

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 7.00 pm.

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

PCSO Howard was unable to attend but sent a written report which had been circulated to members. There have been seven crimes during January in Gurnard and Northwood. The community priority was still stopping cycling in Cowes High Street.

PRESENTATION: By Paul Savill – Community Action (IW) gave a presentation about a new project “My life, a full life”. The aim of the project is to integrate services and information sharing to improve the care of the elderly and the vulnerable. On the Isle of Wight, there is 25% of the population over 65 compared to the average in the South East of 18%. The project is working with all agencies on the Isle of Wight, in the public, private and voluntary sectors. Parish and Town council can “make a pledge” to help with signposting people requiring services to the most appropriate source of help for them. The chairman thanked Paul for attending.

6158 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Youth Adviser Wilf Armfield.

6159 MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests
Councillor Fuller as member of the IW Council Planning Executive.
Councillor Spencer as a landowner for the item regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.
Councillors Bugden, Harrison and Jacobs as they live close to the Open Spaces Project.
- b. Dispensation requests
None received.

6160 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8 January 2015 be approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6161 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

- a. Councillor Nolan presented the three applications: It was:
RESOLVED: That the council supports the application P/01534/14
RESOLVED: That the council objects to the application P/01591/14 on the grounds that the parish council is concerned for the safety of the village hall users, particularly the toddlers and elderly, plus with the development housing affordable properties, the safety of the young families living there would be compromised. The parish council wishes to see that no footpaths are removed, and to lodge that there have been numerous complaints from hall users during the construction phase of the development.
RESOLVED: That the council makes no comments on the application P/00098/14 as the location is within the parish of Cowes and not Gurnard.

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- b. **There were three planning decisions received.**
- c. **There were no planning appeals reported**
- d. **There were no licencing applications received**
- e. **That the confirmation of Tree Preservation Orders/ 2014/46 received.** Councillors asked about the recent severe cut back of trees adjacent to the Gurnard Sailing Club on IW Council land.
ACTION: That the clerk contacts the Tree Officer at IW Council to confirm that there was permission for this action to be taken.

6162 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman had nothing to report this month.
- b. The Clerks Report had been circulated to all members.
- c. Councillor Fuller circulated his newsletter to members.
- d. IWALC Executive Committee meeting held on 15 January 2015. Councillor Javaid highlighted the councillor training that is available, a "hustings" event with the candidates for the IW Member of Parliament on April 1st and that two chairmen of local councils had been selected to attend the Garden Party At Buckingham Palace.
- e. Gurnard Village Hall Association meeting minutes held on 5 February 2015

6163 OAKLANDS DEVELOPMENT

There has been a lot of complaints about the disruption that the construction has caused to the Village Hall users. Details of a meeting held on 10 February 2015 between councillors Fuller, Harrison and Spencer with David Norville (Main Contractor), Jim Toogood (Contractor), Sarah Chatwin (agent for the Landowner) and the clerk was circulated to members. The meeting aimed to find a way to improve the situation as the contractor is keen to work hard with the parish council to achieve a smoother build. One way to improve the situation is for the parish clerk to act as a communication link between the main contractors (D. N. Associates), the Village Hall Association and the parish council. DN Associates have agreed to advise the clerk of any major disruption to the hall users during the build, so that information can be displayed on the notice board within the hall, and that the foreman will display the same information on a white board at the beginning of the lane. Any future problems should be relayed to the clerk who will contact the contractor. Mr. Norville has already laid additional gravel onto the lane to assist with the problems of drainage once it was established that a temporary storm drain could not be installed due to the topography of the land.

It was noted that as that as there had been numerous objections to the development at the planning stage this was always going to be a difficult build, but D.N. Associates will try hard to try and avoid difficult situations like not installing the services until after the election when the hall will be used all day. This will also mean that during the road closure (Island Roads are insisting on this), any evening access will be in the daylight.

A cheque was received from D. N. Associates for the first installment of £1,000 which was offered as a gesture of good will for the inevitable disruption that the construction will cause for hall users. This money (as previously reported) will be "ring fenced" for future major building maintenance or towards a replacement for the hall.

Councillor Fuller added that he has confirmed that Southern Housing who are buying and managing the affordable housing, must adhere to the local lettings policy which states that families within Gurnard will have the first option for the housing, then residents of Cowes and Northwood before other parts of the Island or the mainland. This is good news for the residents of Gurnard. It was:

ACTION: That Councillor Harrison and the clerk meet with the GHVA as soon as possible.

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6164 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – PUBLICATION SCHEME

An amended version of the policy was circulated to members

RESOLVED: The policy is reviewed with a few amendments required this year.

