

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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Day (Chairman), Harley, Hathaway, Jacobs, Mrs Pain & Mrs McKean and 22 residents.

**Sgt Julie Cocks from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team** attended and reported that crime figures for the past month were zero, but that there had been 5 traffic accidents and 2 incidents of cannabis use. The Street Mapping exercise's no 2 priority was speeding, and Mark Thomas is now trained up in speed monitoring and so will be looking to work with Parish Council volunteers soon to gather some statistics in the village with Tuttons Hill, Princes Esplanade and Cockleton Lane being singled out. The next 2 weekends will be demanding on Police time (IW Festival and Round the Island race), but Gurnard Beach now has anti-social behaviour "hot-spot" status and so will be subject to additional patrols all through the summer. Recent patrols have not uncovered any illegal activity. Julie Cocks will be leaving Cowes for Shanklin in the summer.

**Presentation: Current & future plans for Gurnard Pines with Kevin Darvill.**

Kevin Darvill began by fielding some questions which included family activities, noise increase, loss of shops and the nursery on site, loss of entertainment and full bar facilities, the new tower application and rumours of a cycle track on the lower car park. Kevin then gave a fairly comprehensive account of some of the Pines' aspirations: The focus is now activity holidays, moving towards a scaled-down Center Parcs styling with existing and new facilities - this is at the request of Hosesasons Holidays. This is intended to extend the season on site and to take full advantage of the many people who come to the Island to enjoy other attractions out of the normal season, and the future involves further upgrading of the infrastructure. The Pines currently works with In2Action which is totally involved with school adventure trips, but the Pines also has its own activity base called "Go" which is aimed at, and caters for, family groups and team building groups. Links have also been made with sailing and mountain bike organisations, again all with a holiday theme. The bar and entertainment side of the complex has been reduced, mainly due to feedback received in the past about late night noise and drinking problems impacting upon others. Themed breaks are planned for the autumn, and a major upgrade of the tennis courts is planned for 2011. The loss of the shuttle bus was mentioned, and Kevin said was keen to encourage Southern Vectis in reinstating a service passing the complex. The positioning of the proposed tower system ended up being a choice between the wooded area or the swimming pool with the swimming pool being favoured for several reasons, including ensuring security of the site and the monitoring of its use. There was some criticism of poor communication with chalet owners about the Pines' plans, which was accepted by Kevin and he hopes to accept an invitation to attend a Resident's Association meeting if it is made. The Parish Council was thanked for facilitating the presentation, and the Chairman thanked Kevin for his time and for the information given.

There were no other comments from members of the public present

**5233 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Bugden and Mrs Butler who were on holiday, and from PC Mark Thomas.

**5234 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harley made a personal declaration of interest in agenda item 5b due to him living on the Marsh

**5235 MINUTES**

- a. The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were received and noted.

- b. The Minutes of the Community Projects Committee Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were received and noted.
- c. The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5236 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING ON 11<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010

- a. Re Minute 5223: The residents concerned about their damaged hedgerow have decided not to follow up on the Parish Council's suggested course of action, but they thanked the Parish Council for its consideration of the problem.

5237 PLANNING & LICENSING APPLICATIONS

- a. Report from Parish Clerk.

The following applications have been approved:

**P/00364/10:** Replacement of planning permission (P/00171/04 TCP/18055/P: Courtyard style development providing enclosed swimming pool, Jacuzzi, games room, office, 4 stables, tack room, hay store, laundry and store room) in order to extend time limit for implementation at Hillis Farm, Rolls Hill Road, Cowes.

**P/00380/10:** Re-cladding and enlargement of existing dormer window on north elevation. Dormer window on south elevation. Replacement enlarged dormer window and balcony with balustrading on east elevation at 3, Princes Esplanade, Cowes.

The following application has been refused:

**P/00435/10:** 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.

A temporary event notice has been received for a midnight extension for the sale of alcohol and musical entertainment at Littler Gloster on the Marsh for 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010

The following Tree Preservation Order application has been refused:

**TPO/1982/12:** To cut branches back to 15 feet on the Yew Tree on south side of Rew Street Farm.

- b. **Premises Licence 7930:** Application to vary a premises licence for The Little Gloster, Marsh Road, Gurnard

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

5238 REPORTS

- a. Report from IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller provided a written report for Councillors which included work on Gurnard Beach, the pavement link between Crossfield Avenue and Park Road starting on 14<sup>th</sup> June, the cutting down of Trees on Spencer's Copse, width restrictions, sale of cars in lay-bys, electoral reform and the cross-Solent gas main project.

- b. Parish Clerk's Report

The Parish Council's end of year PAYE and National Insurance annual return was submitted on-line on 12/5/10 and has been acknowledged.

The Parish Council's insurance policy has been renewed satisfactorily, but the updated all risks section in respect of street furniture has resulted in an additional premium falling due.

The Southern Gas Networks Public Meeting takes place on Thursday this week at the Village Hall from 7pm.

Cowes Town Council has paid its 50% of the costs of the emptying of the dog bin on Princes Esplanade on the Cowes/Gurnard border.

There has been no news about the Environment Agency repairing the side wall to the sluice gates under the Luck Bridge but the main hazard, namely a loose section of concrete, has fallen into the water.

The Clerk attends a Criminal Records Bureau and Independent Safeguarding Authority training event at the Riverside Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> June.

Some guttering and one downpipe section on the Village Green toilet block is missing and damaged. Property Services was informed on 21/5/10 and we await repairs. Also there has been a leak in the gents and the door would not close properly – this was reported to Property Services and repaired on 7/6/10.

Litter bins by the Watersedge Restaurant were reported as overflowing on 24/5/10

A resident has formally requested that a Tree Preservation Order is placed on the Tamarisk Tree at the end of Shore Path.

Code of conduct training sessions take place on 23/6/10 3.30pm at C/Hall, 30/6/10 2pm at F/Water Memorial Hall & 28/7/10 5pm at Broadway Centre.

An end of year VAT claim has been made to HMRC.

Councillor Mrs McKean has undertaken to attend one of the stakeholder sessions on behalf of the Parish Council for the youth service reorganization – however the original dates have now been postponed.

The recent further work undertaken on Gurnard Beach to the west of the Sailing Club was sanctioned by the IW Council and, although some of the work was outside the agreed specification, the IW Council deems that no further action is necessary.

The Clerk met with one of The Little Gloster proprietors on 4/6/10, which was their 1<sup>st</sup> trading day.

Councillor Hollis formally tendered his resignation to the Chairman on 4/6/10, and the resulting vacancy was advertised 8/6/10. **Councillor Harley agreed to replace him as Parish Council representative on the Regatta Steering Group.**

A consultation for the Solent Lawns development street naming arrived too late for the meeting and has a deadline of 24/6/10. A complaint has been made about there being insufficient time for proper consultation and the deadline may be extended.

Miss Sarah Truckell has confirmed her willingness to remain as Parish Council Internal Auditor for another year.

c. Play Area Project

Minutes 4651, 4891, 5026, 5037, 5061c, 5083, 5106 & 5123(h), 5151(b), 5139, 5171(d) & 5222(e) refer.

A new amendment to reflect the final positioning of the new equipment will be produced for Development Control soon. Following a request from Awards for All to see all the receipts for the gating, fencing and seating aspects of this project, the award has now been closed administratively. Both of the agreed donations for 2 of the memorial seats have been received. The Play Builder end of project report is being compiled now.

d. Gurnard Beach Working Party

Minutes 3300, 3323, 3383, 3473c, 3589, 3733, 4859, 4871b 4977, 4987a, 5017, 5035f, 5082l, 5180, 5190 & 5220c refer.

Councillor Harley reported that about 6 people have shown an interest is becoming involved with the Working Party, but there has not been time yet to move things on to the next stage.

e. IWALC – Exec Committee Meeting 20/5/10 & Military Road Meeting 2/6/10

Councillor Day reported that he was unable to attend the Military Road meeting, but it is understood that IWALC will be meeting with the IW Council to discuss it further soon. The Executive Committee meeting included a presentation from the IW Rural Community Council, querying why the IW Council won't attend the IW and Hants Local Government Association meetings, the appointment of a new secretary (John Medland), comparing the support offered to the Parish sector by Principal Authorities across the UK, the IW Parish Charter and Sue Chilton now being able to assist with training. The next meeting is the AGM on 17/6/10.

f. Gurnard Regatta Steering Group Meeting 20/5/10

Minutes 5123d, 4143, 5151a, 5171f & 5222h refer.

Discussions included the provision of materials for the pirate workshop, Village Green and waterborne activities, catering, costs, licensing, advertising and insurance. The Parish Council's public Liability insurance will cover the land activities but insurance cover for the bouncy castle needs more research. There is still more work to do with firming up some practicalities, but there are no licensing requirements for the proposed activities. Website advertising is in hand and posters and flyers will be circulated throughout the Village and in Gurnard News in July. There will be some costs associated with the project to consider next month. The next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm at the sailing club.

g. Shoreline Management Plan Review event 19/4/10

Councillor Harley reported that it was a very interesting presentation, but that the status of the local coastline is just "to hold the line", with no funds being available for improvements or defenses. The IW as a whole continues to be studied.

