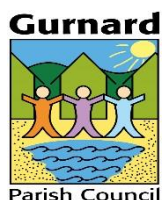


# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



The minutes of the Community Projects Committee Meeting held in the Village Hall, Worsley Road on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at 5.15pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Bugden, Jacobs and Nolan  
Messrs Rainey and Lloyd.

**There were no comments from members of the Public (0).**

**CP220 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Mr Mike Rainey was proposed to remain in post, there were no other proposals, so Mr Rainey was seconded, and duly elected.

**CP221 APOLOGIES:**

There were apologies for absence received from Cllr Fuller

**CP222 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were non- pecuniary declarations of interest declared by Cllrs Bugden and Jacobs (CP225) as they live close to the site.

**CP223 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

In view of the length of time since the last meeting, the terms of reference were re-visited. The committee was started to implement projects identified in the Parish Plan (published in 2006). The committee should include the Parish Chairman or Vice-Chair, plus one other parish councillor and 6 members of the community. There are currently four members of the Parish Council plus two community members.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the Parish Council re-visits the terms of reference of the Community Projects Committee, and notes that it was set up to enable projects and not to monitor them once in place.**

**CP224 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Community Projects Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013 were taken as read and approved as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**CP225 OPEN SPACES PROJECT**

The chairman provided a history of the project to date and explained how much the attitude of the IW Council has changed. Following the change of administration at the IW Council in April 2013, negotiations between the Parish Council and IW Council have re-started. The offer of "gifting" the fields is no longer available. It was previously offered for sale, and the Parish Council obtained a valuation of £9,500 for the playing field and £3,500 for the Orchard. The offer now is a 125 year lease for a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum. There are several clauses which are not beneficial to GPC, including the fact that the area can only be used as a 'playing field' for the next eleven years. Costing of the existing grass cutting contract have been shared

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but not for hedge cutting, rates, security or legal fees. IW Council have advised that if GPC took responsibility they could decide on the level of security required.

Independent quotations have been obtained by the Parish Clerk for both grass and hedge cutting. It is clear from the meetings and emails received from the IW Council that they are keen to dispose of the asset, but the terms now offered are less favourable than previously. Several options are still available but will depend on the level of funding available. After much discussion it was:

## **RECOMMENDED:**

- 1) That the Parish Council be advised that a commitment of £2,000 to £3,000 per annum would be needed for grass and hedge cutting and basic maintenance with a potential to develop the project as funds are available, and that a management committee would be required to run the project.**
- 2) That further public consultation (possibly included with the discretionary services consultation) is sought on whether the use and costs associated with the 'playing field only' use is supported, before any decisions are reached.**

**CP226**

## **FUTURE PROJECTS**

The Committee will consider any future projects that are identified in the revised Parish Plan.

**CP227**

## **NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting will be arranged when further information regarding any future projects is available.

The meeting closed at 6.40pm

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Chairman