

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 11th September 2014 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Javaid, Nolan, Fuller, Bugden, Spencer, McKean and McNeill.

Also present Youth Advisers Bronwyn Westmore and Wilf Armfield. **PUBLIC: 4**

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Paul Hutton attended the meeting to see if any progress was being made with reopening of the footpath and steps down into Cooks Bay that is currently inaccessible apart from at low tide.

Mr David Green also expressed concerns about the footpath closure and asked why the Parish Council cannot approach the Isle of Wight Council to ask what is being done to progress this matter.

Mr Paul Scofield reminded the Parish Council that a petition had been submitted for the footpath that was signed by 415 residents reiterating these concerns and little has been done since. There was a report in the Gurnard News that Councillors are still hoping to work with landowners. Thorness end is growing over. Secondly note that IWC has adopted a policy to support community growing schemes. Would like the Parish Council to seek clarification as to why the School playing field could not accommodate allotments within the lease. The clerk explained that the Department for Education puts a clause in the lease that means permitted use can only be for sports and recreation. It was felt that now new emphasis has come forward with the community growing scheme this provision needs to be revisited.

PCSO REPORT

Apologies were received from PCSO Derek Howard with a report provided as follows:- Crime figures for August were 3. Our priority is cycling and cars using the High Street during time of prohibition. In relation to this priority police have continued to actively patrol the High Street to prevent incidents re-occurring. Police have stopped 8 cyclists when on patrol during August. Those stopped have had their details taken and given a verbal warning as well as an educational letter. If the same persons are seen cycling again during the prohibited time then formal action will be taken. Full contact details and profiles of local officers can be found at www.hampshire.police.uk

6081 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Cllr S Harrison and Cllr A Jacobs.

6082 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests

Cllr V Spencer declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 as she is the owner of Spencer's Field.

Cllr P Fuller declared a non-pecuniary interest as he is now IWC executive member for Planning and Regulatory Services in which he is seeking legal clarification.

Cllr M Bugden declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10 as she lives near the site.

b. Dispensation requests

None received.

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6083 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10th July were approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6084 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 12th JUNE 2014

Update on footpaths CS16 and CS17. A letter had been received from Mr & Mrs Smith dated 12th August which was read to the meeting.

The letter is criticising the previous clerk for not responding which cannot be understood. The offer was accepted with a proviso that it should remain open until IWC decided it was unsafe. Mr & Mrs Smith own the chalet that fronts the footpath. The only sustainable way forward was the diversion. Need to work together to make sure that everything that can be done is done to reopen it. A mistake had been made in the past but now is not the time to dwell on this. The Parish Council had never spoken to the landowners at all as there was no dialogue. The Parish Council trusted the actions of Isle of Wight Council who seem to not have done a good job. Cllr McNeill has offered to approach the other landowners Mr & Mr Downer to see how this can be progressed. Cllr Fuller proposed that a meeting is arranged with IWC Rights of Way and The Ramblers within the next 3 weeks to ensure some progress is made.

RESOLVED: Meeting to be arranged with Cllr Fuller, Cllr Nolan, Cllr McNeill, IWC Rights of Way and the Ramblers within 3 weeks. In the meantime Cllr McNeill will approach Mr & Mr Downer. Mr & Mrs Smith to receive an acknowledgement to their letter.

Items 6d and 12 were brought forward for consideration.

6085 MINUTES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP MEETINGS

Mr Bede Townsend gave a verbal update to the Parish Council following meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group on 31st July and 5th September. The main focus has been on generating the consultation options paper for the aims and objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan. The document is around 4 pages long and lists a variety of aims and objectives under strategic headings such as Housing, Travel, Business, Tourism, Local Economy, Environment and Renewables. An updated project plan has been circulated by Chris Broughton which lists the work tasks included within the original contract and additional items that the Parish Council needs to consider. Cllr Javaid emailed Chris Broughton for an update on the contract which was read out to the meeting.

There are 2 items that need to be agreed to progress with stage 2 at a cost of £800. This is to deconstruct the aims and options paper into documents ready for public consultation and also to analyse the consultation results. It was not clear over what expenditure had already been agreed by the Parish Council within the contract. A total budget had been allocated of £15,000 for the Neighbourhood Plan. The clerk advised that the additional expenditure of £800 was not a specific agenda item and needs to be in the future. RESOLVED: Therefore it was agreed that the £800 would be approved at this meeting but the decision would be ratified at the next meeting. The Parish Council requested a full financial update to be provided at the next meeting.

6086 PUBLIC CONSULTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mr Bede Townsend and Mr Chris Broughton would be present for the public consultation event on 16th October to man the Neighbourhood Plan exhibition stand. Chris Broughton would produce

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posters for the event. Printing of the consultation options paper needs to be facilitated by the Clerk and Bede asked for volunteer support in organising the papers. Collection boxes would be placed in the shop and estate agents plus residents could complete them at the consultation event. Collection of these forms was not required.

