

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 9th October 2014 at 7pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Harrison (Chair), Bugden, Fuller, Javaid, McKean, Nolan and Spencer.
Also present Youth Adviser Wilf Armfield. **PUBLIC: 1**

PCSO Howard was unable to attend so sent a report which was circulated to all members. Crime figures for September were the same as last year – Three. Cycling in Cowes High Street is still a priority.

6098 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Cllr M McNeil and Youth Advisor Bronwyn Westmore

6099 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests
Cllr P Fuller declared a non-pecuniary interest on the Open Spaces project as he is an IWC Councillor. Cllrs Bugden, Harrison and Jacobs all declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Open Spaces project as they live close by.
- b. Dispensation requests
None received.

6100 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11th September, be amended, then approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6101 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

- a. There were no planning applications to consider
- b. The following planning decisions were received.
Application No: P/00919/14
Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)
Application No: P/00989/14
Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)
Application No: P/00746/14
Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)
- c. The following planning appeal was received.
P/00284/14 Former Gurnard Primary School, 27 Cockleton Lane.

6102 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman – nothing to report.

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- b. Clerks Report had been circulated to all members, which detailed the training regarding Contracts and Tendering that had been attended on 1st October 2014 plus the Medina Valley Area Action Plan meeting on the same day.
- c. Cllr Fuller circulated his newsletter to members. He added that following concerns raised by residents that they could not attend the flu vaccination sessions as they were in the afternoons when the community bus was not scheduled, Cowes Medical Centre has arranged a special session on Wednesday 12th November from 8.30 am to 12.30pm. He also advised that the community bus will be serving Aldi later this month, and that Southern Vectis has arranged for the 11.30 am bus to serve Rew Street, rather than Cockleton Lane.
- d. The AGM of the Village Hall Committee minutes had previously been circulated to members. Cllr Budgen advised that funds were quite low due to the annual maintenance, newly refurbished disabled toilet and problems with the water leak. Two new members had joined the committee.
- e. A report on the visit of the DCLG to Bembridge Parish Council had been circulated to members. Cllr Javaid added that only Bembridge Parish Council were originally invited to this, but he requested that Gurnard Parish Council could also provide a presentation on their Neighbourhood Plan. It was also useful hearing from the DCLC how other town/parish councils were dealing with devolved services.

6103 TO REVIEW THE FOLLOWING POLICY

Cllr Harrison reminded councillors of the need to respect each other during meetings and that a policy already exists that councillors should adhere to. This policy was adopted in 2009, and had not been reviewed since.

RESOLVED: That following review the Voting and Debating Policy requires no amendments, and will be added to the annual review list.

6102 LITTER PICK

The litter pick on 4th October 2014 was cancelled due to the wet weather. It has been rescheduled for Saturday 11th October. Meet at the Village Hall at 10am.

6103 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. Flyers have been inserted into the Gurnard News this month to advertise the event, it will be mentioned in this week's Village Talk in the IW County Press and a banner has been erected under the village clock. The Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire is available from the NP website and hard copies will be available on the night or from the parish clerk.

Alex Minns from the IW Council attended the meeting to provide additional answers to councillors regarding the possible devolution of services.

6104 FOOTPATH

Progress to find a solution to the closure of the coastal footpath has been very slow. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had contacted the parish clerk again with their concerns about the process and advising they did not blame the previous clerk for the lack of response to their letter last year. Cllr Harrison has spoken to Mr. M Downer, but, he advised that they will only deal with the IW Council who have the power to negotiate with them. In view of this discussion, the meeting with IW Council Rights of Way and the Ramblers was not arranged. It was:

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RESOLVED:

- 1) That a letter will be written to the IW Council asking that the parish council is kept informed of their discussions with landowners as it is imperative for both the residents of Gurnard and the parish council that the footpath is re-opened at the earliest opportunity.
- 2) That this item is returned to the agenda in January 2015 for an update, unless any progress is reported to the clerk before this date.

6105 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The clerk produced a report showing members the amended budget produced by CBA, which emphasized that the additional payment was within the original overall budget figure, therefore it was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the additional £800 for stage 2 agreed at the previous meeting is ratified.

