

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 12th December 2013 at 7pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Harrison (Chairman), Fuller, Jacobs, Nolan, Mrs Bugden & Mrs McKean.

The representative from the Environment and Neighbourhoods Team was not able to attend, but PCSO Derek Howard from the Safer Neighbourhoods Team attended and reported that investigations are still on-going in respect of the beach hut damage and Tuttons Hill burglary and thefts from boats last month, but an arrest has been made. Comparing April to December figures with the same period last year crime was down 9%. Beat surgeries are now taking place at Cowes Police Station on the 1st Thursdays from 6pm to 8pm, and the local drink drive campaign is active in the run up to Christmas until midnight, with the public being encouraged to report drunk drivers on 101 or 999 by phone, and 80999 by text anonymously. The volunteers for the speed watch are now trained, and there will be a Gurnard exercise in Rew Street on 18/12/13 from 8am, and again in January. Questions followed.

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

5920 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr McNeill who had a prior engagement, and from Cllr Javaid who was unwell.

5921 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

There were no declarations of interest

b. Dispensation requests

No dispensation requests were received

5922 MINUTES

a. The Minutes of the Community Projects Committee Meeting held on 28th November 2013 were noted

b. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 14th November 2013 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5923 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 14th NOVEMBER 2013

a. There were no matters arising

5924 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

a. Report from Parish Clerk.

The following applications have been approved:

P/01201/13: Variation of condition no 2 on P/01837/12 – TCP/30862/A to allow amendments to approved plans to include installation of Jacuzzi and reduction in ground levels at 76, Worsley Road, Cowes.

P/01254/13: Proposed pair of semi-detached dwellings with vehicular access and parking on land between 20 and 24 Church Road, Cowes.

P/01309/13: Alterations and extension at 1st floor level and single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. Area of decking (revised scheme) (revised description) at 28, Solent View Road, Cowes.

P/01315/13: Proposed remodelling of existing property to include conversion and enlargement of ground floor garage and 1st floor loft extension over at 21, Princes Esplanade, Cowes.

b. **P/01458/13:** Demolition of entrance, bedroom and utility. Alterations: single storey side extension to provide shower & utility room and dining area. Replacement roof to provide additional living accommodation within roof space to include Juliet balcony on west elevation and dormer window on east elevation at "The Beehive", Rew Street, Cowes. (Cllr Fuller abstained from the vote.)

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

c. **P/01447/13:** Variation of condition no 2 on P/01674/10 – TCP/02505/K to allow amendments to approved balconies at 24 & 25 and land adjacent, Princes Esplanade, Cowes

Resolved: That the Parish Council objects to the application on the grounds that the proposals would have an adverse impact due to overlooking issues, being over-dominant and over-bearing.

d. **P/01228/13:** Demolition of existing structure. Proposed unit of holiday accommodation at 13, Shore Path, Cowes

Resolved: That the Parish Council supports the application as the proposals are in perfect keeping with the surrounding dwellings.

5925 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman had nothing to report.

b. Parish Clerk

Island Roads has still not carried out the tree and shrub autumn pruning at Pond Green in Lower Church Road. But it should be completed before Christmas.

Some upgrading work has been carried on the website this past month

The Village clock stopped again about 2 weeks ago – the keeper of the clock has been away at work it is operating again now.

Some apparent damage to the Winding Way fence was reported 2 weeks ago, but it appears some sections were removed in connection with a Police investigation.

The soap dispenser disappeared from the Gents toilet block last week – also there was a leak from the ladies last week and both were reported.

