

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 8 October 2015 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: Harrison (Chair), Fuller (8.05pm), Jacobs (8pm), McKean, Nolan and Spencer.

PCSO Howard sent a written report as he was unable to attend the meeting. There were four reported crimes in Gurnard during September – the same as last year. A speedwatch in Pallance Road only recorded one vehicle breaching the speed limit. He advised of the new Hampshire Alert that anyone can sign up to – www.hampshirealert.co.uk. The clerk was asked to sign up on behalf of the Parish Council.

There were no questions from the members of the public who attended at this stage.

6271 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bugden, Javaid and McNeill.

6272 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests
Councillor Spencer declared a pecuniary interest in the item on the Cowes Week Fireworks as she is employed by Payne's Fireworks.
- b. Dispensation requests
None received.

6273 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 10 September 2015 were approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6274 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

- a. Councillor Nolan presented two planning applications to consider. It was:
RESOLVED:
 - 1) **That the council makes no objection to application numbered P/01069/15, but wishes to support the comments made by Island Roads regarding access.**
 - 2) **That the council makes no comments to applications numbered P/01062/15**
- b. There were four planning decision received – P/00811/15 planning was refused, and P/00851/15, P/00894/15 and P/01943 which were granted planning permission.
- c. There was one planning appeal reported – P/00343/15. It was:
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council makes no further comments.
- d. There were no licensing applications received
- e. There were no Tree Preservation Orders received.
- f. A letter was received from the Secretary of State's office in response to the letter from the Chairman sent in August. Unfortunately, in this instance, they were not prepared to review the decision of the Planning Inspector which allowed the Place Road development to go ahead.

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6275 THE FOLLOWING REPORTS were received

- a. The Parish Council Chairman had no comments to make.
- b. The Clerks Report had been circulated to all members – it highlighted concerns from a resident about the late night license at Gurnard Pines, the re-addressing of the Village Hall and the meeting with Island Roads to be held on 28 October 2015.
- c. Councillor Fuller circulated his newsletter to members but was not available for questions.
- d. An update was received from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group which advised that the Landscape Assessment is about 75% completed.
ACTION: That the clerk obtains a full update on the project for the next meeting from both the Steering Group and the Consultant, plus provides an update on the funding for the project.
- e. An update was received regarding the Open Spaces Project, plus the minutes from the meeting held on 30 September 2014. It was

RESOLVED:

- 1) **That up to £200 can be spent on employing the Green Gym volunteers to start clearing the site.**
- 2) **That the kind offer was accepted from Terry Butchers to cut the grass and include the hedge cutting with his contract at no cost to the Parish Council.**
- 3) **That the wording for the sign is agreed but the words – “and clear up after your dog” are added.**
- 4) **That before the sign is laminated, the wording is checked by the IW Council’s legal department.**
- 5) **Once all agreed the laminated version is attached to the gate and the gate left open to provide “open access” to the site.**
- f. The coastal footpath is now open following the successful negotiations with the landowner by the Isle of Wight Council to allow a permitted path across their land. This item can be removed from the agenda.
- g. An update from the Cooks Bay Access Working Group was received and circulated to members. A meeting is to be called with the Rights of Way team to try to establish suitable beach access. Two members of the public who attended the meeting would like to join the working group so will be advised of the date of the next meeting.
- h. The minutes of the AGM of the Gurnard Village Hall Association (held on 17 September 2015) were circulated to members. It has been a hard year with the construction of the new development, some regular bookings had been lost, but the finances are healthy.
- i. The minutes of the IWALC meeting held on 17 September 2015 were received and circulated to members.
- j. The minutes of the Island Waste Advisory Group meeting held on 11 September 2015 were received and circulated to members.
- k. Councillor Fuller attended a Housing Strategy Review on 30 September 2015, but did not arrive in time to provide a report to the meeting.
- l. The minutes from the Police and Crime Commissioner COMPASS meeting held on 22 September 2015 were received and circulated to members. It was commented that the crime figures for Gurnard were low compared to statistics for the whole Island.
- m. Councillor Harrison attended an IWALC Chair’s meeting on 21 September 2015 and provided a verbal report- in that a lot of problems had been identified with the Island Roads contract, that clustering with local parishes could be the way forward to provide the most cost-effective way of delivering the discretionary services now being passed down to town and parish councils. A paper highlighting the

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fact that there are now only two part time planning enforcement officers at the IW Council and possible ways forward was circulated to members. Councillor Harrison has asked for email comments to him on the proposals. These meetings will be held twice per year.

