

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 14 June 2017 at 7.00pm.

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

There were 0 members of the public present.

In the absence of PCSO Derek Howard, Sergeant Ged Armitage sent a written report which was circulated to members. There was 3 reported crimes in Gurnard last month, compared to 2 last year. Councillor Fuller raised the issue of young people skateboarding outside Bucklers View. Councillor Bugden advised that this issue has already been raised to the Police who are aware of the problem which residents of Bucklers View had raised an objection to the noise. Also that the young people drift out into the road which is a safety issue. Councillor Fuller will raise the problem with the Police and Councillor Bugden will raise the issue again at the next Neighbourhood Watch meeting.

6573 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

6574 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 Planning Committee and Councillor Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he is a paid employee of the Isle of Wight Council.

b. Dispensation requests

No written dispensation requests were received

6575 MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED:

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2017 were read and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6576 PLANNING

a) Councillor Fuller presented one planning application to consider. It was:

RESOLVED:

(i) That the Parish Council raises no objections to application numbered P/00496/17 53 Church Road

b) There were four planning decisions received.

c) Councillors discussed the recent problems caused by the narrow entrance/exit to The Range. It was:-

RESOLVED: That

1 The Parish Council write to the Range raising concerns that the pedestrian walkways within the car park appear unsafe and suggesting a meeting to discuss the issue.

2 The Parish Council contacts Island Roads advising that the entrance/exit to the car park of The Range is too small and that consideration is given to using the original Readers entrance so that a one way system could be established.

3 That the Parish Council contacts Island Roads asking them to consider the installation of either a pedestrian crossing in Place Road or pinch point due to the lack of a safe crossing point for pedestrians to the Range store.

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6577 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

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

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. The consideration of a bench on Tuttons Hill will be considered at the September meeting.

c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller circulated a copy of his report which covered his activities in the past month.

d. Councillor Bugden provided a short verbal report about the Isle Friendly Island 1st year celebration which she attended on 10 May 2017.

e. The minutes from the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils meeting held on 18 May 2017 were received and noted. Councillor Fuller advised that he is unable to attend the July meeting of IWALC – another councillor will be invited in his place.

f. The minutes from the Local Access Forum meeting held on 6 April 2017 were received and noted. Councillor Nolan raised concerns about the apparent lack of progress in establishing the coastal footpath around the Island. Councillor Fuller advised that Natural England representatives started work on 1 April this year and are currently talking to various landowners. The next stage will be consulting with Town and Parish Councils later this year.

6578 FINANCE

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

b) The clerk advised that £10,000 has been transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account.

c) The clerk advised that a refund of £3,755.36 had been received from HM Revenue and Customs in respect of Value Added Tax paid by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED

(i) **That £4,636.23 cheque and electronic payments are approved.**

(ii) **That £10,000 is transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account**

(iii) **That the VAT refund of £3,755.36 is received and noted.**

6579 BEER AND BUS FESTIVAL

As part of the Annual Beer and Bus Festival in October, the Parish Council has been asked to endorse the Gurnard Walk from the Portland to the Woodvale. A leaflet has been produced to support the walk which can be used at all times. It was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supports the Beer and Bus Festival by advertising the event on the Noticeboard but does not endorse the event by adding their logo to any literature produced.

6580 TOILET BLOCK ON THE GREEN

a) The solicitor employed by the Parish Council is awaiting a decision regarding the tap which provides drinking water to beach users and beach hut owners before completing the transfer of ownership paperwork. The Isle of Wight Council have refused to grant any further funds towards the necessary refurbishment, but has agreed to pay any legal charges connected to any “buy back” provision.

b) The Isle of Wight Council has offered a sum of £30.00 per year towards the water bill, and to keep responsibility for the tap.

c) The clerk advised that due to the sale of the Watersedge Café, the community volunteer is unable to continue locking up the toilet block each evening. The staff from the Woodvale have been approached, but to date have not made any commitment. A quotation of £1820.00 was received from the toilet cleaner to complete the task daily.