6087 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

Cllr Fuller sat as a member of the public for these items.

- a. 32 Church Road, Gurnard: Demolition of store and utility, single storey side/rear extension to provide sun room, additional bedroom and bathroom, formation of vehicular access.
Does not appear to have any overlooking as it's a single storey extension. Access has already been created. RESOLVED: Raise no objections.

52 Worsley Road: Demolition of garage, two storey rear extension to provide utility and wc on ground floor and en-suite bedroom at first floor to include balcony on rear elevation.
No overlooking apart from Village Hall and access road to the estate. Garage being moved. No objections on the website. RESOLVED: Recommend Approval.
- b. No planning decision received.
- c. Appeal of 7 Hornhill, Rew Street, Cowes Demolition of dwelling and proposed replacement dwelling. Previous objection: The Parish Council objects to the application on grounds that the proposals amount to overdevelopment of the site, that they would have an adverse impact on the surrounding area and are out of character with the surrounding dwellings. No further comments to add.
- d. Temporary event notice for Spencer's Field on 20th September 2014 11.00-22.00 for the sale by retail of alcohol and provision of entertainment. Cllr Spencer left the room for this item. RESOLVED: No objections.

6088 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman – no report
- b. Clerks Report read out to the meeting covered progress with the Asset Register, Storage of Resources and Website. Cllr Javaid thanked Cllr Bugden and Cllr Nolan for their time improving the website.
- c. Cllr Fuller circulated his newsletter to members. In addition there is a threat of closure of the Pallance Road post office. Northwood have organized a working party to retain it and have invited a representative from Gurnard to join it. Cllr Bugden offered to be the member on the post office working group. RESOLVED: Appoint Cllr Bugden member of the post office working group.

6089 TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING POLICY

The Environment and Biodiversity policy was reviewed and no amendments required.

6090 DISCRETIONARY SERVICES

A proposal had been received from the Isle of Wight Council asking Parish & Town Councils to make a contribution to the Environment officer service. Changes are to be made from 1st October. The additional services that would continue are dog orders, inspections for public toilets, community engagement and enforcement of dog fouling, dogs off leads, dogs on beaches, littering and graffiti. £504.60 would be required from Gurnard and it would only take place if 80% of the Parish & Town

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Councils agreed to it. RESOLVED: Approve the contribution of £504.60 towards the Environment Officer service.

6091 COMMUNITY HIGHWAYS FUND

The Community highways fund is a proposal that a fund of £100,000 is allocated for the requests that have been made by members of the public or Parish & Town Councils that have been included on the network integrity register for items such as speed reactive lights, new litter bins, dog bins etc.

The proposal asks do you support the formation of a small cross party group of Councillors to assist with prioritisation of highway improvement schemes?

Is your Council willing and able to contribute to the implementation of such schemes? If yes please give an indication of the types of schemes your council would be prepared to contribute to and what amount of money may be made available?

The first priority should be the lighting in Albert Road. RESOLVED: Agree to the formation of small cross party of Councillors to assist with the prioritisation. Consider each request on its merits for a contribution.

6092 OPEN SPACES PROJECT

IWC has offered a long term lease of 125 years at a peppercorn rent for the old School Playing Field. Need to clarify the Department for Education clause regarding permitted use for sports and recreation. Could this accommodate a community growing scheme? Need to understand the costs of legal fees and maintenance. Farmer Terry Butchers has offered to do the first cut for free. RESOLVED: Request a draft lease from IWC within 14 days to be included within the public consultation event to ask if residents want it, what for and are they willing to fund the costs.

6093 LITTER PICK

RESOLVED: Cllr McKean and Cllr Spencer will co-ordinate the litter pick on 4th October same format as previous litter picks.

6094 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

A public consultation event will be held on Thursday 16th October at the Village Hall to gain feedback on the Neighbourhood plan, discretionary services and the open spaces project.

Open spaces project currently unknown until a draft lease is received.

RESOLVED: No refreshments would be required as the event would be no more than 2 hours.

6095 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been received about a memorial bench and this would be included on the next meeting agenda for consideration.

6096 FINANCE

- a. The cheque payments were read out. RESOLVED: Approve all cheque payments.
- b. To confirm receipt of VAT claim. This could not be found within the papers.
- c. To approve the transfer of funds. RESOLVED: Transfer of £4,000 funds approved.
- d. To approve the petty cash payments. RESOLVED: Petty cash payments of £84.00 were approved.
- e. The Grants Panel had not met therefore this will be an item on the next agenda.

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6097 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

Ratify additional stage 2 payments of £800 for the Neighbourhood Plan to Chris Broughton.
Financial update of the Neighbourhood Plan listing expenditure to date and remaining budget.
Public Consultation event.
Memorial Bench request.
Grants Panel.
Open Spaces project to consider draft lease from IWC.
Bonfires.
Consultation on next year's precept.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

CHAIRMAN