

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 13 December 2017 at 7.00pm.

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

There were four members of the public present.

PSCO Derek Howard sent a written report which was circulated to members ahead of the meeting. There were three reported crimes in Gurnard for November compared to three in November 2016. The community priorities have been updated at the PACT meeting held on 8 December 2017 at Cowes Library.

6646 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received as all councillors were present.

6647 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Fuller declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he is a member of the Isle of Wight Council. Councillor Harrison declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he is employed by the Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Bugden and Jacobs declared non-pecuniary interests in that they are both on the Gurnard Village Hall Association.

Councillor Jacobs declared a pecuniary interest in the item regarding grants as he is the Chairman of the 1st Gurnard Management Committee and so left the room for this item.

b. Dispensation requests

Written dispensation requests were received and granted by the clerk for councillors Bugden, Harrison, Jacobs, McKean and Nolan to enable them to take part in the budget and precept setting agenda item, as they all declared a pecuniary interest in this item due to them living within the parish boundary.

6648 MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED:

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2017 were read and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6649 PLANNING

a) There were two planning applications to consider. It was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council makes no objections to the following applications:- P/01354 Cats Copse, West View Road and P/01440/17 25 Shore Road.

b) There were four planning decisions received.

6650 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman had nothing to report this month.

b. Parish Clerk

The Clerk provided a report which advised councillors that the final grant amount of £2,000.00 has now been claimed from Tesco for Cockleton Meadow.

c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller circulated a copy of his report which covered his activities in the past month. He added that following lots of objections from residents regarding the plans for the Watersedge Cafe, the planning department has advised that no decision on this application will be made before

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Christmas. He also advised that he attended one of the meetings with Natural England regarding the coastal path around the Isle of Wight. He has suggested that footpath CS35 is considered to prevent people having to use the road along the Marsh. Although this action would result in walkers travelling further away from the coast, it would be a safer option. Councillor Nolan also attended one of these meetings and his report will be discussed as a later agenda item.

- d. The notes from the meeting held on 13 November and subsequent meeting held on 21 November 2017 to improve accessibility within the village were received and noted. Several councillors raised complaints about the quality of the pavement work in Church Rod which has resulted in trip hazards. This will form an agenda item at a later meeting.
- e. The minutes from the Gurnard Village Hall Association meeting held on 16 November were received and noted.
- f. The minutes from the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils meeting held on 16 November 2017 were received and noted.
- g. The notes from the Meeting of Chairmen and clerks with IW Council held on 20 November 2017 were received and noted.
- h. The notes from the Celebration of the Community Bus Service held on 22 November 2017 and attended by Councillor Orrey were received and noted.
- i. The notes from the Age Friendly Champions meeting held on 27 November 2017 and attended by Councillor Bugden were received and noted.
- j. The notes from the Financial Working Group meeting held on 29 November 2017 were received. It was:-

RESOLVED:

- (i) That a budget of £56,000.00 was agreed for 2018/19 which will provide a slight increase in the precept paid by the residents of Gurnard, dependent on the tax base.
- (ii) That some agreed projects will be funded using reserves built up over the past few years rather than the precept.
- (iii) That the Corporate Card which has never been used is returned to the bank, to save the £3 per month charge.
- (iv) That Financial Regulations should be updated to allow the clerk to spend up to £500 within budget headings without a resolution from the council.
- (v) That Ex - Councillor Spencer is removed from the bank mandate.

6651 FINANCE

- a) The clerk presented the cheque and electronic payments for approval.
- b) Councillor Bugden presented the recommendations from the Grant Panel.
- c) Councillor McKean provided a short verbal request from the Friends of Cockleton Meadow for a sum of £50.00 to pay for a further Green Gym visit to clear an area of brambles and hawthorn which they hope will be converted into a Sensory Garden. The Friends will be looking for funding for the project.

RESOLVED

- (i) That £3248.17 cheque and electronic payments are approved.

