

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

**PRESENT: Councillors** Javaid (Chair), Bugden, Fuller, McKean, McNeil and Nolan. Youth Adviser Bronwyn Westmore and 7 members of the public. Another two members of the public arrived later on. Many questions were asked on the agenda items during the meeting.

**PCSO Howard** was unable to attend but sent a report which was circulated to members. There were 7 reported crimes in Northwood and Gurnard which is an increase from 4 for February last year. Although patrols are still checking on cyclists in Cowes High Street, none were stopped during February.

**PRESENTATION:** Mr Andrew Hitt (Architect) and Mr Phil Salmon (Planning Consultant) advised of the new planning application which will be made for 34 Worsley Road. The previous application P/01703/11, was supported by the Parish Council was for 14 sheltered units plus guest suite and manager office. This new application will apply for 11 units of mixed tenure, some bungalows with some 3 and 4 bedroomed houses, over both two and three levels without the restriction. The units will not provide any affordable housing, but will be sold at market value, as the site is too expensive. Although it is a mainland developer who is making the application, they have provided work on the Island before (with a development in Ryde) and will use local tradesman. Questions were asked about the need for this amount of housing in Gurnard as the Housing Needs survey shows that only 19 new homes were required and this is already fulfilled by other developments, and that many locals were looking forward to downsizing their existing family homes to move into the proposed sheltered accommodation. Concerns were also raised about building within the recognised "gap" of the Jordan Valley. Advice was given that this proposed development has housing across the back of the site, therefore encroachment would not be possible. As this was the first stage in a consultation period before the application is made, Councillor Fuller suggested that he carries out a letter drop to residents adjacent to the site and holds a public meeting. Councillor Javaid thanked them both for attending.

#### **6176 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Harrison, Jacobs and Spencer.

#### **6177 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests  
Councillor Bugden as she lives close to the Open Spaces Project.
- b. Dispensation requests  
None received.

#### **6178 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12 February 2015 be amended (minute number (6163), approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.**

#### **6179 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS**

- a. Councillor Nolan presented the two applications: It was:

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**RESOLVED: That the council supports the application numbered: P/00153/15 and P/00218/15**

- b. **There were three planning decisions received.**
- c. **There were no planning appeals reported.**
- d. **There were no licensing applications received.**
- e. **That there were no Tree Preservation Orders received.** Cllr Nolan spoke about the severe pruning of the trees by the Gurnard Sailing Club. The clerk had checked with the IW Council and they were not subject to a Tree Preservation Order. It was:

**RESOLVED: That the Parish Council takes steps to protect the remainder of the trees on the site by requesting a TPO for them.**

### **6180 THE FOLLOWING REPORTS were received**

- 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 and no questions were asked.
- d. Notes from the West Wight Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy (2014 – 16) meeting held on 9 February 2015 were received.
- e. Notes from the Local Access Forum meeting held on 19 February 2015 were received. Councillor Nolan added that he found the meeting very informative, particularly the confirmation that all coastal paths on the Isle of Wight will have the necessary work started by 2020.
- f. Notes from the meeting of the Gurnard Village Hall Associations with the Chairman held on 20 February 2015 were received.
- g. Minutes of the meeting of the Medina Valley Area Action Plan Group held on 24 February 2015 were received.
- h. Notes from the Planning training were received.

### **6181 OPEN SPACES PROJECT**

a) A copy of the draft lease from IW council was circulated to members. There was much discussion about the contents of the lease It was:

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) **That the clerk seeks legal advice from the Local Government Association via IWALC before the lease is signed.**
- 2) **That once the lease is agreed, the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Clerk all sign the document on behalf of the Parish Council**

b) Notes from the site visit held on 26 February had been circulated to members. Some members raised concerns about the long term viability of the project with Community Volunteers and if there was access to water on the site for the possible Community Growing Scheme. Councillor Fuller advised that the project was still in its early stages, but several community volunteers have shown an interest in the project. Therefore it was:

**RESOLVED: That Councillor Fuller provides a full proposal (including the names of the committee members) and costs of the project to the next meeting of the council.**