Steve Stubbings, who holds the IW Council Parish Liaison portfolio, has volunteered to come to a meeting for a short Q & A session, **and the Parish Council agreed to invite him to attend on 30/1/14.**

The Clerk attended a budget brainstorming session at County Hall on 4/12/13 with about 40 others and, in addition to the £21M lost from the budget over the past 3 years, there is another reduction expected of £15M in the next 3 years and this, together with an expected increase in costs from 2014 to 2017 creates a £28M shortfall, which is a problem with council tax income capped at 2%. Service reviews are on-going, and the session was to glean ideas as to what the priorities were, what should stop, what could be done by others and how communities can come on board to assist.

c. IW Councillor

Cllr Fuller has been attending many meetings recently, but he provided a written report and especially highlighted the traffic information evening at Gurnard Primary School and the introduction by an agent of a possible alternative site for the “The Range”.

d. Community Transport

Minutes 5269c, 5288, 5319g, 5337, 5352, 5368, 5421g, 5440, 5456, 5471, 5489, 5508, 5522e, 5538d, 5552d, 5568e, 5588, 5622f, 5637h, 5653d, 5667d, 5686d, 5705d, 5726d, 5741i, 5755d, 5770d, 5790, 5825, 5834d, 5849d, 5866d, 5898d & 5910d refer.

All that was mentioned was the sad passing of Cllr Ward’s wife.

e. Picnic Table Project

Minutes 5854, 5866f, 5884b & 5910h refer

Arrangements were made with HMP Albany and a contractor to collect the picnic tables from the prison workshop on 6/12/13. Unfortunately they weren’t ready but to compensate for the inconvenience the price will be halved. A revised collection date could now be 10/1/14.

f. Youth Advisor Scheme

Minutes 5755b, 5768c & 5910b refer

Two-way communication with Cowes Enterprise College has been established now and the Clerk met with a teacher on 6/12/13 and was introduced to two candidates for the posts of Youth Advisor. The scheme was explained, together with what would be expected of them all, which was followed by a tour of the campus. Both candidates will be joining the Parish Council in the New Year.

g. IWALC Executive Committee meeting 21/11/13

With both Parish representatives being absent no report was available, but the next meeting is 16/1/14.

h. Island Waste Advisory Group Meeting 11/12/13

Cllr Mrs Bugden reported that she was unable to attend this meeting.

5926 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Minutes 5306, 5525, 5538f, 5555, 5570, 5587, 5624, 5644, 5691, 5709, 5730, 5741e, 5758, 5773, 5786f, 5821, 5836, 5851, 5867, 5886c, 5898e & 5910e refer.

a. Steering Group Meetings 21/11/13 & 5/12/13 & IWC Meeting 26/11/13

Topics from both Steering Group meetings included the Place Road planning application, Focus Group activity, consultation and analysis including community groups, the Plan programme, policy writing and publicity. Of particular note were that the planning consultant attended one of the meetings, giving the group a “steer” on several issues especially evidence based data, the ongoing programme of meetings with local landowners and creating a template with some content for the final plan document. The consultant has also met with 3 of the 4 focus groups to advise on the gathering of evidence. The meeting with the IW Council was very positive with there being a good exchange of views leading to a better understanding of some issues for both parties. Topics included planning policy, the value of the N/Hood Plan, community infrastructure levy, settlement boundaries and progress of the Medina Valley Area Action Plan. The Steering Group is also supplying some evidence from the 1st general survey to the IW Council, in connection with the green gap spaces as they apply to the 99 house Place Road application, and the next meeting is 23/1/14.

