

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held in the food hall at Gurnard Primary School in Baring Road, Gurnard on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2011 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Mrs McKean (Chairman), Jacobs, Javaid, Longman, Mrs Bugden & Mrs Pain.

**Presentation: The Parish Council was presented with a certificate in respect of its renewed Quality Parish Status by Quality Accreditation Panel members David Guy and David Langford, who gave a very positive précis of the Parish Council's portfolio.**

The representative from the Environment and Neighbourhoods Team was not able to attend, but PCSO Steve Oatley from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team attended and reported that there were no crimes reported during the past month, and only a couple of very minor reported incidents. There have 3 convictions in Cowes in the past month, involving two 16 year olds and a 19 year old, two in connection with vehicle theft and one with an assault on a recuperating soldier. Since the convictions, there have been no further vehicle crimes reported in Cowes. The Team's focus is now on criminal damage, which is always a major challenge. Questions followed.

There were no comments from members of the public present (3)

5517 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Day who was away, from Councillor Whitehouse who had child minding challenges and from Councillor Harley who had a previously arranged work engagement.

5518 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

5519 MINUTES

- a. The Minutes of the Community Projects Committee Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were received and noted.
- b. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5520 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 8<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011

There were no matters arising.

5521 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. Report from Parish Clerk.

The following application has been approved:

**P/01314/11:** Replacement of planning permission (P/00989/08 TCP/28483/A: Sea defence works to include proposed retaining wall. Construction of oak sleepers and slipway (revised scheme) in order to extend the time limit for implementation on land east of the Luck Estuary and west of the dinghy park in Marsh Road, Cowes.

Communications have been received from a local landowner and his architects in relation to some proposed development on land to the rear of 44, Worsley Road, and some preliminary drawings and plans provided have been placed in the box file. It is expected there may be a planning application in March 2012.

- b. **P/01654/11:** Variation of condition No. 3 on P/01674/10 TCP/02505/K to allow alterations to geotechnical and foundation solutions at 24, 25 and land adjacent, Princes Esplanade. Cowes

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

- c. **P/01656/11:** Proposed dormer window with inset balcony on side elevation. Velux roof window at 49, Solent View Road, Cowes

**Resolved: That the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds there are overlooking concerns for the neighbouring property.**

- d. **P/01703/11:** Demolition of buildings. Construction of 14 sheltered housing units in a 2 and 3 storey development. Single storey building to form guest suite, manager's office and meeting room. Carports and conservatory. Provision of vehicular access. Associated landscaping (revised scheme) at The Glen, 34 Worsley Road, Cowes.

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

## 5522 REPORTS

### a. Parish Council Chairman

Councillor Mrs McKean reported on a meeting with Julian Metcalfe from Gurnard Sailing Club which took place on 11/11/11 at the Woodvale, and discussion included dinghies & trailers on the beach during the last ½ term holiday. This was due to be discussed at a Committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November. The regatta and the use of the Green bollard were also discussed, and the idea of a Corporate Gurnard Facebook Page was raised.

### b. Parish Clerk

There have been some cleanliness issues with the public toilet block this month, and the gents block was closed for 3 days due to vandalism - the extinguished light in the gents has been repaired.

Due to the IW Council budget under-spend this year, £250K is being made available to Parishes. This means an offer of £3635 for Gurnard, which has to be applied for on a matched funding basis for any project that increases local well-being. There is a 17/2/12 application deadline.

The water leak onto the highway close to the Cockleton Lane/Hilton Road junction has been repaired.

Complaints have been received again from residents about grass verge damage, especially in Solent View Road, allegedly caused by both contractors and some residents. The Area Superintendent has been informed and the message will be repeated in Gurnard News again, and one resident has some Parish Council flyers to place on offending car windscreens. Other areas are also affected.

The code of conduct implications from the Localism Act will be made known by the end of January.

The Keeper of the Village Clock, who steps down at the end of this month, has found a replacement and contact will be made with him soon.

There have been some problems with coastal footpath and CS 35 footpath signage on the Marsh but a compromise solution has been reached with the IW Council.

A resident has reported that a section of footpath in Shore Path has collapsed following bad weather overnight 12/12/11. The Area Superintendent is investigating, but there are obviously ownership issues to clarify.

### c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller's report included a parked boat being moved from Gurnard Marsh, a meeting with a local resident about a major planning proposal, dog fouling being monitored by the Dog Warden, width restriction enforcement in Baring Road, localism, green issues and the cross-Solent gas main works. Questions followed.

### d. Localism Bill & the Future of Planning on the IW 29/11/11

This took place in the Riverside Centre and was attended by 92 people. Sessions included basic planning covering application to appeal, affordable housing, conservation areas and listed buildings, rural and farming planning policy, town planning & business, the role of the Campaign to Protect Rural England and an update on the Island Plan Core Strategy. The day ended with 4 workshops covering neighbourhood & parish plans, effective planning application commenting, what localism means and a fictitious planning application to work through at Bembridge Mill. A future event is planned for February.

### e. Community Transport

Minutes 5269c, 5288, 5319g, 5337, 5352, 5368, 5421g, 5440, 5456, 5471, 5489 & 5508 refer

All 4 schemes are not without problems, and no forum meetings have taken this past month. Issues that have come to light include one driver in Gurnard passing his PCV but not being rostered onto the scheme, 6 volunteer driver candidates awaiting assessment but no move from Southern Vectis yet to arrange another event, difficulty accessing the IW Council's £5K pot of money which is being held by the IW RCC, ticket machines are now on the No 32, the No 32 didn't run on one day due to a breakdown with no reserve vehicle being available, and finally by 3/12/11 £615.71 had been collected from the No 32 route, and banked by Northwood PC but methods of money collection and auditing need attention.

### f. Community Payback Project

Minutes 5426, 5441, 5451b, 5468d, 5487e & 5504 refer

The Community Payback Team has completed the project in Shore Road and Winding Way and one more invoice should be arriving soon. The remaining materials have been removed from site and a total of £520 has been paid so far. It just remains, once the final invoice has arrived, to meet with the landowner and finalise the finances.

### g. Green Tank Meeting 1/12/11

Neither Councillor Harley nor Councillor Whitehouse was present to make a report.

### h. The Island Plan, Neighbourhood Planning & PFI training event 17/11/11

35 Councillors and Clerks attended this event in the Council Chamber at County Hall, and the event started with highlighting the main areas where the new Localism Act impacts upon planning. This was followed by outlining a probable timetable and process for the implementation of the Act, the Island Plan and neighbourhood planning. Next was the Private Finance Initiative (PFI), and the presentation confirmed the extent of the works, the timing and how it is being funded and maintained over a 25 year period. Mobilisation is still expected in April 2013.

### i. Funding Fair 9/11/11

This took place at the Riverside Centre and was attended by between 50 and 60 people. The format of the event wasn't quite what was expected, namely a hall full of funding organizations to speak to about projects, rather there were presentations on some specific funding streams. Funding streams covered included the

Heritage Lottery Fund, IW Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, IW High Sheriff's Trust Fund and BIG's Reaching Communities and Awards for All Funds. The most relevant for Gurnard were the Heritage Fund and Awards for All, and a new contact was made.

- j. Southern Gas Networks Liaison Meeting 11/11/11  
6 attended the meeting, and it was reported that reinstatement is on-going and the project remains on schedule - all workers should be clear of the Rew Street site by the end of January. Road construction on the Rew Street site was about 2/3rds completed at the time, and a mail drop was planned to local residents due to some noisy activity expected soon. The land drainage scheme at Tuttons Hill was due to start on 14/11/11, and reinstatement would follow weather permitting. Not much work will remain come the New Year, but some pipeline testing is planned for February and March. No further liaison meetings are planned, but contact is being maintained, which was used recently to iron out a problem with mud on Rew Street which remains a problem. **Issues of replacement hedges and trees were raised, which the Parish Clerk will follow up.**
- k. IW Branch Society of Local Council Clerks Meeting 10/11/11  
The meeting took place at the Riverside Centre and 12 Clerks attended. Topics discussed included the SLCC National Conference, the training day set for February 2012, the way ahead for the SLCC in the future and various reports. Of particular note were 2 points: there is a NALC National Training Standards event this month in London, specifically looking at Clerks' training and one of the members will be going. A colleague was summoned to court to represent her Council as an expert witness against a compensation claim in one of these increasingly popular no-win-no-fee cases, but won the case.
- l. IWALC Exec Committee Meeting 17/11/11  
24 representatives attended and, following a presentation from Mark Price (Director of Transition, Isle of Wight NHS) on the future of the Islands Health Services, it was agreed to keep the affiliation rate at 15.5p per elector. Other topics discussed included the Community Bus Schemes and the Training Programme which was being well received and the forthcoming IWALC/CPRE planning conference on 26<sup>th</sup> November. An alternative boundary changes presentation was made in connection with the split of the Island to accommodate 2 MP's, and various reports were received.

#### 5523 GURNARD PRIMARY SCHOOL ORCHARD & PLAYING FIELD PROJECT

Minutes 4960, 5152a, 5062, 5104h, 5123c, 5253f, 5189a, 5302, 5317b, 5331b, 5454 & 5495 refer

- a. Report  
The IW Council has had valuation surveys carried out on the playing field and the orchard (£10,000 & £3,500 respectively). The community survey carried in November through Gurnard News about future use of these 2 sites produced 35 questionnaires out of 950 (3.6% response). A 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation event is currently running until 6/1/12, which includes attending community group gatherings and events in the Village. It also features in Village Talk, on the Parish Council website and the Youth Advisor plans to promote it on IW Radio and it is also being posted it on a Facebook page. Investigations are on-going into the various options open to the Parish Council should it get the mandate it needs to proceed, and these include obtaining a Public Works loan and grant funding streams to finance the project. A 2<sup>nd</sup> appeal has been made to the IW Council to reconsider the idea of gifting the 2 parcels of land, and a response is awaited.
- b. Recommendations for Action  
The Community Projects Committee has recommended that that the Parish Council has a land valuation carried out and also consults with Rowan Adams about the orchard regeneration project. Quotes have been received for valuations from the District Valuer and from 2 local land surveyors. Legal counsel will also be required for the conveyancing, and the Parish Council considered a course of action.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council authorises the Clerk to instruct Hose, Rhodes and Dickson to carry out a land valuation of the 2 sites if it becomes clear the land is not gifted to the Parish Council, that an estimate is sought for legal costs and that an investigation is carried out into how best to regenerate the orchard.**

