

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Thursday 9 July 2015 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Harrison, (Chair), Fuller, Jacobs (7.06 pm), McKean, Nolan and Spencer.

PCSO Howard issued a report which was circulated to members and was available for questions. He wished to point out the new staffing arrangements at Cowes and that the number of crimes circulated (18) includes the area of Cowes West – as per the IW Council Ward Councillor Boundaries. The clerk had shown the figures for Gurnard alone to be 9 crimes during the month of June, of which 6 of these occurred at Gurnard Pines Holiday Village. Derek advised that the new PACT meetings will be starting soon, Councillor Fuller will represent Gurnard, and that a letter drop to all residents was under way to help establish the community priorities. Questions were asked about the crimes at Gurnard Pines – this information is freely available by using the website www.crimereports.co.uk. Another question was asked about parking particularly around Gurnard Primary School, and if this had been highlighted by residents. Derek advised that parking is an IW Council issue, and although so far 200 replies had been received, no-one had mentioned this. Speeding is another issue, and the previous Speedwatch programme had been successful, but they now require a Community Volunteer to co-ordinate the programme. Councillor Fuller will mention this in his report, Beacon Article and Gurnard News. Full training will be provided to the new co-ordinator.

There were no questions from the two members of the public who attended when they arrived at 7.15pm.

6243 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Budgen, Javaid and McNeil.

6244 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests
Councillor Fuller declared an Interest in his role within Planning at IW Council.
- b. Dispensation requests
None received.

6245 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 11 June 2015 were approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6246 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

- a. There were two planning applications to consider – P/00613/15 Land to the rear of 44 Worsley Road and P/00510/15 3 Church Road. Councilor McKean Declared an Interest as she lives in Worsley Lane and Councillor Jacobs Declared an Interest as the new bungalows will back on the Scout Hut – both application number P/00613/15. It was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council makes no objections to planning applications numbered P/00613/15 or P/00510/15, although in respect of P/00613/15 wished to raise their concerns about the additional vehicles which will be using the lane.

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- 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.
- f.
 - 1) A request from Island Roads was received requesting that councillors consider three names for the new road into the development at the rear of 44 Worsley Road.
 - 2) A request from Island Roads was received with an alternative name for the road leading to the new development -The Glen, 34 Worsley Road. It was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) That first choice for the road would be “Westbrook Close” as this reflects the history of the site**
- 2) That the Parish Council are happy to approve the name Glen Place.**

6247 THE FOLLOWING REPORTS were received

- a. Parish Council Chairman advised that he was very proud to have received his MBE from the Queen’s Birthday Honours and wished to thank those who had nominated and supported the application. The award recognised his voluntary work, particularly the Firefighters Charity, but also his work for the Parish Council and Cowes Enterprise College.
- b. The Clerks Report had been circulated to all members – it was noted that the Village Clock was still not working – Councillor Fuller will mention this in his report and Beacon article and the clerk was asked to include it in Village Talk. Thank You Letters have been received from all three successful grant recipients.
- c. Councillor Fuller circulated his newsletter to members. He updated councillors following a meeting held earlier that evening with residents of Cow Lane. Gurnard Pre-School was granted planning permission to use an entrance from Cow Lane to their premises three years ago. The Primary School has now insisted that this access is used instead of using the school entrance for Safeguarding purposes. The problem is that Cow Lane is very narrow with no footpath and some residents have large vehicles and they are worried about knocking down the very young children and their siblings. Councillor Fuller has advised them to raise this as a Safeguarding issue with Hampshire County Council, as they have not had any successful negotiations with the school. It was suggested that contacting the School Governors and raising the concerns might also be useful. Councillor Fuller also advised that in his report, the problem of parking outside of the school has been highlighted and work for a suitable solution has been started.
- d. Notes from the Planning meeting held on 19 June 2015 were received. It was noted that due to the budget cuts, staff at IW Council Planning Department will no longer be issuing paper copy of plans and that comments should be added directly to the council website. Gurnard Parish Council already uses an electronic method of showing plans and comments are added to the website. Councillor Fuller added that letters will no longer be sent to adjoining properties but he will continue to provide a service of letter drops to residents for any large developments.
- e. Councillor McKean provided a verbal report about the GVHA meeting held on 18 June 2015 as no minutes had been received. The recent problems with limited access to the hall was the main discussion point and the annual maintenance which will result in the hall being closed from 17 to 31 August 2015.

6248 OPEN SPACES PROJECT

The lease conditions have now been agreed and the disposal of the land will be advertised in the Isle of Wight County Press on 10 July 2015. Any objections to the proposal have to be lodged by 24 July. Further removal of ragwort has been completed by volunteers. A resident had questioned the article

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in the Gurnard Village News which mentioned some “snags” with the lease conditions. Councillor Fuller offered to provide a full explanation if required.