6106 MEMORIAL BENCH

A request has been made for a memorial bench on the seafront. If the bench is on the highway, Island Roads will charge £2,500 for the installation and maintenance for the balance of the term of the PFI contact. If the bench is placed on the green, the council will have to apply for permission to the IW Council and will be responsible for the installation and maintenance costs for the life of the bench. A policy could be considered in the future. It was:

RESOLVED: That Gurnard does not require any further benches at this time, but a waiting list could be constructed if any existing benches need replacing.

6107 OPEN SPACES PROJECT

- a. The Isle of Wight Council have been unable to produce a draft lease, only the conditions that would be included in the lease. One of the conditions imposed is that the land must be used for sport/recreation for a period of eleven years.
- b. Cllr Nolan requested that the council forms a School Playing Field Project Committee if the council do take on the lease of the field. A petition was handed to Cllr Fuller from local residents supporting the plan for the parish council to take on the lease. At the public consultation next week, residents will be asked if they would like to join the committee. It was:

RESOLVED: That if the Parish Council takes on the responsibility of the playing field and orchard of the former Gurnard Primary School, Cllrs Fuller and McKean will form a committee together with community volunteers, possibly from the Cockleton Lane area.

6108 BONFIRES

Cllr Fuller has received lots of complaints from residents regarding the nuisance that bonfires cause. He has completed some research and volunteered to produce a local leaflet based on the national one produced by Environmental Protection UK or the council could buy an updated version of their leaflet at £15 per 100. It was

RESOLVED: That Cllr Fuller will personally buy 100 leaflets (once the 2014 version is available), and that a link to them would be placed on the parish council website.

6109 WEBSITE

The Parish Clerk and Cllrs Budgen and Nolan spent some time in the summer updating and improving the parish council website. It would be useful for the clerk to receive some additional training to take

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the website to another level – which would allow surveys to be uploaded and other improvements. Training is available at a cost of £20 per hour (which is a special rate for the Parish Council) It was:
RESOLVED: That up to £100 is used from the training budget for website training for the clerk.

6110 GURNARD VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Bugden attended a meeting on 24th September with members of the Village Hall Committee, plus the agent for the landowner and the developer. The development will cause problems with vehicle access to the hall during construction of the development. As lease holders, the developer has agreed to pay the parish council £1,000 per quarter, or provide the equivalent in work to the hall (up to £4,000) during the construction phase which will be expected to last approximately 56 weeks. It was
RESOLVED: That this money is “ring fenced” for future maintenance or replacement of the village hall.

6111 SPEEDING TRAFFIC

Cllr Fuller raised the question of speeding within the village and asked if the parish council can do anything to help the situation. There is funding available for parish councils to help set up “Speed Watch” programmes, which will require a group of at least 6 volunteers. The volunteer groups would work with the local Safer Neighbourhood Team to set up and implement the scheme. It was also reported that the “speed” sign on Tuttons Hill was not working properly. It was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) **That the clerk reports the problem with the sign to Island Roads**
- 2) **That the clerk contacts PSCO Howard regarding setting up a Community Speed Watch programme.**

6112 FINANCE

- a. The cheque payments were circulated. **RESOLVED: Approve all cheque payments.**
- b. To approve the petty cash payments. **RESOLVED: Petty cash payments of £17.88 were approved.**
- c. To advise the issues raised by the Annual Audit **RESOLVED: to receive the issues raised by the audit, and accept the audit for 2013/14.**
- d. To approve the recommendation from the Grants Panel. **RESOLVED: That £50 is granted to the Solent Singers and that the remaining £150 is kept in the funds for any future applications.**
- e. To construct a Financial Working Group to start to consider next year’s budget and precept. **RESOLVED: That Cllrs Harrison, Javaid and Fuller form the Financial Working Group.**
- f. To receive the budget expenditure to date: **RESOLVED: That the budget expenditure is noted.**

6113 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- a. To review the Code of Conduct policy to include the IW Council wording
- b. Report from the Personnel Working Party
- c. Report from the Financial Working Party.
- d. Solent Lawns TPO Management Plan (Cllr Nolan)

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

CHAIRMAN