- n. Councillors Harrison and Spencer and the clerk attended a meeting with Lee Matthews, Recreation and Public Spaces manager from the IW Council. He has now provided figures for both supporting the Environment Officer and grounds maintenance contract for The Green. These will be discussed as an agenda item for next month to discuss the possible implications of amending the contract.
- o. Councillor McKean organised a litter pick on Saturday 3 October 2015. Only one community volunteer assisted and they found very little litter. The next one will be in March 2016.
- p. Councillor McKean provided a written report on the My Life a Full Life meeting held on 16 September 2015 which was received and circulated to members. She added that the Island has been split into three localities for professionals to work together with data sharing for the good of the patients. Councillor Harrison is also working on a project to keep residents safe in their own homes as part of this agenda.

6275 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE DEBATE AND VOTING AT MEETINGS POLICY

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

RESOLVED: To accept that no amendments are required to the Debate and Voting at meetings Policy.

Councillor Spencer withdrew from the vote for this item.

6276 COWES WEEK FIREWORKS FUNDING 2016 - 18

Councillor McNeill provided a written report which was circulated to members. The Fireworks receive no funding from the local council, so donations are raised each year from the sponsor, Cowes Week Limited, Red Funnel, Cowes Water Front Trust and Cowes Town Council. He requested that funding is considered from the Parish Council. It was:

RESOLVED: That Cowes Week Fireworks complete a grant application form, and this is not treated as a special case outside of the grant application process.

Councillor Jacobs arrived 8pm.

6277 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

The IW Council public consultation into the Council Tax Reduction Scheme was received. It was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council does not make any comments on this consultation, but that individual councillors may wish to do so.

Councillor Fuller arrived 8.05pm

6278 COMPLAINT REGARDING THE PROCEDURES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Residents contacted the Parish Council and made a formal complaint about various procedures. A Complaint meeting was held on 24 September to discuss the issues raised. After the meeting, a decision letter was sent to the complainants with recommendations which were circulated to members. It was:

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RESOLVED

- 1 That a training need has been identified for both councillors and the chairman which needs to be addressed – the Parish Clerk to request a “bespoke” training evening for councillors on a regular Planning Committee night. Voted – 4 for, 1 abstention.
- 2 That the Parish Council adopts a “Petition Policy” which will be researched by the clerk and brought to next month’s meeting as an agenda item. Voted 4 for, 1 abstention.
- 3 That the Parish Council considers recording future council meetings – the clerk to research the cost and bring quotations to the next meeting. Voted 4 for, 1 against.
- 4 That in view of the lack of confirmed evidence to support either side, the Parish Council Standing Orders are amended to include under section 8 that “Once draft minutes are published, no amendments can be made until the subsequent meeting”. The amended Standing Orders will be presented at the next meeting.

6279 FINANCE

The clerk presented the financial situation and it was:

RESOLVED:

- a) That electronic payments of £2739.57 are approved.
- b) That there were no Petty Cash payments.
- c) That £10,000 was transferred from the deposit account to the current account.
- d) That the Expenditure against the Budget was received but there were some discrepancies with the formulae noted. This will be corrected and represented next month.
- e) That as the new bank account does not allow cheques to be drawn for petty cash without charges, Financial Regulations will be amended (and presented as an agenda item next month) to remove the need for Petty Cash. The clerk will purchase stamps and any other small items required via the monthly expenses claim.

6280 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- a) Northwood and Gurnard WW1 Memorial project (Councillor McKean)
- b) Grounds Maintenance contract
- c) Contribution towards the Environment Officer
- d) Amended Standing Orders
- e) Quotations for recording equipment
- f) Training for councillors
- g) Petition Policy
- h) Expenditure against Budget
- i) Internal Audit
- j) Amended Financial Regulations

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN