

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 11 October 2017 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Harrison (Chair), Bartrum, Fuller, Jacobs, McKean and Nolan.

There were 2 members of the public present who wished to comment on one of the planning applications.

PSCO Derek Howard PCSO Steve Ankers attended the meeting plus sent a written report which was circulated to members. There were no reported crimes in Gurnard for September although the Police had attended several incidents, compared to nine in September 2016. The community priorities remain the same and a PACT meeting should take place within the next six weeks. The Police are hoping to attend regularly now that Derek is returning to full duties. If they are unable to attend, they are happy to receive questions by email. As part of the report Derek reminded everyone of the “no trick or treaters” poster which is available from the Parish Council website or a hard copy from the clerk.

6617 APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence received from Councillor Bugden

6618 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Fuller declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he is a member of the Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest that is a staff member of the Isle of Wight Council.

Councillors Jacobs and Harrison declared non-pecuniary interests in that they live close to the site of Cockleton Meadow.

b. Dispensation requests

No written dispensation requests were received.

6619 MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED:

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2017 were read and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6620 PLANNING

a) There were two planning applications to consider. It was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council makes no objections to the following applications:-

P/01049/17 - 42 Solent View Road and P/01111/17 – 28 Albert Road although comments are to be recorded in that application number P/01111/17 is greatly improved from the previous application but there is still a considerable loss of light to neighbouring properties (number 24 The Avenue and those in Tilbury Road) due to the fact that a bungalow is being demolished and replaced with two, two storey houses. The Parish Council also requests that before the area is landscaped the neighbours are consulted.

Councillor Fuller requested that it was recorded that he abstained from voting on application number P/01049/17.

b) There was one planning decision received.

6621 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman advised that he had nothing to report this month.

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b. Parish Clerk

The Clerk provided a written report which was circulated ahead of the meeting which updated councillors on various projects within the village.

c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller circulated a copy of his report which covered his activities in the past month. He wished to highlight that as he is now Town Mayor of Cowes Town Council he wishes to resign from some of his duties within the Parish Council.

d. The notes from the branch meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks meeting held on 19 September 2017 were received and noted.

e. The minutes of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils meeting held on 21 September 2017 were received and noted.

f. The notes from the Age Friendly training completed by the clerk held on 28 September 2017 were received and noted.

g. No minutes of Gurnard Village Hall Association which was held on 28 September 2017 had yet been received, so these will be circulated by email at a later date.

h. The notes from the Age Friendly Awards evening held on 5 October 2017 were received and noted. Mrs. Carolyn Sibley had received a third place award in the Age Friendly "Contribution to the Community Award" having been nominated by the clerk. The clerk collected the certificate and voucher will be passed onto her.

6622 FINANCE

a) The clerk presented the cheque and electronic payments for approval.

b) The clerk advised that it was necessary to transfer £10,000 from the deposit account to the current account to support payments.

c) The Internal Auditors report was presented.

d) The clerk presented the six monthly budget against expenditure report.

RESOLVED

(i) **That £4083.54 cheque and electronic payments are approved.**

(ii) **That the £10,000 transfer of funds from the Deposit Account to the Current Account is approved.**

(ii) **That the Internal Audit report is received and noted.**

(iv) **That the six monthly budget against expenditure is received and approved**

6623 AGE FRIENDLY VILLAGE

The clerk presented a report from Lisa Toyne of the Age UK Age Friendly project which has been produced in conjunction with Councillor Bugden as the Age Friendly Councillor. It was

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supports the report which has been produced by Age UK which will assist Gurnard in becoming an Age Friendly Village.

6624 TRAINING

The clerk presented a training calendar from the Hampshire Association of Local Council which the Parish Councillors and Clerk could attend. It was:

RESOLVED: That due to the cost of the courses and the travelling time, the local branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks and the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils are approached to provide further training on the Island.

6625 COCKLETON MEADOW

Following last month's meeting which queried that the work completed by the Friends of Cockleton Meadow is in keeping with the lease, the clerk presented a report regarding her site visit with the Parks Officer from Isle of Wight Council. IW Council are happy with all the improvements carried out by the Friends of Cockleton Meadow, and they confirmed that it was not necessary to have a sports

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field. It was suggested that to improve the access to the facility, the Parish Council works with the Friends of Cockleton Meadow and provides funding to gravel a parking area and moving the access gate. An encroachment to the boundary fence has taken place, and a draft letter from the Isle of Wight Council (as Landlords of the site) was circulated to councillors for discussion. Following discussions on the draft letter provide by the IWC a vote was taken on the letter as provided to ask the resident to either remove the gate or apply to take on a licence. It was:

RESOLVED: That following a named vote to offer a licence was: Councillors Bartrum, Fuller and McKean voted for option one which was to ask the resident to remove the gate and repair the boundary fence only, Councillors Harrison, Jacobs and Nolan for the option which included offering a licence. Councillor Harrison used his Chairman's casting vote which meant that by a majority of 4 to 3, the draft letter supplied by the Isle of Wight Council is sent in its present form to the resident who has encroached the boundary fence.

