

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Harrison (Chairman), Fuller, Jacobs, McNeill, Nolan, Javaid, Mrs Bugden and **Youth Advisors** Wilf Armfield & Bronwyn Westmore.

The representatives from the Environment and Neighbourhoods Team and the Safer Neighbourhoods Team did not attend.

There were no comments from members of the public (2)

5954 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Mrs McKean & Cllr Mrs Spencer who both had prior engagements

5955 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

5956 MINUTES

a. The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

5957 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014

There were no matters arising

5958 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

a. Report from Parish Clerk.

The following applications have been approved:

**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.

**P/01499/13:** Variation of condition No. 2 on P/00719/12 – TCP/24807/C to allow a revised roof design to approved dwelling at 25, Lower Church Road, Cowes.

Revised plans have been received for **P/00403/12:** Proposed detached house (revised scheme) at 69, Marsh Road, Cowes – the amendments were considered minor in detail and no further comment was required.

5959 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 Meeting 23/1/14

Martha James took the minutes. The programme is slipping and there is a lot to do still. Concerns are slow focus group work together with the additional evidence that is required, and a list of work has been produced. Also of concern is developers' submission of applications while the Plan is being produced, as well as increased costs and the lack of expertise on the group to write the policies.

b. Support

A financial statement of project income and expenditure was provided - it was felt the plan needed to be streamlined towards development, and that perhaps more could be made of Martha James' expertise.

**Resolved: That the Parish Council supports the Steering Group, but asks it to produce some support priorities for the Parish Council when it next meets on 23/2/14, that would enable it to complete the work before the end of 2014.**

5960 MEETINGS

**Resolved: That, due to changed circumstances, the February Full Council Meeting will revert to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at the Village Hall**

# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL

5961 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA  
No items were raised

The meeting was suspended at 7.30pm for a presentation from Councillor Steve Stubbings, Deputy Leader of the IW Council and Portfolio holder for Town & Parish Council Liaison:

Cllr Stubbings began by outlining the £28M budget gap the IW Council is facing, which puts all but statutory services at risk, unless they are devolved – the IW Council will NOT continue to fund these! This will impact upon the Parish Sector hugely, but Cllr Stubbings said 50% of Parishes visited so far are not fully appreciating the gravity of the impact this will have. Communities need to look at the discretionary services at risk and identify those of value to the community, with a view to saving them somehow. The IW Council is entering a 3 year period of phased withdrawal of discretionary services, and Parishes may want to look at their response to the idea of taking on some services, funded by the Precept. Meetings have also taken place with community groups, asking them what is important to them in way of services, and how much they are prepared to finance those services at risk. There will inevitably be a burden on local Parishes, but will they pick it up? A meeting is planned with Clerks soon, to give the financial implications of the discretionary services at risk.

Questions followed which included child services' costs, continued capping of Council Tax and possible capping of Parish Precept in 2015 and double taxation.

The meeting was resumed and closed at 8.26pm.

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CHAIRMAN