#### 5524 GURNARD PLAY AREA

- a. Report  
The equipment condition remains good, apart from the toddler's swing issues - the hanging ropes will be replaced when wear dictates, but due to the manufacturer's lack of assistance with the design problem the ropes will eventually be replaced with chains by the IW Council. Some areas of the ground have suffered badly through normal wear and tear with the result that there are now bald and muddy patches, and also some areas where the ground has sunk marginally creating puddles in wet weather. Also the 2 signs are fading quite badly. The IW Council has been asked to provide the Parish Council with copies of inspection records.
- b. Recommendations for Action  
The Community Projects Committee has requested the Parish Council considers taking remedial action to rectify the faults. Photos were provided to illustrate the problem.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council obtains estimates for the remedial work to include extending the tarmac path at eastern entrance and lay a tarmac surface at western entrance, extend rubber matting and/or fit soft-landing pads where ground is worn badly and fill indentations with top soil to level and**

**fit/relay rubber matting over. Also to talk to the sign company about the short life of the signs, before seeking replacement quotes.**

5525 PARISH & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Minute 5306 refers

Following Royal Assent being given to the Localism Bill, consideration was given to the idea of combining the planned 5 year review of the Parish Plan with a Neighbourhood Plan, together with implementing some initial steps.

**Resolved: That the Parish Council works towards producing a combined Parish & Neighbourhood Plan. That Councillors Longman & Day (Cllr Day to be confirmed) together with the Parish Clerk will serve on the Steering Group. That Councillor Javaid will join the Clerk as Parish Council representative at tomorrow's 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in the Garden Room behind All Saints Church.**

5526 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2012/2013

a. Budget 2012/2013

**Resolved: That the Parish Council sets the following budgets for 2012/2013: General Income £37,224.00, General Expenditure £37224.08, Project Income £57,000 and Project Expenditure £57,000.**

b. Precept 2012/2013

**Resolved: That the Parish Council sets a Precept of £32,000 for 2012/2013.**

5527 GROUND MAINTENANCE 2012

This refers to grass cutting at Gurnard Heights & grass cutting and pruning of the shrubs at Pond Green in Lower Church Road. 2 quotes for 2012 were provided and it was

**Resolved: That the Parish Council appoints Steve Dines as ground maintenance contractor for 2012.**

5528 GURNARD HEIGHTS FOOTPATH

Minutes 4291, 4973b, 5019b & 5048 refer

On 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 the Parish Council resolved to support the idea of a Dedication Agreement under section 25 of the Highways Act 1980 being made for the footpath in place of its application for it to be included on the IW Definitive Map, but since then the process has ground to a halt due to the cost implications of such an agreement for the IW Council. Rights of Way has now asked if the Parish Council wishes an order to be made just to have the footpath included on the IW Definitive Map as a right of way, and also whether it should be signposted, none of which will result in the footpath being maintained by the IW Council.

**Resolved: That the Parish Council requests an Order is recorded making the footpath a public right of way and for it to be included on the IW Definitive Map and to have the footpath "signposted".**

5529 SLCC PRACTITIONER'S CONFERENCE 2012

Consideration was given as to whether to support the Clerk's attendance at the SLCC Practitioner's Conference in Daventry on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2012.

**Resolved: That the Parish Council funds the Clerk's attendance at the Practitioner's Conference in February 2012.**

5530 ACCOUNTS

a. Petty Cash

The Parish Council was informed there had been £7.09 expenditure from this account since the last meeting.

b. Payments

**Resolved: To confirm the following payments**

Hampshire Probation Trust	£260.00
NALC	£1.25

c. **Resolved: To make the following payments:**

Telephone, Broadband & calls	£17.87
Travelling	£33.60
Parking	£10.80
IT consumables	£31.05
Chairman's Allowance	£20.00
Petty Cash	£30.00
Salaries	£984.17
Post Office Ltd	£452.20
Gurnard Village Hall Association	£500.00
Urbaser Ltd	£1584.00
Steve Dines	£128.50
SLCC	£207.00

- d. Transfer  
**Resolved: To transfer £48.79 from the Parish Council's HSBC Treasurer's account to its HSBC Business account.**
- e. Transfer  
**Resolved: To transfer £4000.00 from the Parish Council's HSBC Savings account to its HSBC Treasurer's account**
  
- 5531 CONSULTATIONS  
The Parish Council considered if and how it would respond to 2 consultations:
  - a. DCLG – Technical Reforms of Council Tax  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council declines to comment**
  - b. NHS – Strategic Priorities for Health Service Development 2012 - 2014  
**Resolved: That Councillor Mrs McKean is delegated to respond on the Parish Council's behalf before the 3/1/12 deadline**
  
- 5532 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA  
No items were raised.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm.

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CHAIRMAN