

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 10 September 2015 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: Budgen, Jacobs, Javaid, McKean, McNeill and Nolan

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chair, Councillor McNeill was elected Chairman for the meeting.

PCSO Howard and PSCO Anker attended the meeting and provided a written report for members. There has been some staff changes at Cowes Police Station as PC Gary Knight has returned to the Newport station and PC Adam Dollery has now been taken on permanently. A new PSCO – Lisa Gray is currently undergoing training and will join the team at the end of the month. There have been 8 reported crimes in Gurnard during August. At the inaugural PACT (Police and communities together) meeting the priorities were established as: - vehicles and cyclists in Cowes High Street, Alcohol related crime in Cowes High Street and Alcohol related crime and disorder by youths on Gurnard Seafront.

There were no questions from the four members of the public who attended as they wished to hear the update on the continued closure of the coastal footpath.

6260 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Fuller, Harrison, and Spencer.

6261 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

None received.

b. Dispensation requests

None received.

6262 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9 July 2015 were approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6261 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

a. There were no planning applications to consider.

b. There was one planning decision received.

c. There were no planning appeals reported.

d. There were no licensing applications received

e. There were no Tree Preservation Orders received.

f. Following the decision by the Parish Council to name the access lane to the Oaklands Development – Westbrook Close, Island Roads advised that a “close cannot lead to somewhere” and that the developer was unhappy with the name. A meeting was convened between the developer, the chairman and vice chairman of the Parish Council. The developer reluctantly put forward a compromise suggestion of Westbrook Lane leading to Oaklands View. It was:

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RESOLVED:

- 1) That the access road would be "Westbrook Lane" leading to Oaklands View.
- 2) That a letter is sent to Mr Parker (the developer) thanking him for proposing the compromise.

6262 THE FOLLOWING REPORTS were received

- a. The Parish Council Chairman was unable to attend the meeting and did not issue a written report.
- b. The Clerks Report had been circulated to all members – it highlighted the work on the Village Clock and the clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to both the haulage company (Reynolds and Read) and Mr. Day.
- c. Councillor Fuller circulated his newsletter to members but was not available for questions.
- d. Councillor McKean provided a written report from the My Life a Full Life quarterly meeting held on 2 July 2015 which was circulated to members. Councillors asked her to take back issues around the lack of NHS Dentists, lack of a Dementia consultant and the withdrawal of the Dial a Bus and service 35 to the next meeting. She was also asked if her report could be circulated to members of Cowes Town Council, which she agreed.
- e. Notes from the Medina Valley Area Action Plan meeting held on 14 July 2015 were circulated to members.
- f. An update was received from the Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering group and circulated to members.
- g. An update was received regarding the Open Spaces Project. The lease has been signed and the key handed to the clerk. A working party to harvest the apples from the orchard will be held on Wednesday 16 September at 2.30pm and a meeting of the Working Group has been called for Wednesday 30 September in the Garden Room, All Saints Church.
- h. An update received from the IW Council advised that the legal Agreement with the Downer family has been completed and that they are now working with contractors to carry out the necessary works to reopen the path from Gurnard Luck to Thorness as quickly as possible. The clerk was asked to check with the Rights of Way team at IW Council regarding the route of the new path, particularly the access at the entrance, exit and to the beach.
- i. An update from the Cooks Bay Access Working Group advised that no meetings had been called recently. Once the footpath has been re-opened, a meeting will be called to ensure there is suitable beach access.
- j. An update from the Chair of the Gurnard Village Hall Association was received and circulated to members. The AGM is 17 September 2015 at 7pm – all are welcome to attend.
- k. A report from the meeting of Chairman and clerks of Gurnard, Northwood and Cowes councils held on 9 September 2015 was received and circulated to members. Individual quotations for work will be sought for any of the services which are at risk, from the IW Council, commercial contractors and the Cowes Cluster to ensure the "Best Value" price to residents.
- l. The minutes of the IWALC AGM held on 16 July 2015 was received and circulated to members.

The agenda was suspended at 7.55 pm by the Chairman to hear a short presentation from Jason Doughty who is opening a new business in Gurnard (as he was delayed due to Bestival traffic). The company is called Doughty Newnham – Chartered Surveyors who will be based at 3 Church Road. The team are keen to get involved within the village and will be joining in the litter pick next month. They offer a service for commercial property matters. They invited people to pop in next week for a coffee and say hello. They are also interested in sponsoring the flower tubs opposite the office. These are looked after by the Gurnard in Bloom team, so the contact details were passed on.

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6263 RESIDENT COMPLAINT ABOUT THE SOUTHERN WATER PUMPING STATION IN MARSH ROAD

A letter plus photographic evidence of the problem of overgrown vegetation was received and circulated to members. It was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the resident is advised to send the evidence to the Chairman of Southern Water marking the envelope Private and Confidential.
- 2) That the evidence is passed to Councillor Fuller in his capacity as Ward Councillor for his assistance, as it is outside of the governance of the Parish Council.
- 3) That if no satisfactory outcome is forthcoming, the resident contacts the Ombudsman.

6264 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND BIODIVERSITY POLICY

The clerk presented the policy which required no amendments. It was:

RESOLVED: To accept that no amendments are required to the Environment and Biodiversity Policy.

6265 LITTER PICK

Councillor McKean will lead the Litter Pick on Saturday 3 October 2015. All volunteers are welcome to attend and meet at the Village Hall at 10am. The location will be decided nearer the time. The clerk has provided the Risk Assessment and supplies.

6266 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Councillor Fuller was unable to attend the meeting but has provided a verbal report to the clerk which she passed on. He attended a meeting in July which raised concerns about the lack of funding for Community Transport. A question was raised about a member of the public being charged £2.50 each way for using the Community Bus – this has been forwarded to Councillor Fuller. The understanding of members is that is a “donation only” service for holders of a bus pass.

6267 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Parish Council have been asked to lay a wreath at the annual Remembrances Service at All Saints Church. It was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Councillor Harrison has been nominated to represent the Parish Council on Sunday November 8 2015.
- 2) A donation of £40 was agreed for the wreath.

6268 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The Parish Council has registered and received the certificate for the Foundation Award which replaces the Quality Council Standard. The clerk circulated a report regarding the new scheme which is centered around information available on the website. The cost of registration is £50, plus the accreditation fee of £50, £80 or £150 dependent on the level. Additional work would be required by the clerk to ensure that all the criteria is met. It was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) That as no benefit can be established for the Parish Council, no registration would be made at this time.
- 2) That the subject will be discussed again as an agenda item in June 2016.

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6269 FINANCE

The clerk presented the financial situation and it was:

RESOLVED:

- a) That cheque and electronic payments of £7,525.72 are approved.
- b) That the Petty Cash payments of £28.98 are approved.
- c) That the audit report from BDO is received and noted with no problems recorded.
- d) That the completion of the setting up for the new bank accounts to Unity Trust Bank has been completed and the HSBC accounts transferred.
- e) That £10,000 was transferred from the deposit account to the current account.
- f) That the Insurance renewal premium of 600.70 due on 1 October 2015 is paid.

6270 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- a) Funding of Cowes Week Fireworks (Councillor McNeill)
- b) Northwood and Gurnard WW1 Memorial project (Councillor McKean)

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN