



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

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

As Councillor Harrison had to leave early, Councillor Jacobs was voted in as Chairman for the evening.

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

PCSO Derek Howard sent a written report which was circulated to members. There were 7 reported crimes in Gurnard last month, compared to 4 last year. 3 new community priorities have been set as:-

1. To reduce the numbers of bicycles thefts in the Cowes
2. To reduce incidents of alcohol related public disorder within the night time economy in Cowes High Street
3. To assist in the prevention and detection of criminal damage within the Cowes locality

Discussion took place regarding the increased number of crimes in Gurnard recently and it was agreed:

ACTION: That a letter is sent from the Parish Council raising concerns about the increasing numbers of reported crimes in the Gurnard Pines/Cockleton Lane area.

6437 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bugden, Javaid, McNeill and Nolan.

6438 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 pecuniary interest in that is a paid member of the Isle of Wight Council and Executive member for Public toilets – therefore he withdraw from the discussion and voting for minute number 6448

b. Dispensation requests

No dispensation requests were received

6439 MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED:

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2016 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6440 PLANNING

- a) There were no planning applications to consider.

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b) There was one planning decision to receive – P/00811/16 – 1 Lower Hornhill, Rew Street which was granted permission even though the Parish Council raised objections. Councillor Fuller advised that the objections were taken into account by the Isle of Wight Council and were incorporated into the planning conditions.

6441 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman had nothing extra to report.

b. Parish Clerk

The Clerk provided a written report. She highlighted that the new notice board is now in place and that all Gurnard businesses had agreed to receive some of the IW Day bunting and display it at their premises on Saturday 24 September 2016.

c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller circulated a copy of his report which covered his activities in the past month. He added that most of the advertising signs have now been removed from the Four Cross/ Pallance Road area following intervention from the Planning Enforcement Officer. Two notices remain with the consent of the landowner. He also wished to highlight that the street naming competition for the Place Road development had been extended to Wednesday 28 September, enabling councillors to review them at the Planning meeting on 29 September 2016. Finally he wished to add that following discussions with the local PSCO, the youths who were causing anti-social behavior in the village have moved off.

d. The minutes from the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 14 July 2016 were received and noted.

f. The minutes of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils meeting held on 21 July 2016 were received and noted. .

g. The notes from the Open Spaces Project Working Group held on 8 August 2016 were received and noted. Councillor McKean advised that the bid that she had written was successful in gaining funding from Tesco. This will result in at least £8,000 for the project. Councillors thanked Councillor McKean for all her hard work on the bid.

6442 CASUAL VACANCY

Councillors had received an application from local resident Jason Doughty who attended the meeting. Following a short discussion Jason was invited to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. It was:

RESOLVED: That following the Declaration of Acceptance being signed, Mr. Jason Doughty is co-opted onto the Parish Council until the elections in May 2017.

6443 REVIEW OF POLICIES

It was

RESOLVED: The Environmental and Biodiversity Policy was received, amended with two small additions and then adopted.

6444 IW COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

a) Rights of Way Improvement Plan

As agreed at the last meeting, Councillor Nolan prepared a response from the Parish Council for discussion and debate. It was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Nolan's response is agreed, with some small additions, and submitted as the Parish Response to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

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b) Devolution Agenda

Following discussion it was:

RESOLVED: That individual councillors are requested to make their own response to the Devolution consultation, but that a Parish Council response is submitted advising their opposition to an elected Mayor for the whole area as it would reduce local accountability.

c) Transport Infrastructure

Councillors felt that with such a low attendance at the meeting, and that a full response is required to the Transport Infrastructure, the item will be added to the Planning meeting agenda at the end of the month, to ensure that residents' concerns about lack of public transport is addressed.

6445 NATIONAL CONSULTATION

The clerk presented a National Consultation regarding the use of public parks. It was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor McKean will complete the use of Public Parks national consultation on behalf of the Parish Council with support from the clerk if required.

6446 FOOTPATH AT GURNARD HEIGHTS

The clerk had approached two contractors for a quotation to cut the hedge at Footpath CS5a. One had declined to quote, the other had not yet provided a quotation. In view of the potential liability to the Parish Council, it was agreed to debate this item in full next month, once additional quotations had been sought.

Councillor Fuller declared a Pecuniary Interest in item 6447 (a) as his wife cleans the Village Hall, so left the meeting and took no part in the discussions or vote.

Councillor Jacobs declared a Pecuniary interest in item 6447 (b(ii)) in that he is Chairman of the 1st Gurnard Management Committee, so took no part in the discussions or vote.

