



Minutes of the meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Thursday 8 December 2016 at 7.00pm.

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

There were no Members of the Public present.

PCSO Derek Howard sent a written report which was circulated to members. There were 3 reported crimes in Gurnard last month, compared to 5 last year. Sargent Ged Armitage and PCSO Lisa Gray attended the meeting and were available for questions. They have now moved into the Fire Station in Victoria Road, but this is not a public office, so residents still need to telephone 101 to access the Police. The Neighbourhood Watch meetings will be held in Cowes Library.

6490 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Doughty, Javaid, McNeil and McKean.

6491 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.

Councillor Fuller declared a non - pecuniary interest in that is a paid member of the Isle of Wight Council and Executive member for Environment, Fire and Local Engagement.

b. Dispensation requests

No dispensation requests were received

6492 MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED:

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2016 were read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6493 PLANNING

- a) There were no planning applications to consider.
- b) There was one planning decision received.
- c) There was one planning appeal decision received.

Councillor Harrison advised that two planning applications were to be advertised the next day for comments by 30/12/16. Councillors discussed holding a Planning meeting during the Christmas period.

RESOLVED: That any planning applications received over the Christmas period will be forwarded in full to members by the clerk for email discussion. If there was a consensus of opinion, the clerk will forward the comments to the Isle of Wight Council without a meeting. If councillors did not agree, a meeting will be called. The Parish Council Standing Orders will be amended at the next full meeting to reflect this change of procedure for future applications during the Christmas period and August when meetings are usually suspended.

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6494 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman had nothing to report this month.

b. Parish Clerk

The Clerk provided a written report which was circulated ahead of the meeting.

c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller circulated a copy of his report which covered his activities in the past month. Councillor Fuller added that his role at the IW Council is changing with a move for portfolios. He will now be Executive member for Environment, Fire and Local Engagement. This prompted discussion about a possible flood defense project for The Luck. Councillor Fuller advised that a residents meeting will be held in the New Year to hear some proposals.

d. The minutes from the Community Waste Forum meeting held on 15 November 2016 were received and noted. Councillor Bugden highlighted that only non-recyclable rubbish within the black bin will be collected from now on – all other black bags left outside with be labeled and the resident must take them to the tip.

e. The clerk submitted a written report on the Clerk's training she attended on 16 November 2016.

f. The minutes of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils meeting held on 17 November 2016 were received and noted. It should be noted that Councillor Fuller also attends these meetings on behalf of Gurnard Parish Council.

g. Councillor Jacobs provided a verbal report on the Gurnard Village Hall Association meeting held on 1 December 2016. The members were pleased to hear about the grant funding for the emergency center, and have reluctantly accepted the letter from the chairman regarding the payment of the maintenance grant. Councillor Bugden also advised that although the hiring's were slightly down, the finances were healthy.

6495 FINANCE

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

b) The clerk advised that an electronic transfer from the deposit account to the current account of £10,000 had been made to pay accounts.

c) The notes from the Financial Working Group meeting held on 23 November 2016 were received and discussed.

RESOLVED

(i) **That £1308.63 cheque and electronic payments are approved.**

(ii) **That a transfer of £10,000 from the deposit account to the current account is approved.**

(iii) **That a precept of £54967.00 is raised to support the budget for 2017/18. This will result in a zero increase in precept for residents.**

6496 REVIEW OF POLICIES

The clerk presented three policies for annual review.

RESOLVED:

(i) **That the Child Protection Policy is approved without any amendments.**

(ii) **That the Complaints Policy is approved with the amendments highlighted by the clerk.**

(iii) **That the Equality Act (Adopted Principles) is approved without any amendments.**

6497 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

The clerk circulated details of the Parking Strategy and Recycling and Refuse Storage consultations.

RESOLVED: That the points highlighted by the clerk are supported by the Parish Council for both the Parking and Recycling & Refuse Storage consultations.

Councillor Fuller abstained from both votes as he was involved in the construction of the consultations on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council.

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6498 TRANFORT FOR THE VILLAGE

Councillor Bugden presented a written report of the various problem raised by residents due to the lack of public transport from and to the village. After much discussion, Councillor Harrison thanked Councillor Bugden for highlighting these issues.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the clerk contacts Community Action asking how the Parish Council could assist in the recruitment of volunteer drivers.
- (ii) That the clerk contacts Amanda Gregory at the IW Council asking how the issue of no taxis being available in the evenings can be resolved.
- (iii) That the clerk contacts Southern Vectis to request a Community Bus service for the afternoons including a breakdown of the costs of providing such a service.
- (iv) That the clerk contacts the councils in the West Wight to enquire about how they fund the FYTE bus service.

6499 PUBLIC TOILET BLOCK ON THE GREEN

The clerk circulated a report from the Structural survey which had been carried out, plus two further quotations for legal advice. After much discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the full service for legal advice which includes all the necessary searches is commissioned at a total cost of £566.45 plus Land Registration fee and VAT.

6500 SURVEY OF PLANTERS AND TROUGHES

Councillor Nolan conducted a survey of the planters at the top of Worsley Road and provided a written report. Two of the planters require replacing.

RESOLVED: That up to £100.00 is used from the Street Furniture budget to replace the broken planters in a similar design in plastic, and to provide some additional ones by the village clock.

6501 VILLAGE GREEN STATUS FOR THE PLAY AREA ON THE GREEN

Councillor Nolan provided a written report on the fact that the area which now contains the Play equipment was previous a putting green to which members of the public were charged to access, therefore this piece of land was excluded from the successful application for Village Green status. Councillor Harrison thanked Councillor Nolan for bringing this to attention of members. Councillor Nolan asked for it to be minuted that all the information in his report was taken from the Parish Council file held by the clerk. The admission charge was removed in 1998, enabling a Village Green status application to be submitted in June 2018. It was:

RESOLVED: That this item is returned to the agenda in December 2017, when a working group will be formed to proceed with a Village Green application for the Play area.

6502 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No items for future agendas were raised.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Councillor Harrison wished everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Chairman