Councillor Jacobs left the room for this item

- (ii) That the Parish Councils grants funds to:

The Cameo Club	£100.00
The Cyber Café	£100.00
Gurnard 1 st Management Group	£200.00
Gurnard Primary School PTA	£100.00
Gurnard Pre-school	£100.00

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That no grant is awarded to the IW Music and Dance Festival or the Armed Forces Day as their applications do not fit the criteria.

Councillor Jacobs returned to the room

(iii) That £50.00 is agreed for another Green Gym visit at Cockleton Meadow.

6652 COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The clerk had circulated the email resignation of Councillor Bartrum. Although the position was advertised, ten residents did not call for an election, therefore the vacancy can now be advertised for co-option. It was:

RESOLVED:

(i) That both current Parish Council vacancies are advertised for co-option with a closing date of 31 January 2018.

(ii) The clerk will provide official notices to advertise the vacancies and Councillor Orrey will design some posters to stimulate interest.

6653 POLICY REVIEWS

The clerk presented four policies for review with a few amendments highlighted. It was:

RESOLVED:

(i) That the Complaints and Petition Policies are amended in accordance with the items highlighted and will be reviewed again in twelve months.

(ii) That the Child Protection and Equality Act (Adopted Principles) Policies require further work and a decision will be deferred to next month.

6654 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

The clerk had previously advised that the summer grass cutting contract for Gurnard Heights was due for renewal and that the existing contractor has withdrawn from the work. An alternative contractor has been sought. It was:-

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council should no longer pay for the grass cutting for the verge at Gurnard Heights, and that the resident who is currently purchasing the land should contact the landowner for any future work as it is their responsibility.

6655 DOG FOULING IN THE VILLAGE

The clerk advised that only one incident of dog fouling had been reported to her following the request in the Gurnard News article. The Environment Officer was unable to attend the meeting following problems with her transport. It was agreed that the issue of dog fouling should continue to be monitored and reported to Island Roads for clearance.

6656 RAILINGS ALONG THE SEAFROUNT

The clerk had been asked to contact the Isle of Wight Council regarding the repairs to the railings along sections of the Esplanade between Gurnard and Cowes. The pictures of the repairs were shared with councillors. IW Council confirmed that the railings in the photos provided are only temporary. As the IW Council Capital budget is limited they are replacing the worst sections between Egypt Point and Gurnard Pumping Station. The new rails (which will be unpainted) shall replace those in the pictures provided.

6657 COOKS BAY ACCESS

Councillor Nolan provided a written report regarding the Cook's Bay Access Working Group's attendance at a drop in session held by Natural England in Newport to gain information on the CS16/17 Public Footpath part of the Island Coastal Path. Natural England has been contacting landowners to explain the new scheme, which has a separate budget to the Isle of Wight Council's footpaths one. A site meeting should be held in the New Year which will bring back recommendations for the Parish Council to consider.

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6658 TOILETS ON THE GREEN

The clerk circulated an email from the solicitor engaged to protect the Parish Council's interest whilst taking over the Freehold of the toilet block. It was:-

RESOLVED: That the clerk contacts the solicitor to enquire as to the Isle of Wight Council's rationale for the clause in the Freehold document regarding utilities under the toilet block on The Green, and that dependant on that reply, the Chairman and Clerk have delegated authority to decide if that clause remains in the contract.

6659 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. The quality of the work on the pavements in Gurnard
- b. The future plans for Cockleton Meadow (following the AGM of the Friends)
- c. The deadline for Grant Applications

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm with the Chairman wishing all present a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Chairman

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Cockleton Meadow

The Tesco grant has been completely spent and the balance of £2,000 applied for.

Miscellaneous correspondence

The hard copy correspondence which has been received is listed below – all other electronic correspondence has been forwarded to councillors by email.

- 1 Viking Office supplies – offer leaflet
- 2 The Clerk magazine – November 2017 edition
- 3 Training calendar from SLCC for 2018
- 4 Solent Protection Society – Chairman's Report Autumn newsletter
- 5 Countryside Voice – winter 2017 edition
- 6 CPRE – winter 2017 edition
- 7 Island Business – November/December 2017