6165 LITTER PICK

The date of the spring litter pick was discussed and a request for volunteers to lead. It was

RESOLVED: That Councillors McKean and Spencer will lead a litter pick in the Tutton's Hill area on the 14th March 2015 – meet at the Village Hall at 10am.

Councillor Harrison advised of the major problem with dog mess in the village. Anyone can contact Island Roads who will come out and clean up the area within an hour of the call – 01983 822440.

6166 OPEN SPACES PROJECT

Minutes of the meeting held on 11 February 2015 were circulated to members. It was:

RESOLVED: That

- 1) **The Parish Council will sign the lease when received from the Isle of Wight Council if the terms are appropriate.**
- 2) **That a site visit will be arranged for members of the working party.**
- 3) **That a site visit for the IW Orchard Trust will be arranged to survey the trees.**
- 4) **That Mr T Butchers will be contacted about cutting the grass on the playing field.**
- 5) **That the parish council's insurers will be advised of the additional land once the lease is signed.**

Councillor Spencer left the room for this item.

6167 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Minutes of the meeting held on 22 January 2015 were circulated to members. Mr. Jon Pearson from the Steering Group provided a verbal update for members. It was:

RESOLVED: That

- 1) **That no site allocations for development will be included in the plan.**
- 2) **That no privately owned land will be included as an "open space".**

Councillor Spencer returned to the meeting.

6168 IWALC SUBSCRIPTION

The figure for subscriptions due for 2015/16 had been amended by the treasurer of IWALC from £301.58 to £291.04. It was

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council remains a member of IWALC and pays the annual subscription of £291.04.

6169 COUNCILLOR TRAINING

IWALC has offered free training during March for Councillors and Chairmanship training during April. It was

RESOLVED: That no councillors were able to attend the training offered by IWALC at this time, but would consider any future appropriate training.

6170 ELECTRONIC AGENDAS

The Local Government Act 1972 was amended on 30 January 2015 to allow the issue of electronic agendas. It was:

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RESOLVED: That all councillors will receive electronic agendas, but the clerk will provide hard copies for councillors at the meeting.

6171 COMMUNITY BUS

Councillor Fuller advised that the Isle of Wight Council is considering withdrawing the budget for the community buses across the Isle of Wight for the financial year 2015/16 and instead offering funding to clusters of Parish and Town councils to provide their own service. In this area, the number 32 currently services Gurnard, Cowes and Northwood. At this time, Northwood has not agreed to increase its precept (and has insufficient balances or contingency payments) to provide any funding for the service. The service could be provided with the IW Council funding, voluntary contributions and top ups from the parish and town councils. Councillor Fuller is working with councillors from Cowes and Northwood to find a way forward.

It was

RESOLVED: That Councillor Fuller continues to work with councillors from both Cowes and Gurnard to find a way of securing the future of the number 32 bus.

6172 ISLAND SUSTAINABLE FORUM

A questionnaire has been received from the Island Sustainable Forum regarding sustainable transport for proposed rights of way. Councillors considered walking, riding and horse riding routes required by the local community. It was

RESOLVED: That two projects would be suggested to the forum.

- 1) **A footpath along Cockleton Lane.**
- 2) **A footpath from Worsley Road across to Gurnard Primary School.**

6173 ISLE DRIVE SAFE

An email has been received from Mr. Neil Staley whose daughter was tragically killed in a car accident on the main Newport to Cowes Road. The family are working with local police authorities and other agencies to try and improve road safety. The Parish Council was fully supportive of the campaign. It was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) **That the parish council purchases £100 worth of the wheelie bin stickers.**
- 2) **That the parish clerk contacts the newsagents to see if they are willing to distribute the wheelie bin stickers free of charge and have a collection box for donations.**

6174 FINANCE

- a. The cheque payments were circulated. **RESOLVED: To approve cheque payments of £1,557.09**
- b. The petty cash payments were circulated. **RESOLVED: To approve the petty cash payments of £14.88**
- c. A final payment of grant towards the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan had been received.
RESOLVED: To receive the £700 balance of grant from the Community Development Foundation
- d. **RESOLVED: That £1,000 is transferred from the savings to the current account.**
- e. Mr. Mike Coles has resigned from his post as Internal Auditor. **RESOLVED: That Mrs. Julie Jeffers is appointed as Internal Auditor for the end of year accounts.**

6175 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- a. The Coastal Footpath
- b. The Beacon

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- c. Street Furniture
- d. Beach Cleaning – cost of top up contract and monitoring.
- e. Street Lighting in Princess Esplanade (Councillor Fuller)

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

CHAIRMAN