

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 10 January 2018 at 7.00pm.

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

There was one member of the public present, who wished to speak on one of the planning applications. PSCO Derek Howard sent a written report which was circulated to members ahead of the meeting. There were three reported crimes in Gurnard for December compared to one in December 2016. The community priorities remain the same.

6670 APOLOGIES

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

6671 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.

b. Dispensation requests

No written dispensation requests were received.

6672 MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED:

That with two amendments, the draft minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2017 were read and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6673 PLANNING

a) There were two planning applications to consider.

(i) P/01398/17 – Land at Place Road.

On member of the public commented that although he and many others (including the Parish Council) objected to this application originally, the developer has now consulted with residents about this particular phase, and this application is much better than the approved one.

It was:

RESOLVED: Gurnard Parish Council objected to the original Planning Application but accept Planning Permission was granted at Appeal. Gurnard Parish Council have no comment to make on the proposed new layout changes as they are contained within the original site boundaries.

(ii) P/01496/17 – 27 Shore Road

It was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council raises no objection to this application.

b) There was one planning decision received.

6674 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman had nothing to report this month.

b. Parish Clerk

The Clerk provided a report which was circulated to councillors, she advised that there are still two vacancies for councillors.

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c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller provided a written report covering his activities for December which was circulated to members. He provided some updates on issues in the report on the Watersedge Café application and the Floating Bridge report. He also took questions from councillors.

6675 FINANCE

- a) The clerk presented the cheque and electronic payments for approval.
- b) The clerk presented the Budget against Expenditure report for the 3rd quarter.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the electronic payments totaling £3,808.73 are received and approved.**
- (ii) That the third quarter of the Budget against Expenditure is received and approved.**

6676 POLICY REVIEWS

The clerk presented five policies (including two deferred from last month) for review with a few amendments highlighted. It was:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Grant, Audio Recording, Vexatious Complaints and Safeguarding Policies are approved with various agreed amendments.**
- (ii) That the Equality Act (Adopted Principles) is amended in line with Councillor Orrey's suggestions, and then the document was approved.**

6677 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The clerk presented a written report for councillors to consider various options and dates for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was:

RESOLVED: That

- (i) That the format of the Annual Parish Meeting remains the same, with the date of 25 April 2018 at 7.30pm (following the Planning Committee Meeting).**
- (ii) That the Grant recipients are invited to provide a short presentation explaining how the funds granted helped their organisations**
- (iii) That the Parish Council will fund up to £50 from the Chairman's Allowance to provide cheese, wine and soft drinks on the evening – purchased by the clerk.**
- (iv) That everyone will assist with the serving of refreshments on the evening.**
- (v) That Councillor Orrey will design some Thank You certificates for presentation on the evening.**

6678 REGISTERS OF INTEREST

The clerk reminded all councillors that any changes to their interests require a new Register of Interest form to be completed.

6679 REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The clerk presented four Terms of Reference with a few amendments highlighted. It was:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That a generic Terms of Reference for all working groups and panels will be written and presented to the council for approval at the next meeting.**
- (ii) That the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee remain separate as delegated authority for making decisions is only applicable to this group.**

6680 GRANT AWARDING PANEL

Councillors wished to reconsider when grant applications are received for consideration. After much discussion, it was:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That in future any grant applications should be received between January and March each year (unless there are exceptional circumstances), for a decision at the April meeting.**

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- (ii) That the grant application form wording is amended as above.
- (iii) That future successful grant awards are delivered by a member of the Parish Council by cheque to the organisations.

6681 IWALC MEMBERSHIP

The clerk presented a report showing the benefits of membership of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils, following the resignation of several Town and Parish Councils from the local branch. It was:

RESOLVED: That Parish Council continues to remain a member of the Isle of Wight Branch of the Association of Local Councils and pays the annual subscription once received.

6682 QUALITY OF THE WORK BY ISLAND ROADS ON THE PAVEMENTS IN GURNARD

Councillors were unhappy with some of the work completed by Island Roads in resurfacing the pavements within the village, and pointed out several other places where work is required on pavements. The area around the post box in Worsley Road, the new pavement at the top of Church Road (by Doughty and Newman) and outside the Woodvale by the post box were highlighted as requiring investigation. It was:

RESOLVED: That Councillors Fuller (as Ward Councillor) and Nolan (for the Parish Council) conduct a survey with the district steward from Island Roads in order to ensure that pavements within the village are safe for residents.

6683 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- a. The future plans for Cockleton Meadow (following the AGM of the Friends).
- b. Amended generic Term of Reference for Working Groups and Panels.
- c. Gurnard Village Hall Association meeting which is being held on 11 January 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Chairman

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Public Toilets on the Green

Freehold:-

Sean and I have been in contact with the IWC and have asked for confirmation of the services running under the toilet block. We will keep you informed of any progress.

Cleaning Contract:-

I have been advised that the price for next year of the existing contract from the toilet cleaners will be increased by 3.5%, following a price freeze last year. This brings the contract price to £3,400.00 plus £336.00 for the emptying of the sanitary bins. Next year, we will have to put the contract out to tender again, but we do receive a huge discount for using the same contractor as Cowes Town Council, so I will work with them again next year to obtain the best service/prices. The budget for the toilets for 2018/19 has been set at £10,500 to include water (approx. £1,000 per annum), electricity (no invoices have yet been received) and repairs.

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Councillor Vacancy

Although the new posters have been placed on the notice board and Gurnard Press, no-one has contacted me to express an interest in becoming a councillor. Please try to spread the word amongst your family and friends as we still have two vacancies.

Abandoned vehicles in Hilton Road

Two abandoned vehicles were reported to me, which I have passed onto Island Roads, who now have the authority to trace the owners and remove them. The resident also reported one in Cockleton Lane.

If you are aware of any vehicles which seem abandoned, please give me exact details of the location, how long they have been there and the registration number so that I can log the issue with Island Roads.

Use of Gurnard Slipway

I received an email from a visitor to Gurnard who wishes to use the slipway in June. Having contacted the IW Council, I now have a copy of the both the signs and the byelaws which apply. These have been forwarded to the enquirer.

Rent of a beach hut

I received a telephone call last month from a lady who wishes to rent a beach hut at Gurnard this summer. If anyone knows any of the beach hut owners who may be interested in this – please let me know.

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 Thank you card from Gurnard Primary PTA
- 2 LCR – Local Councils magazine – Winter 2017 edition
- 3 Landscape and Community Product update – December 2017 edition
- 4 Clerks & Councils Direct – January 2018 edition
- 5 The Clerk Magazine – January 2018 edition
- 6 Viking stationery – special offers
- 7 Island Business magazine – January/February edition