



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Thursday 10 March 2016 at 7.00 pm.

**PRESENT: Councillors:** Spencer (Chair), Bugden, Fuller (7.40pm), Jacobs, McKean, McNeill and Nolan.

PSCO Lisa Gray attended the meeting and presented PSCO's Howard report which had previously been circulated to members. There were three crimes in Gurnard during February – the same as last year. The community priorities remain the same. Lisa advised of her work with the students of Cowes Enterprise College as she is the designated liaison officer. Members asked about another speedwatch in the village – particularly targeting Cockleton Lane – this would be problematic as there needs to be a safe place for both the police car and for speeding drivers to be pulled over.

There were no members of the public present.

#### **6338 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Harrison and Javaid.

#### **6339 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillors Bugden and Jacobs declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to the Open Spaces project as they live close to the site.

When Councillor Fuller arrived, he declared a pecuniary interest as a paid member of the Isle of Wight Council and Executive member for Public Realm and so abstained from voting on any items concerned with the Isle of Wight Council.

b. Dispensation requests

There were no written dispensation requests.

#### **6340 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11 February 2016 are approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.**

#### **6341 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

a. Councillor Nolan presented four planning application for councillors to comment on. Councillor Nolan declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application number P/00129/16, in that his mother lives next door.

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Council makes no objections on the following applications:**

- (i) P/00098/16 – 19 Hilton Road
- (ii) P/00118/16 - Rew Street Farm Cottage
- (iii) P/00119/16 – Rew Street Farm Cottage (LBC)
- (iv) P/00129/16 – 52 Albert Road

b. There was one planning decision received.

c. There were no planning appeals reported.

d. There were no licensing applications received

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- e. There were no Tree Preservation Orders received.

### **6342 THE FOLLOWING REPORTS were received**

- a. The Parish Council Chairman was not present and did not send a written report.
- b. The Clerks Report had been circulated to all members – it highlighted the quick response from Island Roads when shingle was reported on the highway by the Watersedge Café, and the results of the drain survey for the toilet block. The nominations for the Parish Award were discussed.
- c. Councillor Fuller had circulated his report to members – as he was unable to attend, there was not a chance for questions.
- d. Minutes from the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 18 February 2016 were circulated to members.
- e. Notes from the Open Spaces Project meeting held on 24 February 2016 were circulated to members.

It was:

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the remaining balance from this year's underspent budget is ring-fenced by the Parish Council and will be released once they are satisfied that it is going to be spent to ensure the long term viability of the project and they request that the working group produces a 3 to 5 year business plan.**
  - 2) That the £3,000 budget for 2016/17 for grass and hedge cutting is reviewed the end of the next financial year when any funding requests would be considered.**
  - 3) That one member of the Parish Council must be present at any meeting where recommendations are made to the Parish Council. If this is not possible, the clerk is not required as it will be an informal meeting only.**
- f. Councillor McKean presented a short written report on the My Life a Full Life meeting that she attended on 24 February 2016.
- g. Local Access Forum – members were invited to a meeting on 3 March 2016 – Councillor Fuller chaired the meeting and advised that the forum has successfully reduced the time the public footpath is closed past the IW Festival site from 3 weeks to 10 days and that a lot of steps down to the beach from the coastal footpath at the back of the Island have been washed away by the recent storms and cannot be re-instated until the cliff edge stabilises.
- h. Councillors were invited to an Amey Waste presentation on 4 March 2016 – again Councillor Fuller chaired. He advised that the councillors who attended were given an update on the new contract, but Councillor Bugden had already informed councillors of the full position.
- j. The clerk attended the Patron's Lunch meeting in Cowes, on behalf of the Parish Council as Gurnard is not providing its own event. The notes from the meeting held on 4 March 2016 were circulated to members. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the Parish Council does not financially support the Cowes event.**
  - 2) That no-one will attend future meetings as it is primarily a Cowes event.**
- k. A report of the Clean for the Queen event held on 5 March 2016 was circulated to members. Councillor Bugden and the clerk met with 5 community volunteers who litter picked various roads in the village as part of the National event.

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## 6343 GURNARD IN BLOOM

The clerk reported that the two remaining volunteers have decided to retire. It was

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) That a formal letter of thanks is sent from the Parish Council for all the hard work of the volunteers.
- 2) That an advertisement is placed asking for volunteers on the Parish Council Notice Board, the website, Gurnard News, Gurnard Press, Nisa, the local news in the Isle of Wight County Press and at the May Queen event.
- 3) That the Open Spaces Project Working Group is asked to include this item on its next meeting agenda to see if anyone can assist.

## 6344 SERVICE CHARGE FOR WESTBROOK LANE.

The clerk presented a response regarding the letter sent to the agent. It was:

**RESOLVED: That a further letter is drafted by the clerk and Councillor McNeill, asking for further details of the calculation as it is not equal across the development.**

## 6345 CYCLING AND WALKING FESTIVALS

The clerk presented a request from IW Council for financial support for the marketing and delivery of the Walking and Cycling Festivals for 2016. It was

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Council does not financially support the Isle of Wight Council Walking and Cycling Festivals.**

## 6346 STREET FURNITURE

Councillor Nolan presented a short written report which was circulated to members. The seats on the Green, the Play Park and on Princess Esplanade are all in need of pressure cleaning, repainting and staining.

It was:

**RESOLVED: That the clerk identifies who has the responsibility for maintenance and sends a letter to the relevant agency asking them to clean and repair the street furniture identified.**

## 6347 COOKS BAY ACCESS PROJECT

Councillor Nolan presented a verbal report, updating councillors on the meeting last November with the IW Council's Rights of Way team. He has recently walked the full length of the footpath to Thorness which is 100% useable but very muddy. Some users of the footpath have asked about a hard surface being installed – this would be very expensive. Councillor Fuller advised that Niton and Whitwell Parish Council has applied for funding via Tesco to improve the disabled access to their local footpath. It was:

**RESOLVED: That the clerk sets up a meeting with members of the working group and the IW Council Rights of Way team.**

## 6348 FUTURE OF THE TOILET BLOCK ON THE GREEN

A proposal from a local resident was circulated by the clerk. It was:

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) That a letter is sent from the Parish Council advising the resident that the toilet block is only being transferred to them via a "Tenancy at Will", and therefore they are not in a position to consider his proposal.

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- 2) That contact details for the correct department at the Isle of Wight Council is given to the resident so he can forward his proposal to them as freeholders of the site.

### 6349 COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL TO CELEBRATE HM QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.

The clerk presented a report and costings for the supply of commemorative medals for the children enrolled at Gurnard Primary School. The cost would be approximately £800.00. It was:

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Council does not support the purchase of commemorative medals.**

ACTION: That the clerk advises Gurnard Primary School that to spend £800.00 of public money on this project was not possible.

### 6350 FINANCE

The clerk presented:

- a) Electronic and cheque payments of £2,960.32 were presented.
- b) The clerk's annual subscription to SLCC

It was:

**RESOLVED:**

- a) That the electronic payments of £2,960.32 are approved.
- b) That the annual subscription to SLCC totaling £111.69 is paid for 2016/17.

### 6351 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Destination Cowes (Councillor McNeill)
- b) Traffic Regulations Orders (Councillor Fuller)
- c) Shore Road (Councillor Nolan)
- d) Gurnard Village Hall Association Meeting – 31/03/16 (Councillor Jacobs)

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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CHAIRMAN