

# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



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

PRESENT: **Councillors** Orrey (Chair), Fuller, Jacobs, Laurens, Nolan and Vaughan.

Six members of the Public were present who wished to speak about items on the agenda, as follows

- the 100 years since the end of World War One commemorations (1)
- the agenda item on Cockleton Meadow (1)
- the planning applications.

The Chair advised that for planning application number P/01069/18, she was asking for resident's comments, but that no decision would be made at this meeting.

As PSCO Howard was unable to attend so a written report was circulated to members. There were two reported crimes in September 2018 compared with none for the same period last year.

## 6780 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bugden, Harrison and McKean

## 6781 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests  
No declarations of interest were received.
- b. Dispensation requests  
No dispensation requests were received.

## 6784 MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12 September 2018 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 6785 PLANNING

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

### RESOLVED

- (i) **that as the consultation period for planning application number P01069/18 does not close until 26 October 2018, and that if a decision as to a Parish Council's response were made at the meeting residents would have had only five days in which to view the proposal, this application will be considered on Wednesday 24 October 2018 at an Extraordinary Planning meeting with one item agenda; which members of the public are welcome to attend;**
- (ii) **that Gurnard Parish Council raises no objections to application number P/01020/18 – (38 Solent View Road);**
- (iii) **that the Parish Council objects to application number P/010391/18 the access is unsatisfactory to serve the proposed development by reason of unacceptable visibility and would therefore be contrary to Policy DM2 (Design Quality for New Development) of the Isle of Wight Core Strategy.**

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- b) No planning decisions were received.
- c) There was one Licensing application to consider for Gurnard Press. Councillor Fuller declared a pecuniary interest in that he holds a surgery at Gurnard Press, so he left the room and took no part in the discussion or vote.

It was

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council supports the application for Licensing at Gurnard Press but raises concerns over the evening opening hours as the premises are in a residential area.**

### 6786 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chair  
The Chair had nothing to report this month.
- b. Parish Clerk  
The Parish Clerk circulated a written report which highlighted the recent Coastline Beach Clean as part of Isle of Wight Day. 25 Volunteers assisted on the day and were provided with vouchers from Costa Coffee.
- c. IW Councillor  
Councillor Fuller provided a copy of his report setting out his activities over the preceding month. He advised that he has now arranged a surgery at Gurnard Pines café for residents on Thursday 15 November 2018. He will provide further details as an agenda item next month.
- d. The minutes from the Local Access Forum meeting held on 6 September 2018 were received and noted. The Isle of Wight Coastal Path was included as an agenda item. The Cook's Bay Access Working Group have also been sent an email from John Taylor of Natural England. The chair of the Working Group requested that the clerk contacts John to arrange another meeting with him.
- e. The minutes of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils meeting held on 20 September 2018 were received and noted.
- f. Councillor Vaughan's notes from the West Medina Regeneration meeting held on 20 September 2018 were received and noted.
- g. The notes from the Toilet Working party were received and noted. No recommendations were made at this time as further investigation is required. A question was raised about how to fund a refurbishment of the block. The clerk explained that there were limited funds set aside in the budget for this year; some reserves could also be used, but if a large refurbishment was required, an increase in the precept for 2019/20 would have to be considered. The clerk will mention this in her Gurnard News article requesting feedback from residents.
- h. The notes from the Designation of Green Spaces Working Group meeting held on 26 September 2018 were received and noted. Councillor Fuller advised that the public consultation for the Island Plan Strategy has been delayed. The chair of the working group felt that another meeting of the working group would have to be held sooner than planned

### 6787 FINANCE

- a. The clerk presented electronic payments totaling £3,603.07 for approval.
- b. The clerk presented the monthly bank reconciliations and copy of the bank statements for information.
- c. The clerk presented the annual Budget against Expenditure to date for information.
- d. The clerk advised that it had been necessary to transfer another £10,000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account to meet the Parish Council's financial commitments.

It was:

**RESOLVED:**

- a. **That electronic payments totaling £3,603.07 are noted and approved.**
- b. **That the monthly bank reconciliations and copy bank statements be received and noted.**

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- c. That the second quarter of the Budget against Expenditure was received and noted.
- d. That the transfer of £10,000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account to meet Parish Council financial commitments is noted and approved.

### 6788 ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

- a. In the absence of Councillor McKean, Councillor Nolan presented her written report, which highlighted the events that culminated in the resignation of several members of the Friends of Cockleton Meadow Committee.

