



Minutes of the meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Thursday 14 July 2016 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Harrison (Chair) Budgen, Jacobs and Javaid

There was 1 Member of the Public present who asked no questions.

Before the meeting, Councillor Harrison welcomed Lisa Toyne from Community Action (IW) who gave a short presentation about the Isle of Wight's bid to become an Age Friendly Island. Funding has been secured from the Lottery. Lisa's role is to liaise with Town and Parish Councils. She suggested that one councillor is appointed as "Age Friendly" and that if any projects are carried out within the Parish, consideration is given to how they can be improved for elderly use. One suggestion was that if the toilets are refurbished at any time, a contrast colour for the toilet seat to the floor is considered. She will provide a "check list" and advised people to attend the open meeting at the Riverside centre next month. The lack of public transport from Gurnard was highlighted, and the new cost of the Optio car scheme administered by Age UK. Lisa gave out some literature to those present highlighting projects already running on the Island.

Councillor Javaid also asked to speak ahead of the meeting – he advised that his poor health had prevented him attending many meetings over the past year, and due to his continuing problems he will be leaving the Island and returning to London to be closer to his family. He has enjoyed his time as a Parish Councillor and had hoped to continue once his health improved. Councillor Harrison thanked him for his honesty and for all his hard work since he was appointed, and that he had made a real difference to the Community.

PCSO Derek Howard sent a written report which was circulated to members. There were four reported crimes in Gurnard last month, compared to 14 last year

#### **6418 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Fuller, McKean, McNeill and Nolan.

#### **6419 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

Councillor Harrison declared a non- pecuniary interest in that he is a paid employee of the Isle of Wight Council.

b. Dispensation requests

No dispensation requests were received

#### **6420 MINUTES**

It was:

#### **RESOLVED:**

The draft minutes of the Extra-ordinary meeting held on 30 June 2016 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

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### 6421 PLANNING

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

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That the Parish Council raises no objection to application number P/00841/16 – 12 Worsley Road.
- b) That the Parish Council **OBJECTS** to application number P/00757/16 – 3 Shore Path, Shore Road on the grounds that it is overdevelopment of the site and that the design is out of character for the surrounding area.

### 6422 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman had nothing extra to report than was not covered on the Cluster meeting notes.

b. Parish Clerk

The Clerk provided a written report which was circulated to members. She highlighted that the problems with the mobile telephone service are now resolved and that financial compensation is being sought from Vodaphone.

c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller circulated a copy of his report which covered his activities in the past month, but was he was not available for questions.

d. Training Day – 20 June 2016 – the clerk circulated her notes taken during the training day that she attended and found useful and informative.

e. The minutes from the Gurnard Village Hall Association meeting held on 23 June 2016 were received.

f. The notes taken from the Cluster Group meeting held on 29 June 2016 were received.

g. The notes from the Open Spaces Project Working Group held on 6 June 2016 were received.

### 6423 SERVICE CHARGE FOR WESTBROOK LANE

The email from Mr. Parker was received. It was

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That a thank you email is sent to Mr. Parker appreciating the fact that the service charge for Westbrook Lane is no longer being charged for the Village Hall.
- 2) That a thank you is sent to the solicitor who worked with the Parish Council in gaining this result.
- 3) That a thank you is sent to Community Action (IW) Ltd who paid for the solicitor advice via the Lottery funded Village SOS.

### 6424 REVIEW OF POLICIES

It was

**RESOLVED:** The Crime and Disorder Policy was received and no amendments were required.

**Councillor Javaid left the meeting at 7.30 pm.**

### 6425 IW COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

The details of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan and survey were received. It was:

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) That Councillor Nolan is asked to prepare a response from the Parish Council and present it at the September meeting.

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### 6426 STREET FURNITURE

The clerk presented the additional quotation for the supply of a new metal notice board with a magnetic backboard.

