



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Thursday 14 April 2016 at 7.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors: Harrison (Chair), Bugden, Fuller, Jacobs, McKean, McNeill and Nolan.

PSCOs Howard was unable to attend the meeting but sent a written report which had previously been circulated to members. There were three crimes in Gurnard during March, which was greatly reduced from the same period last year. The community priorities remain the same.

There were five members of the public present, and several questions were raised.

One resident asked about the service charge for Westbrook Lane – this item is on the agenda and her concerns will be included in the discussion.

Another resident provided an update on the development at Place Road. After discussions with local residents, a revision to the planning permission is being lodged for the first 12 homes – with a change of appearance to fit into the local street character. Phase one work should start this summer.

Another two residents wish to raise the question of the lack of a bus from the village to Newport. Councillor Fuller will take up this issue directly with them. Councillor Harrison advised of the “optio” car scheme which is provided by Age UK which could assist.

Another resident volunteered to provide the “Gurnard in Bloom” for the village. She has offered her services together with her nephew who is also involved with the Open Spaces Project. This offer will be considered as an agenda item next month.

6356 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Spencer.

6357 MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests

Councillor Fuller declared a non- pecuniary interest as a paid member of the Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Harrison declared a non- pecuniary interest as he is an employee of the Isle of Wight Council.

b. Dispensation requests

There were no written dispensation requests.

6358 MINUTES

RESOLVED: The minutes of the extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 31 March 2016 are approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

6359 PLANNING, LICENSING AND TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

a. There were no planning application this month

b. There was one planning decision received.

c. There were no planning appeals reported.

d. There were no licensing applications received

e. There were no Tree Preservation Orders received.

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6360 THE FOLLOWING REPORTS were received

- a. The Parish Council Chairman had nothing to report this month except to advise that on behalf of the Parish Council, he is attending the Beacon Lighting ceremony to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.
- b. The Clerks Report had been circulated to all members – it requested attendees for the Blyskawica and Queen's 90th birthday church service celebrations – no-one volunteered to attend. The draft Neighbourhood Plan is now available for consultation and posters were issued.
- c. Councillor Fuller's report has been circulated to all members, he added about the Place Road planning application and problems raised by residents with the new waste contract. He reminded residents that assisted collections can be arranged by telephoning 01983 823777.
- d. Notes from the Spring Seminar were received and noted. The item about clustering with other local parishes and the construction of a business plan for all Town and Parish councils was discussed and this will for an agenda item in June.
- e. Notes from the Open Spaces Project meeting held on 30 March 2016 were circulated to members. There was much discussion about the sustainability of the project and the need for it to become self-sustaining – an action plan prepared by the Working Group was provided for members. It was:
RESOLVED:
 - 1) That the Parish Council funds a mown path up to the top of the site as per the quotation provided - £50 initial cut and then £20 per cut as required (to a maximum of 16 cuts per annum).
 - 2) That the Parish Council funds £500 employ the services of Gift to Nature to manage the site and assist with funding applications, and they are asked to provide evidence of their work elsewhere on the Island.
- f. The minutes of the meeting of the Gurnard Village Hall Association held on 31 March 2016 were received and noted

6361 SERVICE CHARGE FOR WESTBROOK LANE.

The clerk presented a response to the second letter sent to the agent. A meeting had been called with the WI and GVHA to which the clerk attended and provided a written report. Councillors were unhappy with the response from the 2nd letter sent to the agent, and the demand sent to the Village Hall Association. A quotation had been received for obtaining legal advice of £180 per hour, but they were unsure of how long it would take as legal disputes could last several years. The WI has maintained the lane since 1934 until 2006, and then the GVHA took over at their own cost with no payment from the landowner.

It was:

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the amount due for payment is disputed on the grounds of:-
 - a) the ambiguity of the formula used and the questions raised remaining unanswered.
 - b) the road surface is not complete (left with raised ironworks and no top surface), and will be further damaged during the construction of phases 2 and 3 of the development.
- 2) That the WI and GVHA are asked to provide evidence and accounts (where possible) to confirm that they have maintained the lane themselves since 1934.
- 3) That the clerk contacts the 1st Tier Property Tribunal requesting some free legal assistance in the matter.

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- 4) That if current avenues fail and legal advice is sought, the Parish Council would be happy to work in partnership with the WI and GFVHA on a shared cost basis.

6362 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

- a) The West Wight Coastal Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy consultation was presented by the clerk.
b) The Isle of Wight Local Flood Risk Management Strategy consultation was presented by the clerk.

Councillor Fuller advised that this was the start of the three month consultation period and that he intends to carry out a letter drop to residents in the affected areas, it was

RESOLVED: That this item is carried over to the June 2016 meeting.

6363 SHORE ROAD

Councillor Nolan presented a written report regarding the on-going problem of the road surface in Shore Road, and talked through the report for members. Councillor Fuller reported on the contents of a meeting held that morning with Island Roads, who have agreed to provide a survey (which will involve the road being closed for a short while), and monthly monitoring as the main problem appears to be with the services under the road provided by Southern Water and Southern Gas Networks. It was:

RESOLVED: That the clerk writes to Island Roads enclosing a copy of Councillor Fuller's report, expressing the Parish Council's concerns after receiving a number of complaints from residents, and requesting that they are informed of the date of the site visit.

6364 FINANCE

The clerk presented:

- a) Electronic and cheque payments of £2,043.65 were presented.
b) The Annual Financial Statement for the year 2016/16 was presented.
c) The Annual expenditure against the budget was presented.
d) The Internal Auditors Report for the year ended 31 March 2016 was presented.
e) The Annual Return and Governance Statement was presented.
f) A report regarding the introduction of a monthly bank charge of £6.00 is being introduced.

It was:

RESOLVED:

- a) That the electronic payments of £2,043.65 are approved.
b) That the Annual Financial Statement is accepted, approved and signed by the Charmain
c) That the Annual expenditure against the budget is accepted and approved.
d) That the Internal Auditors Report is accepted and approved.
e) That the Annual Return and Governance Statement is accepted, approved and signed by the Chairman.
f) That the Parish Council accepts that a fee of £6.00 per month will be levied on the Parish Council Bank Account.

6365 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a) Fight for the Wight campaign
b) The construction of a Business Plan for the Parish Council (June agenda)
c) Gurnard in Bloom

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6366 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was:

RESOLVED That In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted

The clerk left the room whilst the following item was discussed.

6367 CLERK'S APPRAISAL

The notes from the meeting of the Personnel Working Group held on 6 April 2016 were received. It was:

RESOLVED

- 1) That after completion of another successful appraisal, that the Parish Council increases the clerk's salary by one point on the Spinal Colum point (from 25 – 26 – increasing the annual cost by £392.08).**
- 2) That the additional 12 hours worked above the 20 per week is paid in overtime. It was noted that an additional 20 hours work was sanctioned by the Parish Council for work on the Neighbourhood Plan – minute number 6031d refers, but only 12.25 was claimed.**
- 3) That the Parish Council continues with the Local Government Pension Scheme payments for the clerk to fulfil its stakeholder pension commitments.**

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.

CHAIRMAN