

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Thursday 9 March 2017 at 7.00pm.

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

There were eight Members of the Public present who wished to add their comments regarding planning application number P/00181/17.

PCSO Derek Howard sent a written report which was circulated to members. There were 6 reported crimes in Gurnard last month, compared to 4 last year. The community priorities and staff remain the same. One member of the public asked about the move from the Police Station to the Fire Station. They were advised by the clerk that this was not a public office, but contact is available via the 101 telephone number.

6529 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bugden, Doughty, Harrison, McNeill and Nolan.

6530 ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

In view of the apologies from both the chair and vice-chair, Councillor Fuller was nominated and duly elected to chair this meeting.

6531 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Fuller declared a non - pecuniary interest in that is a paid member of the Isle of Wight Council and a member of the Planning Committee.

All councillors present declared an interest in planning application P/00137/19 as applicants.

b. Dispensation requests

No written dispensation requests were received

6532 MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED:

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2017 were read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6533 PLANNING

a) Councillor Fuller presented two planning applications to consider. It was:

RESOLVED:

(i) **That the Parish Council does not comment on application number P/000137/17 as applicants.**

(ii) **That the Parish Council objects to application number P/00181/17 on the grounds that:-**

a) **The impact that this development would have on the street scene:-**

- the design is alien to the area
- out of character
- there is not a diverse palate of properties in the area (as stated in the application), so this application is out of character
- all other properties in the area have pitched roofs
- it is three storey – the only other property in the area is the former shop
- councillors and residents wish maintain the Victorian feel of the road

b) **The development is overbearing in both dominance and mass**

c) **The loss of amenity and privacy – sunlight and potential loss of outlook for neighbours**

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- d) There is insufficient parking provided at the front of the properties which would cause overspill into Albert Rod where on street parking is already at a premium.
- e) Adverse impact on wildlife in the area – there are badger sets in the neighbourhood
- f) This application does not fit into the requirements of the Gurnard Housing Needs strategy which shows a need for small one-two bedroomed affordable properties
- g) Concerns are raised in that the contemporary feel of the building has not been discussed in consultation with neighbours
- h) The additional properties with several bathrooms will have an impact on the drainage system
- i) The plans show no windows on the side of the neighbouring property.
- b) There was one planning decision received.

6534 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman had nothing to report this month due to his absence.

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. Residents and councillors were reminded to report areas where dog fouling is an issue to the clerk so that the Environment Officer can investigate.

c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller circulated a copy of his report which covered his activities in the past month. He added an update on the situation with Cowes Post Office.

d. The minutes from the Amey meeting held on 26 January 2017 were received and noted.

e. The minutes from the Local Access Forum meeting held on 2 February 2017 were received and noted.

f. The notes from the Open Spaces Working Group meeting held on 13 February 2017 were received and noted. It was:

RESOLVED: That another visit from the Green Gym is funded at a cost of £50.00 to help cut and rake the flower meadow at Cockleton Meadows.

6535 FINANCE

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

b) The clerk presented a Risk Management Schedule for councillors to consider.

c) The merits of the Friends of Cockleton Meadow holding their own bank account were discussed.

d) A figure of £10,000 was required from the Deposit Account to the Current was presented.

RESOLVED

(i) **That £4,683.80 cheque and electronic payments are approved.**

(ii) **That the Risk Management Schedule is adopted.**

(iii) **That the Friends of Cockleton Meadow are asked for their preference in obtaining their own Bank Account or remaining part of the Parish Council financial system.**

(iv) **That the sum of £10,000 from the deposit account to the current account is approved.**

6536 RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE PLAY AREA ON THE GREEN

The annual risk assessment has been completed by the Isle of Wight Council. The assessor looked at the risk of cars going onto the grass whilst parking as raised by the Parish Council. A safety fence is being considered by the Isle of Wight Council.

ACTION: That the Isle of Wight Council are asked to provide a safety fence as detailed in the report to minimize the risk of injury to playpark users.

6537 TOILET BLOCK ON THE GREEN

a) The solicitor employed by the Parish Council has completed all the necessary searches, but, the implications of the Village Green status on the area have not been identified. The potential

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problems with flooding and subsidence have been raised in the report with a suggestion that insurance quotations are sought before the transfer takes place.

- b) The Environment Officer provided details that the guttering on the toilet block has been vandalised.

It was:

RESOLVED:

- a)
 - (i) That the Isle of Wight Council are asked their intentions with the tap as it is not listed on the Freehold document but the water supply is from the toilet block, as it is an expensive resource mainly used by beach hut owners.
 - (ii) That the solicitor is asked to contact the Isle of Wight Council about the Village Green status and covenants on the Green as these are not detailed in the freehold document for the toilet block
 - (iii) That the Parish Council insurers are approached for a quotation to add the toilet block to the Parish Council insurance whilst noting the potential problems with flooding and subsidence.
- b) That a quotation to repair the broken guttering on the toilet block is sought for the next meeting.

6538 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

No items were requested by councillors at this stage.

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm

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Chairman