- b. Assistance & Resources
The Steering Group has indicated that there may be a need for some additional assistance and/or resources with some of the Policy writing, but will provide more details in the New Year.
- 5927 OPEN SPACES PROJECT
Minutes 4960, 5152a, 5062, 5104h, 5123c, 5253f, 5189a, 5302, 5317b, 5331b, 5454, 5495, 5523b, 5554, 5573, 5591, 5626, 5637i, 5656, 5668, 5687, 5706, 5729, 5741f, 5757, 5772, 5788, 5822, 5835, 5850, 5866e, 5900 & 5912 refer.
- a. Asset Transfer:
The IW Council has awarded itself a general consent to dispose of the 1,400 square metres of hard play and recreational land under paragraph 2, and also the 6,736 square metres of habitat land under paragraph 6, of the "Schedule of the School Playing Fields General Disposal and Change of Use Consent (no3) 2004", which has been accepted by the Education Funding Agency.
There is an undertaking by the IW Council to impose a S33 covenant with any transfer, which would be valid for 11 years and this has been interpreted by the IW Council to mean that "allotments" or "growing spaces" in the current orchard spaces would not be permitted. Clarification is needed on the use of the word "habitat" by the Education Funding Agency, and it was:
Resolved: That the Parish Council liaises with the Education Funding Agency to clarify what "habitat" includes.
The Parish Council considered various options in connection with a possible asset transfer and it was:
Resolved: That the Parish Council responds to the IW Council's options letter, stating that it needs to be informed of the financial details connected with the transfer before it can decide, and that a fresh consultation exercise will be needed for use of the site.
- 5928 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2014/2015
Consideration was given to suspending Financial Regulations to allow for delaying the setting of the budget and precept until February
Resolved: That the Parish Council suspends Paragraphs 2.1 & 2.2 of Financial Regulations to allow the budget and precept to be set in February.
- 5929 GURNARD VILLAGE HALL ASSOCIATION
Consideration was given to offering some financial support to GVHA and it was
Resolved: That the Parish Council awards a grant of £500.
- 5930 PARISH VACANCY
Minutes 5814r, 5832b, 5847f, 5864a, 5896a & 5908a, refer
One application for cooption was considered by the Parish Council and it was
Resolved: That Vicky Spencer is co-opted on to the Parish Council.
- 5931 REMEMBRANCE ORCHARDS
A letter has been sent out to all Parish & Town Councils seeking support, in principle, for an island wide orchard planting initiative in connection with the 2014 commemoration of the WW1 fallen.
Resolved: That the Parish Council supports the principle of an island wide orchard planting project.
- 5932 BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARDS 2013
Minutes 5904 & 5919 refer
The results of the Best Kept Village Awards for Gurnard commented that the Village Maps were out of date and in need of some maintenance – also that the verges were untidy and there was a visible presence of litter. Various remedial options were considered and it was
Resolved: That the Parish Council investigates the options available for replacing the 2 Village Maps.
- 5933 SOCIAL MEDIA
Minutes 5273a, 5509, 5641 & 5837c refer.
The Parish Council gave fresh consideration to the idea of adding and managing a social media presence to the Parish Council's website.
Resolved: That the Parish Council defers this item for a further 6 months.
- 5934 CONSULTATIONS
The Parish Council considered **if and how** it would respond to 2 consultations:
a. IW Council – Area Action Plan Regulation 18 Consultation & Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment Scoping Consultation
Agreed: That the Parish Council declines to comment

b. Local Works – Campaign to use the Sustainable Communities Act to protect local public houses through the planning system.

Agreed: That the Parish Council declines to comment

5935 ACCOUNTS

a. Petty Cash

The Parish Council was informed of the NIL expenditure from this account since the 14/11/13 meeting.

b. Payments

Resolved: To make the following payments

Telephone, broadband & calls	£19.91
Travelling	£31.50
Parking	£1.90
Stationery	£43.16
Salaries	£1,006.06
Post Office Ltd	£562.95
Project Admin	£171.33
GVHA	£60.00
All Saints Garden Room	£27.00
Plan Research	£967.62
Royal Mail Group	£0.41
Post Office Ltd (IW Council)	£672.39
Project admin (to be paid 9/1/14)	£149.31

c. Transfer

Resolved: To transfer £49.28 from the Parish Council's HSBC Treasurer's account to its HSBC Business account.

d. Transfer

Resolved: To transfer £1,000.00 from the Parish Council's HSBC Savings account to its HSBC Treasurer's account.

5936 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a. Report from Personnel Working Party

b. Box File

The meeting closed at 8.41pm.

CHAIRMAN