- h. Traffic Plan Working Party Meeting 13/5/10  
4 members attended, and discussions included the SID in Baring Road and Tuttons Hill, new pavement in Baring Road, Cockleton Lane resurfacing, visibility splay issues in Worsley Road and traffic speed in The Avenue. The next meeting will be Thursday 16/9/10.
  - i. IW Architecture Centre Lecture 15/5/10  
Councillor Hathaway reported that he was unable to book a place and so didn't attend.
  - j. IW Walking Festival – Gurnard Walk 9/5/10  
Jo Moore reported that the event went well. There were no problems encountered and some 14 people attended, 11 of whom were from the mainland. Jo has confirmed she is happy to continue as coordinator.
- 5239 GURNARD HEIGHTS FOOTPATH  
Minutes 4291, 4973b, 5019b, 5048, 5066, 5080c, 5153b & 5222b refer
- a. Progress Report  
It has been suggested that some residents are still dumping garden and other waste amongst the shrubbery on the footpath's eastern side, and recent photos were circulated. Rights of Way has been contacted again about the dedication process, and the document is still with the legal department at County Hall.
  - b. Further Action  
Consideration was given as to whether any further action was needed at this time and it was **Agreed: That Councillor Fuller would press for prompt action to complete the dedication process.**
- 5240 BEACHWATCH & LITTER PICK EVENTS 2010  
Minute 5222d refers (Minutes 5082g, 5159, 5173, 5186a & 5082g also refer)
- a. Beachwatch  
The 2010 beach clean and survey event takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> and/or 19<sup>th</sup> September, and the Parish Council considered if it would take part again this year, and it was **Agreed: That the Parish Council would not take part in the Beachwatch 2010 exercise**
  - b. Litter Pick Events  
Following on from the successful litter pick events on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2010 consideration was given drawing up a timetable for some future events.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council plans 3 litter pick exercises each year to involve as much of the community and as many community groups as possible, in March, June and October. That there would be just one more exercise in 2010, in October.**
- 5241 COUNCILLORS' AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY  
Minutes 4541, 4562, 5128, 5141, 5157, 5176 & 5224 refer.  
Consideration was given to the allocation of specific areas  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council defers this item for 12 months.**
- 5242 POWER OF WELLBEING  
Information was circulated to all members to clarify the criteria for gaining, and the benefits of using, the new Power of Wellbeing and consideration was given to the Parish Council working towards meeting the criteria to use it.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council works towards meeting the criteria for using the Power of Wellbeing.**
- 5243 MAY QUEEN CONSULTATIONS  
Minutes 5142, 5156, 5188f & 5222c refer  
Councillors were given the results of an analysis of the post-it consultation event which took place during the May Queen fete event which included the school site, public transport, a greener Gurnard, street lighting and 5 other miscellaneous points.  
Consideration was given as to whether the analysis warranted action or further consultation, and it was  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council refers the results to the Community Projects Committee, the School Asset Transfer Working Party and the Traffic Plan Working Party for comment.**

- 5244 GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE  
Minutes 5153b & 5188b refer
- a. Report  
There continue to be some technical problems with the website including justifying the position of photos, inserting text in between photos, some photos disappearing from the page, unusual delays when uploading documents & resizing photos. These were discussed with the website hosts on 28/5/10 and some modifications are going to be made to the Conman software to assist with photo justification, and a new technique was demonstrated that might assist.
- b. Councillor Photographs on the Website  
Consideration was given to the idea of uploading photos of Councillors to the website to complement the contact details.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council uploads photographs of those Councillors who have no objection to their photograph featuring on the site.**
- 5245 COCKLETON LANE  
Minutes 4058, 4116 & 4157 refer  
A complaint has been received from a resident that damage has been sustained to kerb stones on the corner where Cockleton Lane meets the access road to Gurnard Pines, allegedly caused by a coach negotiating the tight turn into the complex from the south. A short history of the negotiations undertaken in 2006 was given, which resulted in the new access road being built further up the road, but which is now closed off again to facilitate the In2Action site. Consideration was given to a possible solution to the problem of larger vehicle access to the complex.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council writes to Gurnard Pines to request assistance in persuading coach drivers to enter the access road from a northerly direction and that the letter is copied to Iain Thornton, Peter Hayward and Kevin Burton at the IW Council Highways department.**
- 5246 ACCOUNTS
- a. Petty Cash  
The Parish Council was given the details of the £47.74 expenditure from this account since the last meeting.
- b. End of Year Annual Return 2009/2010  
Members were provided with copies of the completed annual return for the year ending 31/3/10, together with an explanation of variances.  
**Resolved: That the Parish Council notes and approves the annual return.**
- c. **Resolved: To confirm the following payments**
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| Room hire                     | £10.00   |
| Gurnard in Bloom Jubilee Fund | £100.00  |
| Colin Newnham Services        | £235.00  |
| IW Council                    | £2998.00 |
- d. **Resolved: To make the following payments:**
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| Telephone          | £29.01   |
| Travelling         | £9.60    |
| IT Cartridge       | £47.59   |
| Petty Cash         | £40.00   |
| Salaries           | £1035.60 |
| Post Office Ltd    | £502.67  |
| S Dines            | £48.00   |
| Broker Network Ltd | £50.07   |
- e. **Resolved: To transfer £52.53 from the Parish Council's HSBC Treasurer's account to its HSBC Business account.**
- f. **Resolved: To transfer £2500.00 from the Parish Council's Halifax account to its HSBC Treasurer's account**

5247 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA  
No items were raised

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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CHAIRMAN