

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 13th March 2014 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Harrison (Chairman), Fuller, Jacobs, Nolan, Javaid, Mrs McKean, Mrs Spencer, Mrs Bugden and **Youth Advisor** Wilf Armfield

The representative from the Environment & Neighbourhoods Team was unable to attend, but PCSO Steve Anker & PCSO Lisa Paul from the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams attended and reported that there had been one crime in the past month. The speed watch project continues, and 3 volunteers took part in the Cockleton Lane exercise but none turned up for the latest Rew Street exercise. 4 letters have been sent out.

Comments from members of the public (4 + IWCP)

Comments focused on the neighbourhood plan item, and the need for expert and professional assistance in finishing the plan policies etc.. The Steering Group would appreciate having sight of the quotes received, in order to make recommendations to the Parish Council.

5977 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies, but the Chairman welcomed the new Clerk, Sue Waters, to her new post.

5978 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Fuller made a general non-pecuniary declaration of interest, due to his involvement with the IW Council.

b. Dispensation requests

There were no written requests made for a dispensation.

5979 MINUTES

a. The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27th February 2014 were noted.

b. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 13th February 2014 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5980 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 13th FEBRUARY 2014

a. AGE (UK) visit

Minute 5967h refers.

Mark O'Sullivan will attend the 10th April 2014 Full Council meeting to give an update.

b. Notice of Application to Register Easement at Gurnard Scout Hut/Village Hall

Minutes 5972d refers

The Parish Council's endorsement of the GVHA 5 points was considered groundless in legal terms under Section 73(6) of the Land Registration Act 2002 and so the application will proceed.

c. Appointment of Parish Clerk

Minute 5974 refers.

4 candidates were interviewed on 21/2/14, and Sue Waters was unanimously appointed with effect from 1/4/14.

5981 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

a. Report from Parish Clerk.

A 3rd Island Plan Planning for the Future event is taking place at County Hall on Wednesday 12th June from 6pm to 8pm, and Cllr Javaid will attend.

The following application has been approved:

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

5982 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman had nothing to report.

b. Parish Clerk

Requests were made for Island Roads to sweep the frontage by the beach huts and the parking area clear of beach storm debris, and this has now been done.

The Parish Council's computer system will have to have its operating system updated soon, as Windows XP will no longer be supported after next month

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For the 3rd time the IW Council was asked on 28/2/14 to fit a replacement soap dispenser in the Gents.

The IW Community Action Awards competition for 2014 has been launched, and there is an application deadline of 28/3/14.

The Parish Council's Precept demand for 2014/2015 has been acknowledged by the IW Council

The IW Council has asked the Sailing Club to carry out repairs to fencing in the boat park that is in danger of falling into the Luck.

Repairs for the 2nd section of esplanade concrete slabs damaged in the storms are in hand with the IW Council

The 2014 IW Walking Festival programme has been published, but there doesn't seem to be a Gurnard walk this year.

Cllr Mrs Spencer has agreed to take over the litter pick on 22nd March.

An end of contract internal audit has been confirmed for 31/3/14 and it is planned that the final handover, including transporting all the equipment, will take place on 1/4/14.

Due to continuing conflicting statements from officers and elected members at County Hall, clarification has been sought from the IW Council as to what the final offer of transfer to the Parish Council of the former primary school sites is, and a meeting has been requested. **It was agreed that Cllrs Fuller, Javaid and Nolan would attend the meeting.**

c. IW Councillor

Cllr Fuller provided a written report and he especially highlighted the recent Medina Valley Area Action Plan information sharing event, concerns that development may be planned for land in Baring Road along to Tuttons Hill, change of use for the former Readers site and flooding alongside the Luck. Questions followed.

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, 5925d, 5942d & 5967d refer.

