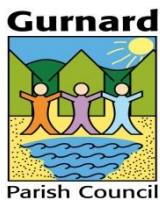


# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 December 2021 at 6.30pm at Gurnard Village Hall

**PRESENT:** **Councillors** Nolan (Chair); Fuller; Bugden; Jacobs; Bustin; Wood; Acton and Franklin.  
**Clerk** Mrs Katie Riley

Environment Officer Bob Nelson and PCSO Steven Anker were unable to attend and so had forwarded their reports prior to the meeting for the attention of members.

The meeting formally opened at 6.30 pm

## 7127 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Williams who was unwell.

## 7128 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Fuller declared an interest in agenda item 4 as Isle of Wight Cabinet Member for Planning and Community Engagement 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." Cllr Acton declared an interest in agenda item 7 as she is a 'Supporter of Cowes Library'. All members residing in Gurnard (Cllrs Nolan, Bugden, Jacobs, Bustin, Acton and Franklin) declared an interest in agenda item 7 as local taxpayers.
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

## 7129 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2021 were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

## 7130 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

There were 2 planning applications and 1 appeal for Councillor's consideration:

- i. Application No: 21/02205/HOU  
Location: 6 Tilbury Road PO31 8JJ  
Proposal: Demolition of existing garage; proposed new garage and single storey extension  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council have no objection to this application**  
ii. Application No: 21/00458/RVC  
Location: Land Fronting Place Road Including Land to the Side and Rear of 47-11A Place Road and to the Rear of the Heritage to Shepherds Hay Tuttons Hill and Access off Place Road  
Proposal: Variation of condition no. 2 on P/00358/18 to allow for amendments to approved scheme (Phase 4)(revised plans)(readvertised application)  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council hold by their original objection which was overruled and so wish to make no further comment other than to ask planners to consider the integrity of the rural landscape and ensure rooflines are not visible from Cockleton Lane.**  
iii. Application No: 20/01151/FUL  
Appeal No: 21/00040/REF  
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/P21 14/W/21/3277258  
Location: Land at Dottens Farm, Baring Road, PO31 8EA  
Proposal: Proposed pair of semi-detached houses, parking and landscaping  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council hold by their original objection and have no further comment to make.**

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- b. The following planning decisions were noted:

i. Application No: 21/01963/FUL

Location: 2 Shore Path PO31 8LL

Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; proposed dwelling

Decision: Refused

ii. Application No: 21/02003/HOU

Location: 2 Solent View Road PO31 8JY

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension & two storey front extension to hall & bedroom.

Decision: Granted

## 7131 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman

i. The Chairman reported his time spent meeting contractors at Old School Meadow and putting new signs up at the meadow and toilets on the Green. He also reported correspondence received from the applicant of planning application 21/02081/FUL in response to comments made by GPC's Planning Committee in November.

- b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting and asked members if they would like to submit anything in the IW Observer's Christmas feature. Councillors felt they might be able to do this next year if more notice is given.

- c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting and updated that proposals to extend and provide additional accommodation at Bucklers View have been put on hold until the second half of next year. A reapplication will be required should the scheme not be started by 2023. He has been talking to local resident and author Sheila Caws about updating 'Gurnard A Village and Its Church' book and is investigating costs for its publication. He reported his facilitation of a meeting for Gurnard businesses with IWC's Director of Regeneration on the Isle of Wight, Christopher Ashman, to discuss opportunities to promote local businesses from the village, including better signage at the round house and creating a small business association. Councillors highlighted the many businesses at Gurnard Pines who should also be included within this group. He also updated on the community bus service and that fewer donations are being received, and is encouraging people to donate where they can.

- d. IWALC Executive Committee Meeting

Cllr Fuller reported that IWALC are considering signing up to the Age UK's Age Friendly Digital Pledge. GPC have already signed up to the pledge and will offer their encouragement to IWALC.

## 7132 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments for November for approval

**RESOLVED: That receipts totalling £329.82 are noted, and the following payments totalling £1886.54 for the month of November are approved:**

• Community Action (November payroll)	£1394.89
• Mrs K Riley (November expenses)	£113.90
• All Saints Church Garden Room hire	£12.00
• Mrs Marie Bugden (new litter grabbers)	£14.97
• Mrs Maxine Warr (internal audit)	£40.00
• Biltmore (New signs for Toilets and OSM)	£101.40
• IWC recharge of election costs	£24.00
• British Legion (remembrance service wreath)	£40.00
• Mrs Maxine Warr (locum)	£60.00
• Business stream	£85.38