6626 REVIEWS

The Debating and voting Policy was reviewed. It was:

RESOLVED: That no changes are required to the Debating and Voting Policy this year.

6627 GROWING A RURAL COMMUNITY

The clerk presented a survey from the Rural Services Network which will increase the circulation of their newsletters. It was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor McKean completes the survey about "Growing a Rural Community" on behalf of the Parish Council.

6628 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

The clerk presented a consultation for councillors to discuss. It was:

RESOLVED:

The Parish Council does not agree with the suggestion from the Isle of Wight Council of "Possible changes to non-residential care charging". Although the Parish Council is aware of the financial problems of the Isle of Wight Council, it cannot support further charges to the most vulnerable residents.

6629 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Following the resignation of two posts held by Councillor Fuller plus a couple of other vacancies, the clerk asked for nominations to fill four positions. It was:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That no-one is appointed to the Gurnard Village Hall Association Committee, and that this position remains vacant awaiting the appointment of another two Parish Councillors.**
- (ii) That Councillors Bartrum and Nolan are both appointed to the Friends of Cockleton Meadow Committee.**
- (iii) That Councillor Bartrum is appointed as Planning Councillor.**
- (iv) That no-one is added to the Bank Mandate for signing cheques and authorizing electronic payments, and that this position remains vacant awaiting the appointment of another two Parish Councillors.**

6630 BEST KEPT VILLAGE AWARD

The clerk advised that Gurnard had won the Best Kept Large Village Award and that a cheque for £150.00 has been paid into the bank. Jennie and Ellis from the Gurnard in Bloom team attended the ceremony and collected the award on behalf of the Parish Council. Gurnard could have won the overall prize except for the problem of overflowing litter bins on The Green during one of the judging sessions. It was:

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RESOLVED: That in recognition of all their efforts that the **£150.00** prize for winning the Best Large Village Award is ring-fenced for Gurnard in Bloom and that the Parish Council matches that amount for future purchases of plants, compost, pots etc.

6631 The next two agenda items were postponed to the next meeting in view of Councillor Holidays.

6632 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No new items for future agendas were raised as many existing items require further investigation, although Councillor Fuller has suggested a speaker for a future Planning meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

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Chairman

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The Range

Following safety concerns raised by councillors, the Health and Safety officer from Head Office looked at the potential risk of pedestrians being injured using the walkway from the pavement to the store. The Range have taken the concerns very seriously and have constructed a barrier of bollards to stop vehicles driving over the walkway. A thank you email has been sent to the Manager of the Range. The Manager also advised that they are working with the planning department to try an increase the size of the entrance/exit.

Trading Standards “No cold calling stickers”

I have collected 1,000 new stickers which will be delivered in the November edition of the Gurnard News to every household in the Parish. An article will be added reminding residents of the scheme. Trading Standards will also be including an article in the December edition about scams, and would like to come and talk to the Parish Council ahead of the December meeting.

Toilets

The Isle of Wight Council has instructed contractors to install the tap as close to the toilet block as possible. This will be happening on 16/10/17 and I have been invited to a site visit to ensure that the wishes of the Parish Council are met. I will prepare signs for the block as if there are able to install on that day, the water will be switched off and the toilet block will be out of action. I will also advise the Watersedge Café and Woodvale Inn in case residents and visitors require facilities on that day. Once this installation has been completed, the Parish Council will no longer be paying for the water at the tap. The Freehold document can then be brought to the Parish Council for approval prior to signing.

Play Area on the Green

The Isle of Wight Council have taken the views expressed by the Parish Council on the three options given, and will be installing some green bollards at the kerbstone in front of the Play Area to reduce the risk of a vehicle ploughing into the facility.

Miscellaneous correspondence

The hard copy correspondence which has been received is listed below – all other electronic correspondence has been forwarded to councillors by email.

- 1 Bag full of leaflets to promote the new 7 day service of GP appointments
- 2 Clerk's magazine – September 2017 edition
- 3 LCR – Magazine from NALC – Autumn edition
- 4 Island Business – September 2017 edition
- 5 Stocksigns brochure
- 6 Earl Mountbatten Hospice Magazine – Summer 2017 edition