnard Beach and one Esplanade seat came loose. Both are now rectified.

Cllr Fuller will fill the vacancy on the Community Projects Committee.

The IW Council has been asked to remount the dog bin by Woodvale Pumping Station that has fallen off the railings.

Lloyds Banking Group has its AGM on 6/5/10, and the Parish Clerk will respond in respect of the various AGM resolutions.

Cllr Hathaway received complaints about an overflowing skip in Solent View Road. This has been reported to the Area Superintendent for action.

c. Play Area Project

Minutes 4651, 4891, 5026, 5037, 5061c, 5083, 5106 & 5123(h), 5151(b), 5139 & 5171(d) refer.

The new equipment is due to be installed during the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April, and the 4 seats have been installed. A Leader site inspection took place on 30/3/10 and all seems to be well. The Playbuilder inspection will be the end of April, and an end-of-project report will be due for them as soon as this extra work is completed. The play area will be closed for the equipment installation, and signage will be erected on the day and the gates will be locked. Awards for All has agreed to an extension to the end of April for the submission of the end of

- project report for the fencing. The rubber tile modification at the foot of the pirate ship slide has been installed.
- d. Annual Parish Meeting 27/4/10 – 7.30pm  
Minutes 5151(c), 5138 & 5169(a) refer.  
All seems to be in place now and everyone who will be speaking or taking on some role has confirmed. The school's crockery and urn etc will be available for refreshments, which Councillors Mrs Pain and Mrs Bugden are organising. Just 2 nominations for a Parish Award have been received.
- e. Chinese Delegation visit to the Parish 19/3/10  
This was primarily connected with the teacher exchange visit which Liz Jackson was involved with last year. The Parish Council was invited to attend the visit - Councillor Day and the Clerk attended and presented a framed certificate to the head teacher of Miaoer'shi Primary School in Chongqing, Madame Liu Rong, to mark her visit to the Parish. The children performed several songs and gifts were exchanged.
- f. May Queen 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2010  
Minutes 5142 & 5156 refer  
The procession will end up in Spencer's field for the fete. The Parish Council presence will be in the marquee, and Councillor Day will collect display boards on Friday 30/4/10 from Enterprise House. Some display material has been arranged from 2 sources, and there will also be general Parish Council material available. There will be consultation topics: How to make Gurnard greener, public transport provision, street lighting and primary school site use.
- g. IWALC Executive Committee Meeting 18/3/10  
There was no report available from the meeting yet.
- h. Safe Routes to Schools Meeting 18/3/10  
This took place at Solent Middle School and significantly there are plans to install a footway from Crossfield Avenue to the Round House. There will be closer liaison and consultation by the IW Council with parents and there will be improved access to Cowes Primary School. Improved cycle links are also planned.
- i. Island Waste Advisory Group Meeting 11/3/10  
Councillor Hollis was unable to attend but a précis from the minutes shows that matters discussed included the new waste collection regime, quality and environment targets, sizes of vehicles being used in some parts of the Island and battery disposal. The next meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm at Forest Road, Newport.
- j. Gurnard Village Hall Association Meeting 18/3/10  
Councillor Mrs Pain reported that topics discussed included the new insulation and the footway access to the hall, and the minutes showed discussion also including the website, new stair carpet, a B & Q grant for insulation, the new gas heaters, new folding chairs and finance. The current balance at the time was £9955.80 and the next meeting is 22/4/10.
- 5189 GURNARD SCHOOL ASSET TRANSFER  
Minutes 4960, 5052(a), 5062, 5104(h), 5123(c) & 5153(f) refer
- a. Working Party Meeting 22/3/10  
8 members attended and discussion included the swimming pool, the idea of a family learning centre, a community centre, assisting with the forthcoming Parish Council May Queen consultation event, liaison with the Parish Council's Community Projects Committee and the forming of a questionnaire.
- b. The Way Forward  
Consideration was given as to what might be the best way to move this project forward now.  
**Resolved: That Councillor Fuller asks the members at the next working party meeting if they will come to the next Community Projects Committee meeting.**
- 5190 GURNARD BEACH  
Minute 5180 refers (Minutes 3300, 3323, 3383, 3473(c), 3589, 3733, 4859, 4871(b) 4977, 4987(a), 5017, 5035(f) & 5082(l) also refer)  
Fresh consideration was given to setting up a working party to identify some short term, medium term and long term priorities for the future management of the Gurnard Beach areas. Some initial ideas were circulated to the Members. Councillors Harley and Hathaway agreed to serve on a working party if one is formed.  
**It was agreed the Parish Council would seek volunteers from the community through Gurnard News to serve on a working party.**