Licensing operations are in progress for the No 32 to include the Aldi stop on the route. Island Roads has agreed, and Southern Vectis is liaising with the Traffic Commissioners to have it included in the summer timetable.

e. IW SLCC AGM 19/2/14

The meeting took place at Freshwater Memorial Hall and was attended by 16 members. Following a quick report on the CTP conference officers were elected for the forthcoming year, and reports received from the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. The branch commented formally on the newly proposed parish protocol with the IW Council, and of particular note was the branch agreeing to contribute £500 to the balance CTP conference account which was in deficit, and to note that 6 Clerks across the Island were in the process of stepping down for various reasons. The next meeting is 16th June at East Cowes.

f. MVAAP Information Sharing Event 24/2/14

Included on the meeting agenda was the local development scheme, future housing priorities, settlement boundary reviews, riverside employment, renewable energy, sustainable travel policies, traffic modeling and gypsies & travelers.

g. Grants & Donations 2014

6 applications have been received, and the grants file was passed to Cllr Javaid on 27/2/14. The Grants Panel will meet this month, with its recommendations coming before the Parish Council next month.

5983 GURNARD CLIFF FOOTPATH

Minutes 5856 & 5878 refer.

Following the recent closure of the footpath by the IW Council on the grounds stated of it being undermined by weather erosion and becoming unsafe, the Parish Council discussed the implications of its closure and various proposals for the new route and it was:

Resolved: That the Parish Council asks the IW Council for a formal statement of the current position with respect to CS16 & CS17.

5984 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, 5959 & 5968 refer.

a. Steering Group Meeting 20/2/14

No report was given on this meeting.

b. Support & Resources

6 consultants were approached to quote for the work, but only 2 responses were received with the remainder declining to quote.

Resolved: That the Parish Council shares the quotes with the N/Hood Plan Steering Group for it to make its recommendations at its meeting on 20/3/14, and that the Parish Council would call an extra full council meeting on 27/3/14 to consider those recommendations.

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- 5985 COUNCILLORS' AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
Minutes 4541, 4562, 5128, 5141, 5157, 5176, 5224, 5241, 5438, 5496, 5510, 5643 & 5890 refer
A brief review was planned on how this had progressed since September 2013, but it was:
Resolved: That the Parish Council defers this item until the Annual Meeting in May.
- 5986 POLICIES
a. Gurnard Emergency Plan
An annual review was carried out of the Parish Council's Gurnard Emergency Plan and it was:
Resolved: That the Parish Council approves the annual review.
- 5987 MAY QUEEN 2014
The May Queen 2014 event takes place on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May, and 2 local committee meetings have taken place. Consideration was given to the Parish Council's involvement and it was:
Agreed: That the Parish Council has a presence and a basic display in the marquee, and consults on community transport, the open spaces project, loss of discretionary services and the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5988 DISCRETIONARY SERVICES
Minute 5967b refers
The Parish Council met with the IW Council on 4th March 2014 to discuss discretionary services in Gurnard that could be at risk due to budgetary constraints, and these included grass cutting, slipways, litter management, beach cleaning, toilets, beach awards, lifebelts & the emergency telephone. A formal letter is expected soon which will give the Parish Council various options.
- 5989 COMMUNICATIONS
Consideration was given to a request from the new Clerk for the Parish Council to provide a mobile phone for Parish business, and it was:
Resolved: That the Parish Council approves the provision of a Parish mobile phone for the Clerk, subject to the best tariff/contract available being used.
- 5990 CONSULTATIONS
The Parish Council considered **if and how** it would respond to 2 consultations:
a. IW Council – Children's Services Facilities Contribution
Resolved: That the Parish Council delegates a response to Cllr Mrs McKean.
b. IW Council – Solent Special Protection Areas
Resolved: That the Parish Council delegates a response to Cllr Fuller.
- 5991 ACCOUNTS
a. HSBC Accounts
Resolved: That the Parish Council continues holding its 3 HSBC accounts.
b. Petty Cash
The Parish Council was informed of the £37.60 expenditure from this account since the 13/2/14 meeting.
c. Payments
Resolved: To make the following payments
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| Telephone, broadband & calls | £19.52 |
| Travelling | £26.10 |
| Website hosting | £34.99 |
| IT consumables | £16.55 |
| Salaries | £798.23 |
| Post Office Ltd | £344.94 |
| Project Admin | £55.46 |
| GVHA | £74.00 |
| All Saints Garden Room | £7.50 |
| Plan Research | £308.64 |
| Post Office Ltd | £1,500.00 |
| Seymour Communications | £450.00 |

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

5992 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA
Open Spaces Project

The meeting closed at 8.42pm.

CHAIRMAN