

Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 11 April 2018 at 7.00pm.

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

There were two members of the public present who asked various questions of the Police and councillors.

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 was one reported crime in Gurnard for March compared to four in March 2017. The community priorities remain the same. A question was raised about cars parking on the pavement which causes a hazard for pavement users, pushchairs and mobility scooters - Derek advised that this should be reported at the time to 101 giving registration numbers and repeat offenders will be warned. There is also an issue with contractors parking on the public slipways which has been reported to the Isle of Wight Council. The final discussion was about "Scamming". Residents are receiving threatening telephone calls advising they owe tax to the HMRC. Both the Police and Trading Standards are aware of this scam and advised people just to put the telephone down. There is a "scam" box at All Saints church for any post that residents feel could be a scam which is then sent to Trading Standards.

6716 APOLOGIES

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

6717 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 and he lives in Hilton Road – minute number 6719

Councillor Fuller declared a non-pecuniary interest in that he is a paid member of the Isle of Wight Council, and that he is vice –chair of the Local Access Forum – minute number 6720d.

Councillor Bugden declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she is a member of the Gurnard Village Hall Association Minute number 6720e, lives in Cockleton Lane (close to Cockleton Meadow) – minute number 6720g and that some of the grant applications come from the GVHA groups and the Coffee and Chat which she attends – minute number 6721 (vi).

b. Dispensation requests

No written dispensation requests were received.

6718 MINUTES

It was:

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

6719 PLANNING

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

RESOLVED:

(i) That Gurnard Parish Council raises no objection to the following application:- P/00279/18 – 17 Hilton Road

b) There were no planning decisions received.

6720 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Parish Chairman was in attendance and wished to re-iterate that due to pressure of work, he will be taking a six month sabbatical from the Parish Council, and therefore will not be standing as Chairman next month.

- 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 March which was circulated to members. He also took questions from councillors concerning the Medina Yard planning approval, the fence fronting Cockleton Lane from Gurnard Pines and an issue of the Isle of Wight Council pursuing a recently widowed lady for payment for her husband's care.
- d. The minutes from the Local Access Forum meeting held on 01/0218 were received and noted.
- e. The minutes from the Gurnard Village Hall Association meeting held on 15 March 2018 were received and noted. Some quotations for works required at the hall were also presented.
- f. The minutes of the Isle of Wight Association of Councils held on 15 March 2018 were received and noted.
- g. The notes from the Friends of Cockleton Meadow meeting held on 21 March 2018 were received and noted. Several complaints from residents have been received about a trip hazard from the matting which has been laid and the apparent secrecy of the group as there are no minutes of meetings published on the Parish Council website. It was also questioned why a group of volunteers were required (the Green Gym) to carry out works on the meadow, and that more local volunteers should be sought.
- h. The notes from the Annual General Meeting of the Isle of Wight Branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks held on 22 March 2018 were received and noted.
- i. The notes from the Isle of Wight Council and Town and Parish Councils held on 26 March 2018 were received and noted.
- j. The notes from the meeting held with Neil Amos of the Maritime Management Organisation held on 10 April 2018 were received and noted.
- h. The Cooks Bay Access Working Group was cancelled due to inquorate numbers. This will be re-arranged.

RESOLVED:

- (i) **That the clerk contacts the Gurnard Village Hall Association requesting a full report of all the works required with two quotations for each element over £1,000.00 as per the Financial Regulations. Also councillors wish to query the proposed change in the Terms of Reference as detailed in the minutes.**
- (ii) **That the two elected Parish Councillors on the Friends of Cockleton Meadow (McKean and Nolan) should raise questions with the group as detailed at the Parish Council meeting.**

6721 FINANCE

- a) The clerk presented the cheque and electronic payments for approval.
- b) The clerk presented the forth quarterly Expenditure against the Budget report.
- c) The clerk presented the Internal Auditors Report.
- d) The clerk presented the Annual Financial Statement for 2017/18.
- e) The clerk presented the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18.
- f) The clerk presented the recommendations from the Grant Panel.