It was:

#### RESOLVED:

- (i) That Gurnard Parish Council sets up a working party with Councillors Bugden, McKean, Nolan and Vaughan to take over the management of Cockleton Meadow until such times as new volunteers are recruited.
- (ii) That Gurnard Parish Council requests that the former Chair of the Friends of Cockleton Meadow closes down the Facebook Page that he controls.
- (iii) That Gurnard Parish Council removes the Fire Pit from the site of Cockleton Meadow following concerns by residents, Environmental Health and a Fire Officer.

### 6789 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

- a. One policy was provided for review by members.
- b. The consultation of the combined Fire Service Authority was provided for member's consideration.
- c. The clerk provided a written report on the activities arranged so far with All Saints Church to commemorate the 100 years since the end of World War One. A Beacon lighting ceremony which had been planned in Spencer's Field was discussed.
- d. The latest report of the Isle of Wight Boundary Commission was presented which reduces the size of Cowes West and Gurnard as per Councillor Fuller's and Councillor Bertie's suggestion.
- e. Island Roads have requested the planted verge outside Bucklers View on Worsley Road be reduced in height to 0.6 metres to increase visibility for traffic from Church Road. The volunteers from Gurnard in Bloom are happy with the suggestion, but are unable to carry out the work at this time.
- f. The Parish Council currently funds the grass cutting and bin emptying on the Green as part of the Isle of Wight Council's Grounds Maintenance contract. This contract is due for renewal on 01/04/19 but the IWC have decided to extend the existing contract to 31 December 2019 and let a new contract from 1 January 2020. They are unable to provide figures for the cost of the last quarter within the new contract, but have agreed that if the Parish Council continues to pay for the service, they will not charge any more than 10% of the existing contract for the final quarter. The Parish Council requires these figures to enable them to provide a balanced budget for 2019/20 later this year.
- g. Cowes Enterprise College provided documentation advising of their public consultation to reduce the Pupil Admission Number from September 2019 for the new year seven entrants. The clerk declared a non-pecuniary interest in that she is a voluntary governor at the school.

It was:

#### RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Debate and Voting Policy is approved with one small amendment.
- (ii) That councillors make their own personal contribution to the Fire Service consultation.
- (iii) That the Fire Service is approached to see if they would assist in a beacon lighting ceremony on The Green on 11 November 2018, and that if this is possible Councillor Nolan will work with them to provide the Fire Pit from Cockleton Meadow, and that the clerk can spend on

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the event within the budget figure of £1,000.00 without further reference to the Parish Council.

- (iv) That the Parish Council supports the proposals to reduce the size of the Isle of Wight Council ward of Cowes West and Gurnard.
- (v) That Gurnard Parish Council supports the cut back of the plants in the verge outside Buckler's View to increase visibility but at no expense to the Parish Council.
- (vi) That Gurnard Parish Council continues to fund the grounds maintenance contract for the Green for a further twelve months from 1 April 2019, at a figure equal to this year's contribution for the first three quarters of the period and an increase of no more than 10% for the final quarter.
- (vii) That Gurnard Parish Council notes the consultation for the reduction of Pupil Admission Numbers from September 2019 and will not make a Parish Council response.

### **6790 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- a. Resident issues at Gurnard Pines (Councillor Fuller)
- b. People cycling on the promenade between Gurnard and Cowes (Councillor Bugden)
- c. The railings along the promenade between Gurnard and Cowes (Councillor Nolan)

**The meeting closed at 9.26 pm.**

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CHAIR

### **Clerk's Report – October 2018**

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#### **Adding another two signatories to the bank**

We are still awaiting confirmation that two further councillors have been added to the bank mandate, even though the fully completed form was sent to the Unity Trust bank on 27 July 2018.

#### **Isle of Wight Day beach clean**

Although the weather was awful for the Saturday parade and games, the sun shone for the Gurnard beach clean on the Sunday. We had 25 volunteers turn up who litter picked the beach, Green, Spencers Cope and along towards Thorness. Several bags of rubbish were collected, although it was noted that there was no so much as the April litter pick. Residents and visitors are being more respectful of litter and using the bins provided plus several residents are collecting litter as they walk along the beach. One of the hut owners has kept a litter picker and will keep an eye on beach litter. Our youngest volunteer was three years old. Everyone who took part was given a "hot drink and cake" voucher from Costa Coffee, and bags, gloves and ferry vouchers from Isle of Wight Day.

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### **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 – September 2018 edition
- 2 Sales leaflets from Glasdon
- 3 Sales leaflet from Stocksigns group
- 4 Letter and poster from Royal Mail about scams
- 5 Letter from HM Revenue and Customs regarding making VAT refund claims online