

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 8 January 2015 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Javaid (Chair), Bugden, Fuller (arrived at 8pm), McKean, Nolan and Spencer.

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PCSO Howard was unable to attend but sent a written report which had been circulated to members. There have been five crimes during December in Gurnard and Northwood.

6141 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Harrison, Jacobs and McNeil.

6142 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests
None received.
- b. Dispensation requests
None received.

6143 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12 December 2014 be approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6144 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

- a. Councillor Nolan presented the four applications:

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT:

1) The council make no objections to the following applications:

- (1) P/01518/14 – The Byre, Rew Street
- (2) P/01519/14 – LBC The Byre, Rew Street
- (3) P/01500/14 – Marsh Cottage, Rew Street

2) That the council objects to the application:

P/01556/14 – 7 Hornhill, Rew Street on the grounds that it represents overdevelopment of the site and that although the roof space has been lowered, the footprint is still too large.

- b. There were no planning decisions received.
- c. There were no planning appeals reported
A member of the public asked to speak regarding the planning appeal for the Place Road application. An appeal has been lodged but not yet validated, and it will only be a desktop appeal. The Planning Inspector will review all the evidence (including the 500 objections) and make a site visit but will not allow any representations except from the developer and planning department. Grave concerns have been expressed that the council officer who previously recommended the application is now responsible for the appeal. The Parish Council will be given chance to make another written representation. Therefore it was:

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RESOLVED: That

The clerk writes to the Head of Planning – Mr. Bill Murphy expressing the concerns of the Parish Council both with the desktop appeal and the officer representing the council.

- d. There were no licencing applications received
- e. There were no Tree Preservation Orders received.

6145 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman – nothing to report.
- b. Clerks Report had been circulated to all members.
- c. Cllr Fuller circulated his newsletter to members. An opportunity for questions to Cllr Fuller was made upon his arrival.
- d. Cllr Javaid provided a verbal report on his attendance at the Southern Water Authority Workshop held on 3rd December 20104. He advised that it was held at a very nice venue, and provided a very interesting day. The most interesting part of the day were the presentations on how the water resources are managed and ways of make greater efficiency, particularly working with communities and business's to find ways to reduce water usage and therefore bills.

6146 COMMUNITY BUS

This item was moved to the end of the agenda awaiting the arrival of Cllr Fuller.

6147 CONFIRMATION OF CONTRACTS

a) Wheelie Bin on the Seafront

For summer 2014, a Biffa wheelie bin was installed by the slipway. This greatly reduced the amount of litter left in the area. This cost the council £487.07 for the season. Biffa have been unable to provide a confirmed quotation until April as they are waiting to find out the cost of the landfill tax from the government, although they estimate a 10% increase in rental and cost of emptying. Discussion also centered the need to provide this service all year round with monthly empties in the winter period. There is £700 in the budget for this expense.

b) Grass Cutting for Gurnard Heights

The Parish Council paid £130 last summer for the verge at Gurnard Heights to be cut. The price this year is increasing to £10.50 per hour instead of £10. The number of cuts is dependent on the weather. There is £200 in the budget for this expense.

It was:

RESOLVED: That

- 1) **A wheelie bin is installed from 01/04/15 for the whole year with empties on a weekly basis to 31/10/15 and then monthly empties from 01/11/15 to 31/03/16.**
- 2) **That Garden Tidy are contracted to carry out the grass cutting in Gurnard Heights for summer 2015.**

6148 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

The clerk requested that all councillors review their Registers of Interest which are published on the Isle of Wight Council website (link from Gurnard Parish Council).

It was:

RESOLVED: That no changes are required.

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6149 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Parish Council must hold an Annual Parish Meeting during the period 1st March and 1st June. Possible speakers were discussed and councillors were asked to provide and serve refreshments. It was:

RESOLVED: That

- 1) **The date of the Annual Parish meeting will be Thursday 16th April**
- 2) **That the Badger Trust and new management of Gurnard Pines are invited to make a presentation about their future plans**
- 3) **That Cllr Spencer purchases Cheese and Wine for the event and serves them.**
- 4) **That an article is placed in the Gurnard News requesting nominations for a Parish Award.**

6150 GRANTS PANEL

An amount of £1, 000 has been agreed in the budget for payment of grants to local groups. It was:

RESOLVED: That a Grants Panel is appointed at the annual meeting along with all other committees and working groups.

6151 VILLAGE FLOOD PLAN

An amended and updated Village Flood Plan had been circulated to members. It was:

RESOLVED: That the amended Village Flood Plan is accepted.

6152 IW COUNCIL CONSULTATION

The draft consultation papers for the Highway Amenity Permission Policy (Tables & Chairs, A-Board and other objects placed on the Highway) had been circulated to members. It was:

RESOLVED: That the council has no comments to make on this consultation document.

6153 COASTAL FOOTPATH

Following the October meeting of the council, a letter was written to the IW Council asking them to keep the Parish Council informed of progress regarding their discussions with land owners. An email has been received advising that preliminary talks have taken place but further discussion will be taking place. It was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) **That the clerk contacts the IW Council about re-opening the part of the path that is useable (1.5 miles from Thorness and back.**
- 2) **That if no further information is received, the clerk requests an update in time for a March agenda item.**

6154 IW COUNTY TRAINING PARTNERSHIP – SPRING SEMINAR

The date, location and draft timetable of the event had been circulated to members. The cost is £25 per head to attend which includes hot and cold soft drinks and lunch. It was:

RESOLVED: That the clerk plus Cllr Javaid will attend on Monday 16th March 2015 at the Riverside Centre at a cost of £25 per head.

After the meeting Cllr Harrison expressed an interest in the training, so this will now cost £75.00

Cllr Fuller arrived at 8pm.

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6155 FINANCE

- a. The cheque payments were circulated. **RESOLVED: Approve cheque payments of £1,806.78.**
- b. There were no petty cash payments.
- c. **RESOLVED: That £1,000 is transferred from the savings to the current account.**
- d. **RESOLVED: That the grant of £500 is paid to the Gurnard Village Hall Association**
- e. The budget expenditure to 31 December 2014 were circulated to members.
RESOLVED: That the figures are received and agreed, and that the £394 previously shown under the budget heading of IT is “vired” to the contingency and the move of resources. Stationery and IT headings have now been combined.

6156 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

- a. Review Freedom of Information Act – publications scheme
- b. Date and volunteers for the Spring litter pick
- c. Open Spaces Project – response from IW Council
- d. Update on Neighbourhood Plan
- e. Place Road Planning Application appeal update.

bFollowing Cllr Fuller’s arrival, these items were discussed.

6157 IW COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Cllr Fuller was questioned about the junction box on the corner of Tilbury Road and Church Road which had been previously graffitid. Cllr Fuller will chase Island Roads for action.

The Postal service was also raised as the post box in Worsley Road is now scheduled for a last collection at 9am in the morning (although there is a later collection from Solent View Road). Cllr Fuller will contact Royal Mail to enquire about switching the two collection times as Worsley Road is the most used post box in the village.

Cllr Fuller also asked all councillors to note when “gritting” is carried out. Only the main roads are covered by Island Roads.

6158 COMMUNITY BUS

Cllr Fuller advised the Saturday service has now been withdrawn, but the Monday service is being continued for three months by using the voluntary contributions to fund it. The IW Council is considering withdrawing the £144,000 funds for the Island wide community bus service, so local Town and Parishes councils may be asked to fund it instead. This would cost approximately £800 per year per parish.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN