

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 11 June 2015 at 7.00 pm.

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

**PCSO Howard** was unable to attend but had issued a report which was circulated to members.

There were no questions from the one member of the public who attended.

#### **6226 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Harrison and Spencer.

#### **6227 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests  
Councillors Bugden and Jacobs as they live close to the Open Spaces Project.
- b. Dispensation requests  
None received.

#### **6228 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 14 May 2015 noted the amendment to the original published minutes which contained an error, then were approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **6229 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

- a. There were no planning applications to consider.
- b. There were two planning decisions received.
- c. There were no planning appeals reported.
- d. There were no licensing applications received
- e. There were no Tree Preservation Orders received. A notice of work to be carried out on trees at Gurnard Pines Holiday Village was received.
- f. A request from Island Roads was received requesting that councillors consider two names for the new road into the development at The Glen, 34 Worsley Road. It was:  
**RESOLVED:** That first choice for the road would be "The Glen", second choice would be "Victoria Glen" but if these suggestions were not acceptable, the third choice would be Victoria Place as suggested by Island Roads.

#### **6230 THE FOLLOWING REPORTS were received**

- a. Parish Council Chairman was unable to attend the meeting.
- b. The Clerks Report had been circulated to all members – it was noted that the Village Clock was running 10 minutes slow.
- c. Councillor Fuller circulated his newsletter to members and no questions were asked.

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- d. Notes from the meeting with the new Police Sargent held on 2 June at Northwood Parish Council were received. It was reported that the new LAC/PACT meetings will be started and that Cllr Budgen will represent Gurnard and Cllr Pullen represent Northwood as the local Neighbourhood Watch coordinators for those areas. Questions were asked about the reporting of crime figures. Cllr Budgen will provide monthly figures for just Gurnard using the Crime Reports website.
- e. IWALC Executive Meeting minutes held on 21 May 2015 were received.

### 6231 OPEN SPACES PROJECT

An update report had been circulated to councillors advising that questions are being raised with the IW Council legal department in regard to the lease which will be signed once all is in order. A volunteer had organised a small working party to remove the ragwort from the field as an IW Council officer provided access for a few hours on Monday 8 June. Cllr Fuller will now request another access session to enable the farmer to cut the field. Once the lease is signed and the responsibility passes to the Parish Council, the hedges will require cutting.

### 6232 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The minutes of the Steering Group meeting held on 4 June 2015 were received. It was noted that the Public Consultation may have to be postponed due to the amount of work still to complete.

### 6233 COASTAL FOOTPATH

An update from the IW Council Rights of Way team had been received stating that:

- 1) Positive negotiations for a diversion have been made to date but as yet no conclusion has been reached.
- 2) That the footpath from Thorness to point B will be re-opened this summer.
- 3) That from point A to point B will be subject to a further closure order.
- 4) The sections from the start of the Path to point A is open and has never been subject to a closure.

It was also noted that a sign had been erected advising "private access". Cllr Nolan advised that this was in regard to a driveway being blocked by a parked car.

### 6234 COOKS BAY STEPS PROJECT WORKING GROUP

- a. The minutes from the meeting held on 28 May were received. It was:

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1) **That the name of the Working Group is changed to: Cooks Bay Access Project Working Group.**
- 2) **That the Parish Council supports the project to collect further evidence regarding historic access.**

- b. The notes from the meeting held with the IW Council Rights of Way team on 9 June were circulated.

- c. The correspondence received from Mr. and Mrs. Smith had been circulated to members. It was agreed that as they had acted on draft unapproved minutes and that the clerk has acted properly to correct them, a further letter will be sent advising them of this.

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## 6235 PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

- a. A report regarding the parking was circulated to members. The access road is behind schedule, but the footpath to the Village Hall should be completed by the end of the month.
- b. Further correspondence received from the GHVA was circulated to members. It was advised that the Village Hall has lost bookings, incurred both disruption and additional expense for cleaning during the construction of the Oaklands Development. Therefore it was:  
**RESOLVED: To forward a cheque in payment of the £1,000 “Goodwill gesture” received from the contractor to compensate for the loss of bookings, disruption and additional cleaning costs.**

## 6236 IT EQUIPEMENT

The clerk circulated a report requesting a new printer/scanner/copier. Councillors agreed that a replacement scanner/printer/copier was required but requested that further research into the new “cartridge less machines is investigated. It was:

**RESOLVED: That Cllr McNeil works with the clerk to research the most economic machine costing up to £600.**

## 6237 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Following the clerk’s full qualification achieved last summer, the Parish Council now fulfils the criteria to use the General Power of Competence. It was:

**RESOLVED: That from this meeting, the Parish Council adopts the General Power of Competence.**

## 6238 TERMS OF REFERENCE

The clerk circulated the current Terms of Reference for all Committees and Working Groups for review and adoption. As the Parish Council had agreed to a name change for the Cooks Bay Steps Project Working Group, the Terms of Reference for this group need re-wording. It was:

**RESOLVED: That once the name change has been included, all the Terms of Reference presented are adopted by the Parish Council.**

## 6239 CONSULTATIONS:

The Parish Council was given opportunity to comment on two local public consultations – The IW Council’s Customer Interface Proposal and the IW Council’s Affordable Housing Draft Supplementary Planning Document. It was:

**RESOLVED:**

**1) That the clerk reports on behalf of the Parish Council that:**

- a. That the call centre waiting times are too long
- b. That the IW Council considers a “free phone” number for residents to use.
- c. That a “generic” email address is published on the website for all departments.
- d. That the Parish Council makes no comment on the Affordable Housing Drat Supplementary Planning proposal but councillors are free to make their own comments.

## 6240 WHEELIE BIN ON THE SEAFROUNT

A local business owner had sent photographs of the overflowing wheelie bin which scattered rubbish along the sea front. It was reported that some weekend visitors are putting their rubbish in this bin instead of leaving it outside their properties for collection. The situation is worse when there is school holiday and more people are using the beach/green area. It was:

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**RESOLVED:** That the clerk requests additional emptying of the wheelie bin on a Thursday or Friday until the end of the August to a sum not exceeding £250.00

### **6241 FINANCE**

The clerk presented the Financial situation and it was:

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) That cheque payments of £2230.44 are approved.
- 2) That the Petty Cash payments of £7.56 are approved.
- 3) That a bank transfer of £10,000 is approved.
- 4) That the clerk continues with the paperwork to complete a move to the Unity Trust Bank and that both a current account and deposit account are opened, and that the clerk plus two of the four authorised councillors are required for the transaction, except the transfer of funds from the deposit account to the current account.
- 5) That the Grants Panel recommendation are agreed in that grants are awarded to:

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| A. Gurnard Primary School            | £250.00 |
| Ist Gurnard Management Committee     | £250.00 |
| All Saints Church (for Gurnard News) | £300.00 |

B. That no grant is given to:

Gurnard Sea Wall Project – as they have already had large sums of public money for the project.

Isle Drive Safely – as they have already received £100 for wheelie bin stickers and that this is an Island Wide cause and not a Gurnard one

C. That £200 in left in the fund for future applications.
- 6) Councillors considered that the grant given to All Saints Church is for the printing cost for the Gurnard News, therefore this is an actual cost to the Parish Council for communicating with residents who do not use the computer. This will be re-considered in nine months' time.
- 7) The VAT refund of £2053.40 was received.

### **6242 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA**

- a. Gurnard Village Hall Association meeting to be held on 18 June 2015

The meeting closed at 8.37pm.

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CHAIRMAN