6447 GRANTS PANEL

The recommendations from the Grants Panel were received. It was:

RESOLVED: That

- a) **That a maintenance grant of £600 is awarded annually to the Village Hall Association which also covers all hire charges for the Parish Council.**
- b) **Grants are awarded to:**
 - (i) a) **£350 to All Saints Church towards the production of the Gurnard News.**
 - b) **£300 to 1st Gurnard Management Committee to support the hall used by the young people of the village.**
 - c) **£100 to Gurnard pre-school to help with new furnishings used by the children of the village.**
- (ii) **That no grants are awarded to:**
 - a) **Age UK, St John's Ambulance and Jigsaw as the Parish Council wishes to support village based organisations.**
- (iii) **That a balance of £1,150 remains in the budget for any future applications**
- (iv) **That future grant applications are made from 1 January to 31 March each year with the grant panel meeting ahead of the April meeting for making recommendations, except in exceptional circumstances.**

Councillor Harrison left the meeting at 7.55 pm.

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6448 PUBLIC TOILETS

- a) The clerk advised that no update had been received from the IW Council with regard to the payment of business rates, and that another reminder has been received advising court action if no payment is made within seven days.
- b) The clerk advised that IW Council are now considering extending the leasehold on some public toilets to take into account local circumstances.

It was:

RESOLVED:

- (a)
 - (i) That the demand for Business Rates for the Toilet block on the Green is disputed.
 - (ii) That the clerk with support from Councillor Doughty appeals to the valuation office.
- (b) That the Tenancy at Will is continued until further notice.

6449 CHRISTMAS STORY COMPETITION

IWALC advised that the IW Society for the Blind are organising a Christmas Story Competition for both adults and children. Newport Parish Council is sponsoring up to 100 under 18's to allow them to enter the competition. IWALC asked if other Town/Parish Councils would also support this fundraising initiative. It was:

RESOLVED: That the clerk writes an article in the Gurnard News advising that up to 25 students who live in Gurnard could claim sponsorship for the entry fee of £2.00 for the IW Society for the Blind's Christmas Story Competition.

6450 LITTER PICK

The next litter pick in October was discussed. It was:

RESOLVED That Councillor McKean would lead a litter pick in the village on Saturday 8 October, meeting at the Village Hall at 10.30am.

6451 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The attendance, wreath size and donation was discussed. It was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor Harrison attend the Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on Sunday 13 November 2016 to represent the Parish Council, and the wreath size of "E" type and a donation of £40 is continued from last year.

6452 AGE FRIENDLY COUNCILLOR

Following the presentation in July regarding the Isle of Wight's bid to become an Age Friendly Island, it was suggested that an Age Friendly councillor is appointed. There were no volunteers as councillors present felt that Councillor Bugden would have the most interest and experience in this area. As she cannot be appointed in her absence, it was agreed that she would be offered the role and if she declined, this item would be carried over to the next meeting.

6453 MOBILE LIBRARY

Councillors were advised that the IW Council has carried out a review of the mobile library service on the Island. In Gurnard, although the stop in Worsley Road is well attended, the one in Rew Street is not and therefore is being taken out of service. It was:

RESOLVED: That a letter is written by the clerk advising that the Parish Council is disappointed that the residents in Rew Street will no longer receive a service from the Mobile Library Service, but that they understand the decision. The Parish Council would like to ensure that residents previously using the service in Rew Street are advised of both the Community Bus and Age UK Optio car service

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to bring them into the village, and the Age UK home visiting service to ensure that they are not disadvantaged.

6455 RESCISION OF RESOLUTION 6385(4)

Following the receipt of a rescision notice signed by four councillors, it was:

RESOLVED: That minute number 6385(4) is rescinded which will allow the clerk to attend meetings on behalf of the Parish Council to gain information without the support of a councillor.

6456 FINANCE

- a) Due to the lack of payroll information, the clerk did not submit the cheque and electronic payments for approval this month.
- b) The clerk provided information about the new Corporate Multipay card which has been provided in place of the ALTO prepayment card which was previously provided by the Unity Trust Bank.
- c) The clerk presented four quotations for the insurance renewal due on 1 October 2016.
- d) The clerk presented the Conclusion of Audit notice which has been published on the Parish Council website and notice board.

It was:

RESOLVED

- a) **That a full list of cheque and electronic payments is presented at the next meeting.**
- b) **That the clerk is authorised to complete an application for a Corporate Multipay card from Unity Trust Bank and transfer the £500 currently held on the ALTO card.**
- c) **That the Insurance quotation from Hiscock (via Came and Company – Parish Council Insurance Brokers) is accepted, and that a three year binding agreement is entered into saving another 5% on the premium – making a total for this year of £598.12.**
- d) **That the “Conclusion of Audit” is received and approved including the two minor issues.**

6457 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No future agenda items were raised at this time.

Meeting closed at 8.38 pm

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Chairman