

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

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

There were no members of the public present.

PSCO Derek Howard sent a written report which was circulated to members ahead of the meeting. Both Derek and PSCO Lisa Gray attended the meeting. There were no reported crimes in Gurnard for February compared to ten in February 2017. The community priorities remain the same. The Police have been invited to join Councillor Fuller at one of the Coffee and Chat mornings at All Saints. Lisa will arrange to attend one of the sessions to talk to attendees about the problems with Scamming.

6704 APOLOGIES

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

6705 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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

b. Dispensation requests

No written dispensation requests were received.

6706 MINUTES

It was:

RESOLVED: The draft minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2018 were read and approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6707 PLANNING

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

RESOLVED:

(i) **That Gurnard Parish Council raises no objection to the following applications:-
P/00191/18 – Sea Breeze, Rew Street and P/00189/18 – 25 Albert Road**

(ii) **That Gurnard Parish Council raises no objection to application number P/00183/18 – Phase 3 of the Place Road developments, but wishes to comment that they appreciate that the developer is continuing to engage with the local community, and that this phase includes several single storey dwellings as detailed as required in the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan.**

b) There were two planning decisions received.

6708 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman was in attendance but had nothing to report except that his increased workload is making attendance at Parish Council meetings increasingly difficult.

b. Parish Clerk

The Clerk provided a report which was circulated to councillors.

c. IW Councillor

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

d. Councillor Orrey provided a written report from the Preventing Health Issues meeting held on 12 February 2018 which was received and noted.

- e. Councillor Orrey provided a written report from the Wight We Want meeting held on 15 February 2018 which was received and noted.
- f. Councillor Orrey provided a written report from the IW NHS Acute Services Redesign meeting held on 21 February 2018 which was received and noted.

6709 FINANCE

- a) The clerk presented the cheque and electronic payments for approval.
- b) The clerk advised that there are some amounts left in this year's budget which could be held in reserve for payments next year.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the electronic payments totaling £2486.26 are received and approved.
- (ii) That the remaining funds within the Gurnard in Bloom budget line is ring fenced for the next financial year.
- (ii) That any budget lines that have exceeded expectations, should be balanced from the contingency funds.

6710 LITTER ON THE GREEN

The clerk presented provided a short report about the cost of the Biffa bin provided by the Parish Council. It was:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Biffa bin is retained, with weekly empties starting on 01/06/18.
- (ii) That the clerk has delegated authority to increase the collections if the weather forecast is particularly good outside of the main summer season.
- (iii) That the Environment Officer is asked to monitor the waste placed in the Biffa as part of her duties for the Parish.
- (iv) That the clerk investigates the installation of a permanent sign to be attached to the railings advising that the bin is provided "not for commercial waste".

6711 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

The clerk presented a short report concerning the postponement of the litter picks due to the weather making it unsafe to proceed. The litter pick has been re-arranged for Saturday 7 April 2018 to meet at the Village Hall or the Green. Costa Coffee (Cowes) are joining the Parish Council for this event and offering vouchers for "free hot drink and cake" to all those taking part.

6712 GURNARD IN BLOOM

Jennie Lewis provided a written report on her work in the village for Gurnard in Bloom. There was discussion how best to support the project – suggesting that the team have their own Treasurer's Account and apply for a grant. It was also discussed that any weeds removed from the village could not be taken to Cockleton Meadow for composting. It was:

RESOLVED: That any funds left in the budget line at the end of March be ring fenced for the project for next year.

6713 PLAY AREA

Following concerns raised by the Parish Council, the Isle of Wight Council has purchased bollards to install in front of the play area to protect users from vehicles driving over the grass. Councillors were very pleased with this result. The Isle of Wight Council has requested that the Parish Council funds additional bollards along the kerb line to improve safety on The Green. It was:

RESOLVED: That subject to the cost, the Parish Council is supportive in principle to financially assisting the installation of additional bollards with the Isle of Wight Council.

6714 TOILETS ON THE GREEN

Following the freezing weather, the clerk reported that five burst pipes occurred at the toilet block on the Green. The block was closed and the water turned off until a plumber was able to make the necessary repairs. As water flowed through the light fittings, the clerk instructed an electrician to provide a safety check before the block could re-open. One light fitting had to be replaced. The clerk then instructed the cleaners to carry out a deep clean, and replace some tiles which had been forced off the wall by the flood, as a short term measure to allow the block to open. A refurbishment programme is required and quotations have been sought. An award of £1,000.00 has been received from the Isle of Wight Council towards repairs following the completion of the Freehold transfer. It was:

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the clerk's emergency decisions made in employing a plumber, electrician and additional clean are ratified, to ensure the toilet block was re-opened as soon as possible.**
- 2 That the clerk contacts contractor C to start the refurbishment work at the toilet block.**
- 3 That three frost heaters are purchased and installed by Berry Electrical to protect the pipes in the block at a cost of £298.00 plus VAT.**
- 4 That All Round Cleaners purchase and install lagging for the pipes in the block to a maximum cost of £100.00 plus VAT.**

6715 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The Friends of Cockleton Meadow meeting held 10 21 April 2018
- Marine Management Meeting 10 April 2018
- Cook's Bay Access Project Working Group meeting 10 April 2018
- Result of the Litter pick held on 7 April 2018
- Gurnard Village Hall Association meeting 15 March 2018
- The entrance to The Range and pedestrian crossing point
- Further defibrillator training

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

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Chairman

Outstanding items from last month's agenda

Cockleton Meadow – this item is carried forward to the April agenda as the Friends of Cockleton Meadow are meeting on 21 March 2018.

Gurnard Village Hall Association – this item is carried forward to the April agenda as the Association is meeting on 15 March 2018

Overhanging branch at Winding Way

It was reported by Councillor Nolan that there was an overhanging branch on Winding Way from Spencer's Copse. I contacted Vicky Spencer who arranged immediate action to remove the overhanging branch.

Meeting with the Marine Management Organisation

Due to Councillor Fuller's very full diary, this could not be arranged until Tuesday 10 April in the Garden Room at All Saints Church Garden Room. This is an informal brief about the work of the organisation and how it effects the Gurnard Coastline. Members of the Cook's Bay Access Group have been invited to attend and hold a meeting afterwards to discuss the contents. Both meetings will be fully reported at the April meeting of the Parish Council for those members unable to attend and for members of the public.

Island Roads

An issue was reported to me by staff members of the Range, which was reported to Island Roads and they dealt with it.

I also reported the problem with the grass verge at the corner of Worsley Road and Westbrooke Lane which keep getting churned up by lorries entering the building site at the back of the Village Hall. It has been suggested that the area is tarmacked rather than regressed.

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 Posters regarding litter from the Campaign to Protect Rural England
- 2 Request for funding from Jigsaw
- 3 Letter from Biffa advising a price rise from 1 April 2018
- 4 Posters from the NHS regarding the Isle of Wight's draft blueprint for the future of mental health on the Island.
- 5 Broxap catalogue
- 6 Clerk's magazine – March 2018 edition
- 7 Viking – sales leaflet.