6249 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Bede Townsend (Chair of the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group) provided a written update which had been circulated to members. A Landscape Assessment has been commissioned which has resulted in the postponement of the Public Consultation as the document is not yet complete.

6250 COASTAL FOOTPATH

A further update from the IW Council Rights of Way team had been received stating that “they are pleased to report that the Downer family have now agreed in principle to a path being opened up across their land which will lead to the reopening of the coastal path from Gurnard Luck to Thorness. The necessary formal documentation has been submitted to the Solicitors acting for the Downer family and we are pressing for this to be completed as quickly as possible in order to avoid any further delay in this very important stretch of the coastal path being reopened. The current estimated timescale for reopening the path will be in time for the start of the school summer holidays”. They also advised that “I would like to mention that the reopening of the path is only possible with the kind cooperation of the Downer family who have asked me to specifically draw this to the attention of the Parish Council. They have also asked me to acknowledge the support of Councillor Fuller”. Councillor Fuller was thanked by the Parish Council for all his work on the project. The Parish Council is very pleased with the outcome and appreciate the Downer family’s help in ensuring the footpath re-opens.

6251 COOKS BAY ACCESS PROJECT WORKING GROUP

Councillor Nolan advised that access to Cooks Bay was not possible at the moment but due to the update received from the Rights of Way team at IW Council, no further meetings had taken place. Via the clerk he had requested sight of a plan showing the location of proposed new footpath to include both the entrance and beach access, this was shared with members.

6252 PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

- a. The clerk was tasked with contacting the contractor to try and resolve the various issues raised by GVHA. This resulted in a site visit on 9 July 2015 at 2pm where the issues were raised and discussed with the Main Contractor (Mr. D. N. Norville of D. N. Associates and Steve Gustar Site Manager). A report was shared with councillors which will be forwarded to the GVHA. The clerk was thanked for all her efforts.
- b. A report of the meeting held between the Parish Council and the Village Hall Association on the 1 July 2015 had been circulated to members. The clerk has been tasked with contacting the developer to try and resolve the issues raised from that meeting. GHVA were unhappy that in their view the Parish Council has “done nothing” in regard to all the problems that they and the hall users were experiencing. The clerk was asked to provide evidence of all the work that had been completed in the background – this included sending and receiving 79 emails, attending and taking notes at 5 meetings (including 2 with GVHA), 23 telephone calls with the contractor and preparation of monthly reports for the Parish Council for the last six months.

6253 APOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES.

Following vacancies from the Annual Meeting, it was

RESOLVED: that

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- 1) Due to illness Councillor Javid was unable to attend the meeting, so he was not appointed to any commitments.
- 2) Councillor Jacobs was invited to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee and in the absence of any other volunteers was duly appointed

6254 REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Councillors were advised to review their own Register of Interests. Councillors Fuller and Spencer accepted the paperwork to complete new registers as they both had some amendments to make. Once completed, these will be sent to County Hall to be uploaded to the IW Council website.

6255 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER POLICY

The clerk presented an amended version of the policy to include the responsibility of Island Roads. It was:

RESOLVED: To accept the amendments to the Crime and Disorder Policy.

6256 LITTER PICK

It was agreed to hold a Village Litter Pick in October 2015. It was:

RESOLVED: That Councillor McKean will lead the Litter Pick on Saturday 3 October 2015. The location will be decided nearer the time and the clerk will provide the Risk Assessment and supplies.

6257 ACCESS TO GURNARD PINES

It was reported to the clerk that large articulated lorries are accessing Gurnard Pines by driving down Cockleton Lane where the access is restricted to vehicles no wider than 6 foot 6 inches. The clerk contacted Island Road who advised that it is an offence to drive along this part of Cockleton Lane with a large vehicle and this could be enforced by the Police. The route that should be used is Tuttons Hill, Worsley Road, Solent View Road, Lower Church Road and Cockleton Lane (approaching from the south). To leave, the route should be reversed. It was:

RESOLVED: That the clerk contacts the manager of Cowes Club (who operate the Spar Shop) advising them of the problem and providing the route as per the Island Roads email.

6241 FINANCE

The clerk presented the financial situation and it was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) That cheque payments of £3,871.45 are approved.
- 2) That the Petty Cash payments of £9.76 are approved.
- 3) That the quarterly expenditure against the budget is received and approved.

6242 ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS AGENDA

Local Transport – Service 35 Bus which of which 10% of its users reside in Gurnard (Councillor Fuller).

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN