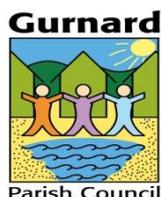


# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Nolan (Chair); Bugden; Jacobs; Fuller; Laurens; Williams and Wood

The meeting commenced at 6.05 pm

## 6887 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and approved for Cllr Smith

## 6888 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. No declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests received
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

## 6889 MINUTES

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2019 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 6890 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

### a. The following planning applications were received:

(ii) Application No: 19/00732/RVC

Location: Land At Dottens Farm Baring Road

Proposal: Variation of condition no.2 on P/00981/18 to allow alterations to scheme design

**RESOLVED: Gurnard Parish Council stand by their original comments to P/00981/18 and strongly object to the application in that this is further development in the Jordan Valley which is protected in the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan, which would result in over development of the site, have an adverse impact on the green gap between Gurnard and Cowes, that the application is not immediately adjacent to the settlement boundary and that the open ended roads within the plan could lead to further applications.**

(iii) Application No: 19/00756/RVC

Location: Land To The Rear of The Heritage to Shepards Hay, Tuttons Hill and fronting Place Road

Proposal: Variation of condition no 2 on P/01398/17 to allow revised design to plot 86

**RESOLVED: Gurnard Parish Council objects to this application due to the size and mass of the building which is out of keeping with the other plots**

(iv) Application No: 19/00757/RVC

Location: Land To The Rear of The Heritage to Shepards Hay Tuttons Hill and fronting Place Road

Proposal: Variation of condition no 2 on P/01398/17 to allow revised design to Plot 87

**RESOLVED: Gurnard Parish Council raise no objections to this application**

### b. The following planning decision was received and noted:

Application No: 19/00535/FUL

Location: 60 Solent View Road PO31 8JZ

Proposal: Proposed detached chalet to be used as ancillary accommodation.

Decision: REFUSED

## 6891 REPORTS

### a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman reported on the visits he has made to Old School Meadow over the summer and the large number of complaints he received regarding the traffic chaos on the seafront during Cowes Week to be discussed later on the agenda. He received one mainland enquiry to the advertised invitation for tenders to recondition the toilets on Gurnard Green and three tenders were received in total. Following a meeting of the Toilet Committee earlier in the day the Toilet Committee

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considered all three tenders and **resolved to accept the offer made by Danfo UK subject to various conditions and that the work can be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020.**

b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting. Cllrs supported her request to attend an IWALC training session on new website accessibility regulations coming into force on 10 October, and problems with the printer were noted. It was agreed to offer the two invitations received to the IW Best Kept Village Awards on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September to the Gurnard in Bloom team which the Clerk will pass on.

c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting. Cowes Town Council are looking to set up a trust to look after Egypt Point Light House (previously the responsibility of the IW Council) to safeguard the iconic structure and navigational aid. He has responded to complaints received from parents at Gurnard Primary School about residents placing traffic cones outside their properties which isn't permitted. Bucklers View have submitted a modified planning application which appears to show they have listened to concerns expressed around the size, scale and mass of the original proposal. St Mary's Road roundabout has been discussed at Full Council and Cllr Fuller is supporting a requisition because of concerns around the lack of engagement with residents, the hospital and businesses (other than B&Q), and that there has been no impact assessment on Pallance Road. Cllrs asked about Island Roads' core investment period which runs out April 2020 and that roads such as Worsley Road will still need resurfacing beyond this point. Cllrs raised the overgrown brambles on Cockleton Lane and that where the lower part of the hedge has been cut it has not been cut back to the boundary. Cllr Fuller will raise this section of Cockleton Lane from Gurnard Pines to Gurnard Farm with Island Roads as well as Winding Way which is still very overgrown. The question was asked as to who now owns Gurnard Cliff Wood/Spencer's Copse as they are responsible for the maintenance of the boundary with Winding Way.

**RESOLVED that approval is given for the Clerk to establish ownership through a land registry search**

d. PACT

Cllr Bugden presented her report following her attendance at the latest PACT meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Cllrs discussed increasing problems with security and asked that the Clerk write to PC Justin Pringle for an update on the rescued vessel at Gurnard Luck reported in the IW Observer on 30<sup>th</sup> August that has caused concern for residents. Cllr Wood is also trying to get Neighbourhood Watch up and running again since these meetings stopped being run by PCSO Anker

e. Gurnard in Bloom

Gurnard in Bloom's update report for September 2019 was received and expenses approved. The large plant beds along Worsley Road are proving a problem to upkeep and it was appreciated that help is needed to maintain them. It was resolved to get a group together in the New Year to look at these verges.