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It was:

RESOLVED:

- a) That the Solicitor be advised that the Parish Council does not wish to take on the responsibility for the tap on Gurnard Seafront and that it should be excluded from the Freehold documentation.
- b) That the clerk advised the Isle of Wight Council that the Parish Council wishes to take no responsibility for the tap and requests that a separate water supply and meter are installed.
- c) That the Parish Council trial for three months that the toilet block is not locked at night. Should any vandalism or other incident occur, this review will be brought forward.
- d) That the locking, cleaning and provision of sanitary bins are all discussed at the October meeting.

6581 LITTER ON THE GREEN

Residents and the Environment Officer have complained amount the amount of litter left on The Green, with both the Biffa and litter bins constantly overflowing. Last summer, the Biffa was emptied weekly and the litter bins which are normally emptied three times per week, were emptied daily. It was:-

RESOLVED: That

- 1 That the Biffa bin supplied by the Parish Council is retained and emptied weekly during the summer period.
- 2 That the Parish Council funds extra weekend empties of the litter bins on The Green at a cost of £275.00 for 11 weekends starting 24/25 June 2017.
- 3 That the replacement of the existing litter bins on The Green is considered to increase their capacity and to make them fox/gull proof.
- 4 That the Parish Council does not fund an extra £300.00 for additional weekend beach cleaning.

6582 WORLD WAR ONE COMMEMORATIONS

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has suggested to all Town and Parish Council that events are staged to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War One on 11 November 2018. The Friends of Cockleton Meadow are happy to host a "Beacon Lighting" ceremony at the site if funded by the Parish Council. Hot refreshments could also be served by the Friends. It was:-

RESOLVED: That

- 1 The Parish Council supports a village event to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1 on 11 November 2018.
- 2 That the Parish Clerk contacts Reverend Amanda Collinson to advise her of the Parish Council support and to see how the church and Parish Council can work together to provide an event for the village.
- 3 That the clerk contacts the Spencers to see if they would consider a Beacon Lighting ceremony in their field on 11 November 2018 after the Remembrance Church Service.
- 4 That the Parish Council consider financially supporting an event when compiling their 2018/19 budget.

6583 PLANNING COUNCILLOR

At the Annual meeting, no-one was appointed as having responsibility for the Planning applications within the Parish. No councillors volunteered to take on the position. It was:-

RESOLVED: That the vacancy remains open and that all councillors ensure that they view the planning applications for the village.

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6584 GURNARD IN BLOOM

A very small group of residents has taken over the task of improving the visual appearance of the Parish and providing plants and flowers. Some plants within the verges require additional professional cutting back as they are causing a visual obstruction for traffic in Church Road. Other Town and Parish councils have a budget heading for "In Bloom" or "Civic". Some of the planters have been replaced using the Street Furniture budget. It was:-

RESOLVED: That £250.00 is vired from the Open Spaces Project budget heading to support the Gurnard in Bloom project, but that this is the maximum that can be spent following production of invoices, and that no further planters are added.

6585 DEFIBRILLATORS FOR THE VILLAGE

The fully funded unit has now been installed at Gurnard Press and another one purchased from the Emergency grant funds for the Village Hall. Familiarisation with the equipment was suggested for both hall users and residents. It was:

RESOLVED: That

- 1 The link to the "You Tube" video is added to the Parish Council website.**
- 2 That a training session is funded up to £200.00 from reserves.**
- 3 That a local trainer is asked to provide the training and if he is not available, that the IW Ambulance Service are commissioned.**
- 4 That members of Gurnard Village Hall Association and their regular hirers are invited to attend the training.**
- 5 That the WI are asked to provide refreshments for the training session.**

6586 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Risk Assessment for the Play Area
- Disability Audit for the Village
- To consider supporting the Shore Road and Shore Path residents to apply for conservation status
- Emergency Plan review – which was delayed to the introduction of the new Emergency Centre.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm

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Chairman