### **6182 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The consultant forwarded a new draft plan incorporating the changes requested by the Steering Group. Members were happy with the design and layout of the new draft. The wording of one of the policies was discussed as the consultant had raised a query regarding the “gap”. Also discussed was

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the possibility of reviewing the Housing Needs Survey towards the end of its five year cycle. The chairman of the Steering Group is working with members to conclude the final wording for the draft plan before the next stage of public consultation. It was:

**RESOLVED: That the wording – “to prevent the settlement coalescence” is used in preference to the word “gap”.**

### 6182 THE BEACON

The Beacon magazine has been contacting all Town and Parish councils offering for them to be included in the monthly articles for delivery to all homes in the area. The potential costs had been circulated to members. Members advised that delivery of the Beacon was sketchy in Gurnard whereas the Gurnard News has a much wider coverage. It was

**RESOLVED: The clerk declines the offer of a monthly article in the Beacon.**

### 6183 STREET FURNITURE

A local tradesman had been instructed to repair/refurbish the Parish Council notice Board and the two map boards. When he started the work, he found that the two map boards were beyond repair and required replacing. He provided a report and quotation for this. It was

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) **That the map boards are removed and not replaced**
- 2) **That a map of the village is added to the Parish Council website**
- 3) **That a map of the village is installed on the Parish Council noticeboard.**

### 6184 COASTAL FOOTPATH

An update from the IW Council Rights of Way team had been received and circulated to members. Much discussion took place particularly as a petition signed by 415 people had been given to the Parish Council asking for the re-instatement of the footpath from Thorness through to the Luck. Members were keen not to cause any delays to the project which the Rights of Way team are handling. It was:

**RESOLVED: That the clerk contacts the Rights of Way team, thanking them for their progress to date and requesting a monthly update which can be reported to members and residents.**

### 6185 REQUEST FOR FUNDING TOWARDS REPAIRS TO THE SEA WALL

A request from the project leader had been received and was circulated to members. Councillor Fuller advised that the Rights of Way team are making a donation towards the project as the rebuilding of the sea wall will enable them to re-instate the footpath from the Luck to Solent View Road. It was:

**RESOLVED: That the clerk advises the project leader to make a formal grant application which will be considered during the next financial year.**

### 6186 PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

At the meeting with the main contractor of the Oaklands development, it was pointed out the installation of the road through would cause problems for the existing parking bays at the front of the village hall. The GVHA had anticipated the problem and produced a plan to overcome it. This had been forwarded to the contractor for a quotation. The clerk had been advised that planning permission would be required for this due to the engineering involved. Having attended a site visit with the contractor, it is unclear as the line of the new road, and how this will impact on the existing parking bays. It was:

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## RESOLVED:

- 1) That Councillor McNeil assists the clerk by investigating the plans contained within the lease documents to determine the actual boundary of the Village Hall
- 2) That legal advice regarding the parking is sought from the LGA via IWALC.

## 6187 FINANCE

- a. The cheque payments were circulated. **RESOLVED: To approve cheque payments of £3, 269.34**
- b. There no petty cash payments.
- c. **RESOLVED: That £2,000 is transferred from the savings to the current account.**
- d. Electronic Banking – following the recommendation by the Financial Working Group, the clerk has completed further research.  
**RESOLVED: That the clerk continues the research but the existing bank account and cheque system remains in place until the full information is available**
- e. At the December meeting, members agreed to “top up” the statutory IW Council contract for beach cleaning to maintain the existing levels of cleanliness. Two separate figures had been received by the IW Council. It was:  
**RESOLVED: That the figure of £425 is accepted from the contractor to “top up” the existing statutory service provided by the IW Council.**
- f. Three applications for small grants had been received and recommendations made by the Grants Panel. It was:  
**RESOLVED:**
  - 1) That £150 is granted to the Gurnard Toddler Group
  - 2) That the other two applications are held over to the new financial year to be considered by the new Grants Panel appointed in May, and that the clerk writes to those organisations advising the of the situation.

## 6188 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- a. Survey regarding Youth Services (Bronwyn and Wilf)
- b. Response to the IW Council consultation of charges for Respite Care and Sitting services

The meeting closed at 9 pm.

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CHAIRMAN