

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Gurnard Electors held at the Village Hall in Worsley Road, Gurnard on Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 7.40pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Nolan (Chair), Bugden, Fuller, Jacobs, McKean, Laurens, Williams and Smith

Councillor Nolan opened the evening and welcomed Mr. Ollie Boulter, the Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager for Planning, who provided an interesting presentation on S106 planning obligations (agreements entered into between planning applicants and the Isle of Wight Council to help mitigate the impact of any development being proposed). The Island Plan Core Strategy and Supplementary Papers provide the basis for any agreement which need to contribute to either affordable housing, education or Solent Special Protection Area (SPA) mitigation. Parish Councils are advised to cost up community projects they wish to seek funding for, in order that the planning authority can negotiate support for projects in any potential agreement with planning applicants. Whilst there is no legal requirement, applicants will often support schemes as a good will gesture. Mr. Ollie Boulter answered a variety of questions from Councillors including the lack of identified infrastructure to support further development in Gurnard, the need to improve access for the elderly and disabled in light of the future Bucklers View development (a disabled audit has previously been carried out in the village to support this request), coalescence with Cowes remaining the biggest concern identified within the Gurnard Neighbourhood Development Plan and that designated areas were identified for development to negate this problem, and the need for social and affordable housing, which Mr. Boulter advised the planning authority are attempting to address in conjunction with housing associations.

Following the presentation refreshments were served.

Apologies were received from PCSO Derek Howard.

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 April 2018 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Nolan provided a written Chairman's Report (see attached) which highlights the achievements of the Parish Council.

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the accounts (also attached) prior to the meeting and was available for questions. Clarification of the carry forward was requested and confirmed as £99,359.

Councillor Bugden provided a verbal report on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Gurnard. Generally Gurnard is a very safe place to live but there are opportunist crimes when residents leave doors or windows open. A problem has been identified from white van owners turning up at houses on spec and charging a fortune for services, and there is an increasing problem of scams over the internet and telephone affecting older people in particular. A cyber café, subsidised via a grant from the Parish Council, runs every couple of weeks from the Village Hall in an attempt to make residents

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aware of this problem. There is no further information available about the break-in at the Watersedge.

Councillor Fuller provided his Annual Report which was delivered to all households in Gurnard.

The Parish Award will be presented to the recipient at the next Full Council Meeting on Wednesday 8th May 2019.

The meeting closed at 9.19 pm.

CHAIRMAN