It was:-

RESOLVED

- (i) **That the electronic payments totaling £4222.04 are received and approved.**
- (ii) **That the forth quarterly Expenditure against the Budget report is received and approved.**
- (ii) **That the Internal Auditors Report is received and approved.**
- (iv) **That the Annual Financial Statement for 2017/18 is received and approved.**
- (v) **That the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 is received and approved and duly signed by the Chairman.**
- (vi) **That the following grants are awarded:-**

Coffee and Chat	£100.00
All Saints Church for the production of Gurnard News	£350.00

The Elephant Club	£200.00
Jigsaw (to support families in Gurnard)	£100.00
Gurnard Parent Teacher Association (for a PA system)	£250.00
Cyber Café	£300.00
CAMEO Group	£200.00

Making a total of £1,500.00 awarded and £500.00 left in the budget for future grants. Some of the local organisations will receive a cheque presented by a Parish Councillor with BACS payments made for the others.

6722 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Councillor Orrey presented a written report which highlighted that over forty volunteers turned out for a village and beach clean on Saturday 7 April 2018. Councillors Orrey and Bugden were thanked for all their hard work on this project. It was reported that due to the large volume of volunteers, there were insufficient litter pickers for everyone – it was agreed to try and borrow some from neighbouring councils in the future.

6723 DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

Following from last year’s successful training of 17 members of the community at the All Saints Garden Room, plus the 4 trained at other locations which were all funded by the Parish Council, it was requested at last month’s Parish Council meeting that further training should be offered to the community. When the original unit was received (funded by the British Heart Foundation), a mini Annie was provided. This has been given to the IW Ambulance Training Department for use in their community training programme. As a gesture of thanks, the training is being offered this summer at a discounted rate of £8.00 per person (normal rate is £10 per person). It was:-

RESOLVED: That up to £300.00 is set aside from the contingency budget for further defibrillator trainings at the village hall in the next few months on a Tuesday afternoon and a Thursday evening.

6724 ISLE OF WIGHT DAY

The Isle of Wight Day parade will be held in Cowes this year, and all Town and Parish Councils have been asked to provide an IW Day Ambassador and a representative to walk in the parade holding aloft a banner. Further bunting will also be provided, although the clerk advised that no-one requested it last year. It was:

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council is keen to support the day and will arrange a beach litter pick, but no-one is interested at this time in becoming an Isle of Wight Day Ambassador and walk in the parade.

6725 PARISH COUNCIL SELF ASSESSMENT AND MISSION STATEMENT

The clerk presented a Self-Assessment tool provided by the National Association of Local Councils for councillors to consider. Some Mission Statements from other Town and Parish Councils were also provided. It was:

RESOLVED: That this item will be carried over until the July meeting and that a small working group will provide some ideas for the Gurnard Parish Council Mission Statement.

6726 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The entrance to The Range and pedestrian crossing point
- Gurnard Village Hall Association – works required and Terms of Reference
- That Gurnard becomes a Plastic Free village.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

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Chairman

Monitoring the Nathusius Pipistrelle spring migration at Gurnard

A volunteer from the mainland contacted me about placing a bat detector in Spencer's Copse to monitor the spring migration of the Nathusius Pipistrelle Bat. HE=e completed some work in Dorset and Hampshire last year and wanted to monitor the Isle of Wight side of the Solent this spring. Vicky has given permission for his Bat Detector to be placed in a tree within the copse for April and May. The Bat Detector was installed last week and Vicky has agreed to change the batteries if required. I will report back the findings of the survey.

Dangerous Tree

A tree which fell from Solent Lawns Copse into a resident's garden was reported by the Tree Warden. The resident contacted the Management Company who sent out a tree surgeon almost immediately and the work was completed in a few days. The resident was very happy with the service particularly on a Bank Holiday. The Tree Officer from IW Council will check on the work on his return from leave.

Sign for the railings by the BIFFA bin

Following last month's meeting – the UW Council has agreed for the erection of a sign and the wording. A quotation for the sign has been received for £15.00 plus VAT.

Further damage at the toilets

The Ladies has suffered further damage as the wall is so wet that the more tiles have slipped off. The cleaner closed the block whilst the tiles were cleared up and will re-open with tiles missing off the wall as it needs time to dry out before new tiles are applied. The contractor who is carrying out the refurbishment next month, is providing a quotation to include the tiling whilst he is on site. He has agreed to try and keep the block open as much as possible during the work. He is hoping to start on Tuesday 8 May (after the Bank Holiday weekend) and the work is scheduled for two weeks.

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 Island Business magazine – March 2018 edition.
- 2 LCR magazine – Spring edition.
- 3 Best Kept Village poster and marking scheme.
- 4 Letter regarding the updated Care Advice Card.
- 5 CPRE magazine – Countryside Voice