### 6892 FINANCE

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totalling £7125.38 for approval

**RESOLVED: That electronic payments totaling £7125.38 are approved**

b. The Clerk presented the bank statements and monthly bank reconciliations for July and August

**RESOLVED: That the monthly bank reconciliations and bank statements are received and noted.**

c. The Clerk reported that following amendment, the conclusion of the external audit for the year ended 31 March 2019 had been received. The external auditor, PKF Littlejohn, have raised no matters of concern.

**RESOLVED: That the conclusion of the external audit for the year ended 31 March 2019 is received, noted and approved.**

d. The Clerk requested approval to write off an unclaimed cheque (no. 300081) of £50 made on 15/11/18 to the Royal British Legion (a donation made at the World War One Commemorations)

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**RESOLVED: That approval is given to the Clerk to write off the unclaimed cheque no 300081 made on 15/11/18 to the Royal British Legion**

- e. The Clerk presented the Unity Trust Bank account management submission form authorising the removal of Jane McKean's signatory, following her resignation

**RESOLVED: That the Unity Trust Bank account management submission form authorising the removal of Jane McKean's signatory is approved and signed**

- f. The Clerk presented the insurance policy schedule due for renewal on 1st October 2019 at either an annual premium of £1190.96 or a 3 year long term agreement premium at £1131.41 per year

**RESOLVED: That the insurance policy schedule is approved and a 3 year long term agreement premium at £1131.41 per year is agreed to**

### 6893 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- a. Old School Meadow (Cllr Nolan)

Following a meeting of the OSM group on 10 September Cllr Nolan reported their recommendation for one final cut of the meadow and for the pond, entrance and this time the whole orchard to be strimmed which has become a bit of a mess

**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to ask Green Giant to do one last cut of the meadow and strim the pond, entrance and the whole of the Orchard. It was also resolved to include within the Gurnard News a request for anyone interested in getting involved with the upkeep of Old School Meadow to contact the Clerk who will pass on names to the Old School Meadow working group to contact.**

- b. Defibrillators (Cllr Bugden)

To approve payment of £40.00 including vat for a new set of electrode pads to be delivered by the ambulance service and agree a budget allocation to cover the cost of future maintenance including new pads and batteries

**RESOLVED: That one set up pads will be purchased to replace the electrode pads due to expire at the end of October at a cost of £40.00.**

- c. Personnel (Cllr Bugden)

To review the summer break and agree on future need to employ a locum to cover the Clerk's annual leave

**RESOLVED: That should a meeting be needed during the Clerk's annual leave that a locum will be employed to clerk the meeting.**

- d. Cowes Week one-way system on Gurnard seafront (Cllr Nolan)

Problems resulting from the one way system, signage and ensuing traffic chaos during Cowes Week was discussed and agreed not well managed by Island Roads. IW Cllr Fuller will be taking feedback from residents back to a wash up meeting with Island Roads and it was suggested that Gurnard PC should also have sight of the temporary Cowes week order, to review 6 weeks prior to Cowes week, as Cowes Town Council do.

**RESOLVED: To suspend standing orders and continue with the meeting beyond two and half hours**

**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to write to Island Roads on behalf of the Parish Council to express dissatisfaction with the way things were handled given unprecedented number of complaints Councillors received and request better planning and management for next year**

### 6894 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

- a. Review Policies

To review the Environment and Biodiversity, and Equality and Diversity policies

**RESOLVED: That the Environment and Biodiversity, and Equality and Diversity policies were reviewed and approved without amendment**

- b. Casual Vacancy

To agree on co-option arrangements

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**RESOLVED:** That the co-option of a person to serve on Gurnard Parish Council will be advertised. Applications to be received by 31 October 2019 to be considered at Full Council on 13 November 2019. Following Cllr McKean's resignation it was also resolved that Cllr Laurens is appointed to the Grants Panel, Personnel Working Group and become a signatory to the bank account.

c. Remembrance Service

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman, accompanied by Cllr Laurens, will lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council for the Remembrance Service to be held at All Saints Church on Sunday 10 November 2019 and that £50 will be donated to the Royal British Legion towards the cost of the wreath

d. Isle of Wight Day's Coastline clear up

**RESOLVED:** To participate in this event and join together with the Cowes Costa team at 11am on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September working from Gurnard seafront towards Cowes.

e. Gurnard Parish Council Website

i. **RESOLVED:** That the request for details from the Gurnard Village Hall Association Website to be transferred to the Gurnard Parish Council Website is approved

ii. **RESOLVED:** That a link to the Isle Find It Community Directory is also approved for the Gurnard Parish Council website

**6895 ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

To receive ideas from councillors for future agenda items which will be accompanied by a written report and expected outcomes for inclusion.

- **GVHA meeting**
- **Toilet update**
- **Gurnard in Bloom volunteers (January)**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

CHAIR

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