It was:

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That the quotation from Contractor D is accepted with the addition of an external name plate up to the value of £800 for supply and fitting.**

### 6427 CHRISTMAS TREE

Last year the Parish Council decided that it was too late to consider a project to provide a Christmas tree for the village and that it would be re-visited in the summer. After some discussion regarding lack of electrical supply, and the costs involved it was:

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Council uses its funds for the supply of essential services for the village, which were previously funded by the IW Council, rather than funding a Christmas tree and electrical supply.**

### 6428 TRANSPARANCY CODE

The Local Government Transparency Code 2015 was issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government in February 2015 to meet the Government's desire to place more power into citizen's hands, to increase democratic accountability, and to make it easier for local people to contribute to the local decision making process and help shape public services. The Government believes that in principle all data held and managed by local authorities should be made available to local people unless there are specific sensitivities (e.g. protecting vulnerable people or commercial and operational considerations) to doing so. The Code ensures that local people can now see and access data covering how money is spent, the use of assets, decision making and issues important to local people. The code applies to a town or parish council which has gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is the higher) exceeding £200,000 or below £25,000. The code is to be implemented from April 2016.

Gurnard Parish Council falls between the margins, but it is considered "Good Practice" for all town and parish councils to adopt the code. In practice, most of the requirements are already in place for Gurnard. Two additions would be to add to the website:-

- a) All background papers for meetings
- b) All payments (excluding salaries) which exceed £500.00

It was:

**RESOLVED: That although the requirement to adopt the Transparency Code is not required, the Parish Council will adopt the principal of adding any payments above £500.00 (excluding salaries) on the website on a quarterly basis but due to financial restrictions would not publish all the background papers for meetings on the website.**

### 6429 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The benefits of the Local Council Award Scheme have still not been defined but if the Parish Council wishes to apply for the award there would be a cost both in the terms of the fee and the time for the clerk to prepare the submission. It was:

**RESOLVED: That after due consideration, that Gurnard Parish Council will not apply for the Local Council Award Scheme.**

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### **6430 FOOTPATH AT GURNARD HEIGHTS**

It had been highlighted to the Parish Council that a small girl has sustained facial scratches from uncut brambles when using the footpath CS5a which runs from Princess Esplanade to Gurnard Heights. As a gesture of goodwill, the IW Council Rights of Way team has arranged for a contractor to cut the hedge in this instance, but they do not have the legal responsibility to do so. The land is privately owned and it is up to the landowner to keep the hedge cut. In view of the injury, it was:

**RESOLVED: That the clerk obtains a quotation for an annual hedge cut of the footpath, without taking any responsibility.**

### **6431 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITY**

Although Councillor Fuller was unable to attend the meeting, he had advised before the meeting, that he was happy to take on the responsibility for Planning on behalf of the Parish Council. It was:

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Fuller is appointed as Planning Representative.**

### **6432 ACCOUNTS**

It was **RESOLVED:**

- a. **That the monthly electronic payments totaling £1801.31 was approved.**
- b. **That the VAT refund of £1307.22 was approved**
- c. **The quarterly budget against expenditure was approved.**
- d. **That the letter received from IW Council regarding funding services was received, and once the amount for the playpark inspections is removed, that the clerk can sign the document on behalf of the Parish Council.**
- e. **That the details from the Utility Trust Bank regarding the withdrawal of the ALTO prepayment card was received, and no further action will be taken at this time.**
- f. **That the £10,000 transfer from the deposit account to the current account was approved.**
- g. **That the demand for business rates for the toilet block on the Green is disputed.**

### **6433 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

Community Grants

**Meeting closed at 8 pm after the confidential business – appendix A**

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**APPENDIX A – to the meeting of the Full Council held on Thursday 14 July 2016.  
CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS.**

**6434 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

It was:

**RESOLVED** That In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

**6435 RECISION NOTICE**

Councillor Fuller had obtained four signatures requesting that resolution detailed in minute number 6385 from the May meeting be overturned. It was

**RESOLVED: That the contents from the recision notice will form an agenda item in September.**

**6436 PERSONNEL WORKING GROUP**

It was **RESOLVED:**

**That the National pay award is accepted and the clerk's salary is increased from £11.922 per hour to £12.041 with effect from 01/04/16.**

**Meeting closed at 8 pm**