- 5191 GRANTS 2010  
Minutes 5137 & 5151(e) refer.  
Consideration was given to the recommendations for payment from the Grants Panel  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council makes the following grants payments: 1<sup>st</sup> Gurnard Management Committee (£300), All Saints PCC (£250), Solent Singers (£100) & IW Scout Council (£50).**
- 5192 GURNARD VILLAGE GREEN  
Minutes 4492, 4554, 4671(a), 4737, 4834, 4862, 4871, 4917, 4936, 5092, 5106(d), 5109 & 5171(b) refer  
A further complaint have been received from a resident about 2 issues and activities on the Village Green: the replacement planting of 2 cabbage palm trees and alleged noise and disturbance caused by users of the play area. The Parish Council considered what, if any, further response it should make.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council makes no further response other than to redirect the complainant to the relevant County departments.**
- 5193 CONSULTATIONS  
The Parish Council considered if and how it would respond to 1 consultation:  
a. IW Council (Various Streets, Gurnard) (Traffic Regulations) Order No 1 2010  
Minute 5178(b) refers  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council objects to the order in respect of the proposals for Tuttons Hill, where it would like to see all the restricted parking measures, the Speed Indicator Device and the central island removed due to the problems they cause.**
- 5194 ACCOUNTS  
a. Petty Cash  
The Parish Council was given the details of the £25.99 expenditure from this account since the last meeting.

Councillor Mrs Butler left the meeting at 9.23pm

- b. End of Year 2009/2010 Internal Audit  
The end of year internal audit was carried out on 7/4/10 and the Members were provided with the checklist report from the Internal Auditor.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council notes and approves the end of year internal audit.**
- c. End of Year 2009/2010 Financial Review  
Members were provided with an end of year review of income and expenditure for the year ending 31/3/10.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council notes and approves the end of year financial review.**
- d. End of Year 2009/2010 Accounts  
The Parish Council receipts and payments account, balance sheet and supporting statement for the year ending 31/3/10 were presented to the Members. The main cash and petty cash account books together with all bank statements were made available for inspection.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council notes and approves the end of year accounts, balance sheet and supporting statement for the year ending 31/3/10, subject to external audit.**
- e. **Resolved: To make the following payments:**
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| Telephone            | £40.40  |
| Travelling           | £19.20  |
| IT Cartridge         | £48.69  |
| Chairman's Allowance | £7.21   |
| Petty Cash           | £40.00  |
| Salaries             | £935.46 |
| Post Office Ltd      | £438.78 |
| S Truckell           | £40.00  |
| Riverside Centre     | £40.00  |
| IWALC                | £230.95 |

Post Office Ltd	£1500.00
Arrow Flexible Packaging Ltd	£269.05
Information Commissioner	£35.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Gurnard Management Committee	£300.00
All Saints PCC	£250.00
Solent Singers	£100.00
IW Scout Council	£50.00

f. **Resolved: To transfer £46.92 from the Parish Council's HSBC Treasurer's account to its HSBC Business account.**

g. **Resolved: To transfer £5500.00 from the Parish Council's Halifax account to its HSBC Treasurer's account**

5195 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- a. Household refuse collection
- b. Damage to hedging in Cockleton Lane

5196 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

**Resolved: That in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.**

5197 PARISH AWARDS 2010

Consideration was given to any nominations received, and the Parish Council's decision on this is included in appendix A to these minutes and will not be made public until the Annual Parish Meeting on 27/4/10.

The meeting closed at 9.29pm.

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CHAIRMAN