

Minutes of the meeting of the Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 14 February 2018 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Fuller (Chair), Bugden and Nolan.

There were no member of the public present. PSCO Derek Howard and PSCO Lisa Gray attended the meeting and sent a written report which was circulated to members ahead of the meeting. There was one reported crime in Gurnard for January compared to four in January 2017. The community priorities remain the same. Questions were asked about untaxed vehicles on the highway. Derek explained that anyone can report vehicles untaxed to the DVLA but the Police can only take action if such vehicles are being driven on the highway.

6684 APOLOGIES

There were apologies for absence received from Councillors Harrison, Jacobs, McKean and Orrey.

6685 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 Bugden declared non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to Cockleton Meadow as she lives close to the site.

b. Dispensation requests

No written dispensation requests were received.

6686 MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED: The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2018 were read and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6687 PLANNING

a) There was one planning applications to consider. It was:

RESOLVED: Application Number P/00028/18 - That Gurnard Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of:-

- **Overdevelopment to the footprint of the site**
- **Adverse impact to an Area of Outstanding Beauty.**
- **Adverse impact on the Dark Skies policy due to concerns raised about the light pollution from the level of glazing.**
- **That the application is contrary to elements of the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan.**

Should officers be mindful of approving this application, the Parish Council would request that conditions are added to ensure the track leading to the site is made good should damage occur during construction and that any light omitted from this property is contained and not allowed to leak into the surrounding area.

b) There were two planning decisions received.

6688 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman was unable to attend this month.

b. Parish Clerk

The Clerk provided a report which was circulated to councillors, she advised that the toilet block Freehold had now been finalised and that the payment of £1,000.00 towards the refurbishment is awaited from the Isle of Wight Council. She also advised that she has taken part in a webinar for the new audit process.

c. IW Councillor

Councillor Fuller provided a written report covering his activities for January which was circulated to members. He also took questions from councillors.

- d. The minutes received from the Local Access Forum meeting held on 7 December 2017 were received and noted.
- e. The minutes from the Gurnard Village Hall Association meeting held on 11 January 2018 were received and noted.
- f. The notes from the Budget Forum meeting held by the Isle of Wight Council and attended by the Chairman and Clerk on 11 January 2018 were received and noted.
- g. The minutes from the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils meeting held on 18 January 2018 were received and noted.
- h. Councillor Bugden provided a written report from her attendance at the Age Friendly Forum held on 8 February 2018 which was received and noted.

6689 FINANCE

- a) The clerk presented the cheque and electronic payments for approval.
- b) The clerk advised that £10,000 has been transferred from the Deposit Account to the Current Account to meet payments.
- c) The recommendations from the Grant Panel were received.
- d) The clerk advised that since the budget for 2018/19 had been set, the Isle of Wight Council had stopped the Green Bag scheme, therefore that budget heading is no longer required.
- e) The clerk advised that since the budget for 2018/19 had been set, the Parish Council had decided not to fund the grass cutting for the verge at Gurnard Heights.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the electronic payments totaling £2,482.23 are received and approved.**
- (ii) That the transfer of £10,000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account is approved.**
- (ii) That a sum of £200 is awarded to the Solent Singers and that the remaining £350.00 is kept in reserve for any future applications this financial year.**
- (iv) That the £100 set aside for the purchase of Green Bags is vired to Contingency in the budget for 2018/19 due to the Isle of Wight Council stopping the scheme.**
- (v) That the £200 set aside for the grass cutting at Gurnard Heights is vired to contingency in the budget for 2018/19 due to the Parish Council agreeing to stop funding this project.**

6698 POLICY REVIEWS

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

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Code of Conduct is reviewed and no amendments necessary.**
- (ii) That the Freedom of Information Act – Model Publication Scheme is reviewed and approved with two slight amendments.**

6699 GENERACIC TERMS OF REFERENCE

Councillor Orrey presented the Generic Terms of Reference for all working groups and panels. It was:

RESOLVED: That the Generic terms of Reference for working groups and panels is approved.

6700 COCKLETON MEADOW

A written report was received from the Friends of Cockleton Meadow. Following a successful grant funding award from Tesco, the meadow is greatly improved and most of the short term aims in the Business Plan had been achieved although there is much more work to do if additional funding can be sought. Councillors raised some concerns about the composting bins on the site. This will be raised with the Friends Chairman. The FOCM requested that the Parish Council funds the installation and emptying of a dog waste bin at the site entrance at a cost of £130.00 plus £2.35 per week. It was:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Parish Council supports the installation and emptying of a dog waste bin at the entrance to Cockleton Meadow at a cost of £130.00 plus the weekly emptying charge of £2.35.
- (ii) That as leaseholders of the site and therefore ultimately responsibility for it, the Parish Council receives the notes from any committee meeting held.

6701 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Councillors Bugden and Orrey presented a report encouraging the Parish Council to take part in the Great British Spring Clean which is being supported by the Isle of Wight Council. Councillor Orrey was thanked in her absence for all the work she has completed in designing draft posters and flyers for this project. It was:

RESOLVED: That Councillors Bugden and Orrey supported by the clerk carry out litter picks in Gurnard on Friday 2 March meeting at the Watersedge Café at 3pm and Saturday 3 March 2018 meeting at the Village Hall at 10am.

6702 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

The Parish Council is currently funding the Ground Maintenance contract for The Green which includes grass cutting, litter collection and bin emptying until Spring 2019, though an agreement with the Isle of Wight Council. The IWC is negotiating a new contract and has asked for Parish Council financial support for another three years. Before entering this current contract, alternative quotations were sought and the cost of the litter collection and bin emptying was far in excess of other quotations received. The Parish Council increased the bin emptying during the summer period for 2017 to include a weekend collection which only cost £125.00 for 11 weekends for all six bins on the Green. Island Roads currently charge £2.35 per empty, so this additional service would have cost £155.10. It was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council is happy to continue to fund the Grounds Maintenance contract for The Green for another three years from spring 2019 subject to a maximum increase in the cost of 5%.

6703 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Result of the Litter Pick
- Update from the Gurnard Village Hall Association regarding the heating of the hall
- Update from the Friends of Cockleton Meadow

Meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

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New Audit Regime

On Tuesday 23 January I took part in a 1.5 hour “webinar” with the new appointed auditors PKF – Littleton. This was extremely useful and I now feel better prepared for this year’s external audit.

100 Years since the end of World War One commemorations.

On Thursday 25 January, I attended the Coffee and Chat session at All Saints Church to take a photograph of Reverend Amanda and the WW1 Plaque inside the church. This photograph was included in the article that I have submitted to the national SLCC magazine for publication in their March issue. Amanda announced the event to those present and one person came forward with some information about a Gurnard resident (grandfather) who was in the army at the time. Amanda and I will continue to meet to ensure that the Commemoration is marked within the Parish of Gurnard.

Toilet Block

The Freehold document has been agreed and signed by both parties, and we await the £1,000.00 payment from the Isle of Wight Council towards the refurbishment costs.

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 Solent News – Winter 2017/18 edition
- 2 Play & Leisure – sales leaflet