- b. The Clerk presented copy bank statements and bank reconciliation for November

**RESOLVED: That the copy bank statements and bank reconciliation for November are noted**

- c. To authorise payment of the Clerk's additional hours accrued since January 2021

**Following a member's request this item was moved to the end of the meeting**

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## 7133 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

To receive recommendations from the Finance Committee, taking into account Cowes Town Council's new request for Gurnard and Northwood Parish Councils to contribute as a partnership towards Cowes Library, and agree the budget and required precept for 2022-23

The Clerk circulated the email request from Cowes Town Council to contribute as a partnership towards Cowes Library, the draft budget, and minutes from the Finance Committee, prior to the meeting. Cllr Jacobs declared a personal interest as he is a member of Cowes Library and Cllr Fuller declared a prejudicial interest as he holds his surgery at the library and will withdraw from a vote.

**RESOLVED: That a £1000 contribution is agreed to Cowes Town Council for Cowes Library, and the budget and precept request for 2022/23 is agreed at £60,186.00 representing a 1% increase from last year.**

## 7134 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

### a. Old School Meadow

Cllr Nolan reported that he has met with two contractors so far to obtain quotes for new fencing and is due to meet a third contractor next week. A number of gaps were observed at these site meetings and in order that the fence is fully dog proof, 60 metres of wire fence will be required rather than the 18 metres originally thought. It might also be that the job is more suited to a specialist agricultural fencer. Quotations should be available by January's meeting. The Clerk shared advice received recently about the risk of legionella from water butts in the summer and it was agreed to flag this to the Environment Officer/Environmental Health for their advice.

*(Cllr Acton had a prior arrangement and left the meeting at 8.05pm)*

Members also raised the area around the pond which is looking very neglected and in need of a strim.

### b. Gurnard Village Hall

Councillor Bustin updated members that following a successful recruitment evening in November ten new volunteers are due to meet at the hall tomorrow evening (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December) in order to look at the hall and get a better feel for what needs doing. Council member's advised that a formal GVHA committee meeting should happen as soon possible to formalise membership and roles and Cllr Bustin will liaise with GVHA secretary Chris Lund to arrange this.

### c. Traffic Issues on Church Road

Cllr Bustin circulated a report in response to concerns raised re. traffic issues on Church Road proposing a one way system as a possible solution

**RESOLVED: Cllr Bustin and Fuller to set up a working party (to which all council members are welcome) in order to put together a questionnaire surveying local residents about this proposal.**

### d. Level of raw sewage discharge from Southern Water

Cllr Nolan provided an overview of recent publicised reports that Gurnard is one of the worst sewer outlets to sea in England

**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to write to the Chief Executive of Southern Water on behalf of GPC to raise concerns and ask, given the impact on local residents and businesses how Southern Water intend to address the situation. To invite a representative from Southern Water to attend the next Parish Council meeting.**

## 7135 RESOLVED: To suspend standing orders and continue the meeting beyond 2 and a half hours.

## 7136 Spencer's Copse (Cllr Nolan)

- i. To agree to start the application for a modification order to add the dogleg through the copse, used by locals without challenge or express permission for at least 20 years continuously, to the definitive map not previously recorded.

**RESOLVED: To proceed with the application for a modification order to add the well-used dogleg through the Copse to the definitive map not previously recorded. Cllr Fuller is to request permission from a community member to use an application that she has already submitted but is on hold with the Isle of Wight Council, this would be adapted to become a GPC application, and if not possible the GPC will prepare and submit a new application as soon as possible.**

- ii. To confirm and strengthen membership of the Public Access Working Group (currently Cllrs Fuller, Wood and Nolan) to take this application forward.

**RESOLVED: That Cllrs Fuller, Wood and Nolan are confirmed as Public Access Working Group members and will proceed with this application as soon as possible. New members welcome.**

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### 7137 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

#### a. Armed Forces Covenant

To agree on support for the Armed Forces Covenant and sign as appropriate

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council agree to the Armed Forces Covenant and is signed by the Chairman on behalf of GPC.**

#### b. Polices for Review

**RESOLVED: That the Grant Awarding, Safeguarding and Vexatious Complaints polices are approved without amendment**

### 7138 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None received

### 7139 To authorise payment of the Clerk's additional hours accrued since January 2021

The Clerk left the room while a discussion and vote took place.

**RESOLVED: That payment is approved for the Clerk's additional hours accrued since January 2021.**

**That the Clerk's contracted time is raised from 20 to 21 hours a week and that the HR Committee review hours worked on a quarterly basis.**

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

CHAIR

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