

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 9 December 2020 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Nolan (Chair); Fuller; Bugden; Jacobs; Wood and Williams
One member of the public was present.

PCSO Howard was unable to attend but had forwarded his report which was circulated to members. There was 1 crime (malicious communication) reported in November 2020. Priorities for the Cowes Neighbourhood Policing team continue to be Op Sceptre (a nationwide knife crime initiative), domestic violence (signposting and referrals to partner agencies), and drugs (gathering intelligence and taking appropriate action).

The meeting started at 6.15 pm

6993 APOLOGIES

Cllr Laurens was absent

6994 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Fuller declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4a as a member of the Isle of Wight Council's Planning Committee and issued the following statement "Please note that any predisposed view I express tonight is based on the information that has been presented. However I remain open to listening to all arguments and receiving further material planning information, potentially enabling me to change my mind in light of further information." Cllrs Bugden, Jacobs, Nolan and Williams declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 8f as they are all council tax payers residing in Gurnard.
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

6995 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

6996 CO-OPTION

To consider expression of interest received for a co-opted member and appoint as appropriate.

RESOLVED: That Mr. Mark Franklin is co-opted as a member of Gurnard Parish Council. The Clerk will arrange for him to sign his acceptance of office prior to the next meeting.

6997 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning applications were considered:
 - i. Application No: 20/01943/FUL
Location: 1 Lower Hornhill Rew Street PO31 8NU
Proposal: Proposed replacement dwelling
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection to this application
 - ii. Application No: 20/01911/ADV
Location: The Range 79 Place Road PO31 7AE
Proposal: Non-illuminated fascia signs; double sided non-illuminated post sign
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection to this application

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- iii. Application No: 20/01996/HOU
Location: 3 Cockleton Lane PO31 8JE
Proposal: Replacement balcony at first floor level on front elevation
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council have no comment to make about this application.
- b. The following planning decisions are noted:
 - i. Application No: 20/01812/HOU
Location: Tintamarre 21 Gurnard Heights PO31 8EF
Proposal: Retention and completion of works to conservatory at first floor level
Decision: Granted
 - ii. Application No: 20/01432/TW
Location: Shepherds Hay Tuttons PO31 8JA
Proposal: The ash tree situated as detailed in the application is to have the crown raised to 3 m above ground level.
Decision: Granted
 - c. To agree on policy in relation to contact with developers prior to application
RESOLVED: That members don't participate in discussions with developers prior to application on either an individual or group basis. In the interest of transparency, if approached by a developer before an application is published, best practice for them would be to hold an independent public presentation at a neutral venue which members can choose to attend at their own will, and this should be encouraged. The Clerk to write a policy to this effect to be ratified at the next meeting.

6998 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman
The Chairman had nothing further to report beyond the business itemised on the agenda
- b. Clerk's Report
The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting. A meeting of the Planning Committee will be pencilled in via Teams for 10.00 am on the 30th December 2020 in case of any new planning applications received over the Christmas break. The Clerk raised an invitation received from the IWC to attend one of two information sessions in relation to Census 21, however these are not felt to be a current priority for GPC.
- c. IW Councillor
IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting and updated on his recent attendance at a Planning Committee Meeting which highlighted the importance of the Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan in light of applications being approved elsewhere on the island without plans, despite being in rural locations outside the settlement boundary. He raised a request received from a resident wishing to clear some of the older boats in the River Luck which he considers to be a potential pollutant to the Solent, however this land is Crown Property, the boats are privately owned and moored, and GPC have no jurisdiction in this area. It is for the environment agency to monitor and Cllr Fuller has contacted them on behalf of the resident for their advice and unless advised otherwise by them, will take no further action.
- d. IWC Town & Parish Council Briefing 30 November 2020
Minutes of the IWC Town & Parish Council Briefing held on 30 November 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting. No comments were raised.
- e. IWALC Executive Committee Meeting 26 November 2020
Minutes of the IWALC Executive Committee Meeting held on 26 November 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Fuller attended this meeting and has taken on an action in relation to the way Island Roads are cutting hedgerows which is not considered to be sustainable, and will refer the issue to the Local Access Forum (LAF). On this matter Cllrs raised the issue of debris being left on the roads and pavements after each cut which is a hazard for everyone and which Cllr Fuller will also refer to the LAF.

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6999 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totalling £ 1861.65 and receipts totalling £ 22.90 for November 2020 for approval

RESOLVED: That the electronic payments totalling £1861.65 and receipts totalling £22.90 for November 2020 are approved

- b. The Clerk presented the copy bank statements and bank reconciliations for November 2020

RESOLVED: That the monthly bank statements and bank reconciliation for November 2020 are noted

7000 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- a. Toilets

Cllr Nolan updated that although the toilets are being well used evidenced by the coins collected each week, it is acknowledged that many people don't carry cash these days and so the cost to install a contactless payment system was requested from Danfo (UK) Ltd. Disappointingly the price received of £2000 per unit is double that of the original quotation at installation, and the amount that has been budgeted for.

RESOLVED: To monitor operation of the facility in Newport once open, and review again in April.

- b. Environment Officer

The Clerk circulated the Environment Officer's report prior to the meeting which members were pleased to receive and would like to see on a monthly basis moving forward. The Clerk will ask permission from the Environment Officer for her phone number to be circulated among members in order for issues to be raised directly with her.

- c. Play area

Following receipt of the inspection report circulated among members, the Clerk has asked the IWC if the issues raised in the report will be covered by GPC's playground maintenance contract with the IWC costing £1500 a year, and if not, what the additional cost will be.

RESOLVED: For this matter to be adjourned until confirmation from the IWC has been received and for Cllr Williams to join the Playground working group alongside Cllrs Nolan and Jacobs.

- d. Picnic Table

Cllr Nolan updated on the wishes of the friends and family of Rosie for a picnic table made from recycled plastic to be installed on the concrete hard standing at the bottom of the Green as a memorial to her, and given the popularity of these tables and space available, the question was raised as to whether GPC would fund an additional table at an approximate cost of £500?

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council agree to fund an additional table, to be located alongside Rosie's on the concrete hardstanding, providing a safe and accessible amenity for the village all year round.

- e. Village Green Status

To review areas of the Village Green not covered by full Village Green Status and agree next steps for registration

RESOLVED: That a new working group is set up, membership consisting of Cllrs Nolan, Fuller, Bugden and Williams. The Clerk to arrange a meeting for the working group via Teams at 10.00am on Wednesday 16th December to begin the process for registration.

- e. Budget and Precept

Cllr Nolan shared recommendations from the Financial Working Group

RESOLVED: That the budget is agreed and required precept of £59,590 is set for 2021-2022. This represents a 1% increase on last year, and subject to the grant issued by the IWC and tax base remaining the same as last year, will equate to a precept of £1.30 per week for band D residents.

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7001 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

Policies for adoption and review

The Clerk presented a draft Remote Meeting Access Policy for adoption, and Safeguarding Policy for review

RESOLVED: That a new Remote Meeting Access Policy is adopted and the Safeguarding Policy is agreed without amendment

7002 ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Old School Meadow (To agree on action required to make the pathway to the wildflower area safe which has become very slippery)

The meeting closed at 7.46 pm

CHAIR
