

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at the Village Hall, Gurnard on Thursday 29 January 2015 at 7.00pm.

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

There were 2 members of the Public.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Spencer.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY & NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There was a declaration of interest received from Cllr Fuller as an executive member of the Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 23 December 2015 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

PLANNING & LICENSING APPLICATIONS

- a. **RESOLVED: that the Parish Council supports the following applications:**
Application Numbers: P/01581/14, P/01528/14, P/01529/14
- b. **RESOLVED: That the Parish Council received the planning decisions**
P/01398/14 4 Woodvale Close
- c. Cllr Fuller advised that he had held a public meeting for residents on Monday 26th January at the Isle of Wight Community Club. Some 31 people attended. Cllr Fuller listened to the concerns and at the end of the meeting wording for a statement was established. After much discussion (including concerns raised from the members of the public), it was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council objects to the planning appeal for application no: P/01307/13 on the grounds that Gurnard Parish Council supports the decision to refuse the planning application for the following reasons:

- That the Parish Council wishes to emphasise that the river Jordan and the fields either side act as a natural green gap and a wildlife corridor separating the town of Cowes and the villages of Gurnard and Northwood.
- Through the extensive survey of the Gurnard Parish residents and the Isle of Wight Council SHLA survey there is clear evidence of the importance of the green gap between the two settlements to be retained. This evidence has been collected both from the Housing Needs survey (adopted by IW Council) and the general survey of 2012.
- The council is also disappointed that the developer has not carried out the required consultation (Localism Act 2011) with the local residents or council. This may have resulted in less confrontation from local residents if developers listened to their concerns.
- As the developers did not consult with Gurnard Parish Council, no account of the consultation with local residents collected for the preparation of the draft of the Neighbourhood Plan was taken into account.

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- **The Parish Council would also like to reiterate their original objections to the planning application:**
- there is no evidential need for 86 dwellings in the Parish of Gurnard.
- that this is a Greenfield site and existing Brownfield sites should be used first
- that settlement coalescence would be adversely affected by closing the gaps between Gurnard, Northwood & Cowes
- that the adopted Gurnard Housing Needs Survey report only identifies a need for 19 houses and no developments of more than 10 units
- that there has been no consultation with the community
- that the proposals amount to overdevelopment of the site and overwhelm the Village
- that there are identified badger sett and wildlife disruption concerns
- that it would increase pressure on the infrastructure and cause increase traffic in the area that the existing highways could not support.

Cllr Jane McKean left the meeting at 7.20pm.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

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Chairman