

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 6.30pm at Gurnard Village Hall

PRESENT: Councillors Fuller (Chair); Jacobs; Bustin; Williams; Wood and Franklin.

Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley

Members of the public: 3

IW Council Environment Officer Senad Adams was not in attendance but had forwarded her report for circulation prior to the meeting. PCSOs Steven Anker and Lisa Paul were in attendance and members enquired about a break-in they had heard about recently in Northwood which whilst not their area, PCSOs agreed to look into and report back for the peace of mind of Gurnard residents. It was confirmed after the meeting that the incident referred to was in Gurnard but not a burglary and is part of an ongoing investigation. Members asked whether anything can be done about a van persistently parked on the pavement in Oxford Street (Northwood), and a similar situation was raised by a member of public about two vans dangerously parked on a grass verge and causing a nuisance in Rew Street, which PCSOs will look into. It was suggested a polite note could be put in the Gurnard News requesting more consideration from members of the public when parking. PCSO Lisa Paul updated that after two years of Covid enforced inactivity they are now able to restart the PACT meetings (Police and Communities Together) and has contacted Cllr Bugden who was previously involved and hopes the group can meet in the next month. These meetings give representatives made up from T&PCs, schools and community support officers, the opportunity to talk about current issues, and together the group set the policing priorities for the next 3 months for the neighbourhood.

The Chairman invited the member of public present to speak on any further matters to which he raised the issue of 22 static caravans currently on site at the Sunnycott Caravan site where there is only permission for 21, and that a neighbouring property is advertising their land as a campsite for touring vans and tents. The Chairman will ask IWC Licensing Officer Andrea Bull to attend on site to look into these issues and an update will be provided at next month's meeting.

The meeting formally opened at 6.49 pm

7164 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and approved for Cllrs Acton and Bugden who were both away, and Cllr Nolan who was unwell.

7165 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were declared.
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

7166 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 February 2022 were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

7167 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. There was 1 planning application for Councillor's consideration:

Application No: 22/00222/FUL

Location: 2 Shore Path PO31 8LL

Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; proposed dwelling (revised scheme)

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council continue to object to this application on the following grounds: The building would have an adverse impact on Shore Road due to overdevelopment of the site.

The sea wall is vulnerable, and any construction and maintenance in the area should be monitored to ensure the wall is protected. If the IW Council is minded to grant the application, it is requested that a condition is applied to ensure any construction traffic and related materials do not damage the wall. The Parish Council would also like to support the concerns raised by Southern Water.

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- b. The following planning decisions were noted:
- i. Application No: 21/01940/FUL
Location: Land Adjacent 51 Albert Road PO31 8JU
Proposal: Detached chalet bungalow, access and parking.
Decision: Granted
- ii. Application No: 21/01555/FUL
Location: Land Adjacent to the Stables Woodvale Road Gurnard Isle of Wight
Proposal: Proposed detached dwelling and parking (revised scheme) (readvertised application) (updated tree report and shade analysis and revised design and layout)
Decision: Granted

7168 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman
Cllr Nolan was not in attendance but had circulated his report prior to the meeting
- b. Clerk's Report
The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting and highlighted the training that councillors had requested with Sue Chilton on 30th March 2022 and that if there is anything they would like her to specifically cover, to please let her know in advance.
- c. IW Councillor
IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting and updated that the IWC are in the process of prosecuting SGN in relation to the unauthorised clearance of woodland on the Esplanade, an area which has a Woodland Tree Preservation Order, as well as being a Site of Nature Conservation (SINC). He asked for members and residents to share any evidence of wildlife affected by this clearance. It is hoped that any imposed fine resulting from a prosecution will contribute to repopulation of the area.
- d. GVHA
The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10th February 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting and Cllr Bustin (Chair of GVHA) updated that the first cyber café session had taken place and was well attended. The next meeting of GVHA will be on Thursday 10th March 2022.
- e. IWALC
The minutes of IWALC's Executive meeting held on 27 January 2022 and topic meeting held on 24 February 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting.
- f. Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) progress meeting 7/3/22
Cllr Acton had circulated notes from the Local Cycling Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) progress meeting held on 7/3/22 prior to the meeting highlighting a week's window for feedback on the draft plan which is expected at the end of the month. Cllr Franklin reported that the width of the new footpath on Cockleton Lane had been raised through the LCWIP and it was agreed to write to the Planning Case Officer to enquire if action can be taken to make the path more accessible.

7169 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments for February for approval
RESOLVED: That the following payments totalling £2708.70 for the month of February are approved:
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| • Community Action (February payroll) | £1,468.85 |
| • IWALC annual subscription | £434.25 |
| • Wight Computers (website update) | £36.00 |
| • Danfo (January Cleaning) | £769.60 |
- b. The Clerk presented copy bank statements and the bank reconciliation for February
RESOLVED: That the copy bank statements and bank reconciliation for February be duly noted
- c. The Clerk presented two purchases made under delegated authority since the last meeting of replacement pads for the defibrillator at Gurnard Press at a cost of £34.56, and a replacement battery for the defibrillator at the village hall at a cost of £265.00.
RESOLVED: That the two purchases made under delegated authority since the last meeting of replacement pads for the defibrillator at Gurnard Press at a cost of £34.56, and a replacement battery for the defibrillator at the village hall at a cost of £265.00 be approved.

7170 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

- a. Gurnard Village Hall
Cllr Fuller updated that he had been in touch with Community Action IW's Chief Executive Mike Bulpitt regarding the village hall and was waiting to hear back from Philippa Day about a meeting.
RESOLVED: That the update on the meeting with Community Action IW about the village hall be duly noted.

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- b. Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Old School Meadow
Cllr Bustin informed members that there was a meeting on Thursday 10th March inviting event organisers to come along and share ideas about what they were doing in an attempt to co-ordinate and not replicate events, and proposed that agreement on a budget for an event at Old School Meadow be deferred until after this meeting and more is known.
RESOLVED: That agreement on a budget for an event at Old School Meadow to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations at Old School Meadow be deferred until April.
- c. Spencer's Copse Footpath and Gurnard Green Registration
Cllr Fuller updated on negotiations between the IWC's Rights of Way department, Natural England, and the current landowner of Spencer's Copse about incorporating the dogleg into the ECP route and positive discussions are underway.
RESOLVED: That the update on Spencer's Copse be duly noted and that Cllr Fuller circulates correspondence on Spencer's Copse and provide an update at the next meeting.
Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated correspondence from the IWC confirming that the old putting green is being positively considered for designation as a Village Green by the IWC but official confirmation had not yet been received.
- d. Shore Road Safety
The issue of the hedge obscuring vision for pedestrians trying to cross the road safely from the top of the Green was considered and thought to be the responsibility of the landowner (IWC) rather than the leaseholders (Gurnard Sailing Club) however it was agreed to write to the sailing club and explain GPC's request for the hedge to be cut back for safety reasons and seek their support.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Gurnard Sailing Club to seek their support with the proposal that the hedge be cut back for safety reasons.
- e. Local Accessibility (Cllr Fuller)
Cllr Fuller reported that the Local Access Forum (LAF) are doing a consultation re. access to the countryside for the elderly and people with disabilities and will be formally writing to the parish council to enquire what Gurnard's top 5 priorities are considered to be.
RESOLVED: That this item is deferred until LAF's written request is received.
Members raised a safety concern at the bottom of Winding Way for residents in electric wheelchairs and asked if this can be made safer. A significant amount of debris was also reported in this area that needs clearing.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Island Roads to request that the exit from Winding Way is made safer and more accessible, and the debris cleared.
- f. Unauthorised Wood Clearance
In addition to discussion that took place earlier in the meeting under the IW Councillor's report, members raised the issue of water run off on to the road since the land has been cleared and natural soak up removed.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Island Roads to raise concerns about drainage and ask that the situation be looked at.
- g. Gurnard Pines
Cllr Fuller reported that in response to rising energy tariffs that an outreach session has been arranged for residents of Gurnard Pines with the CAB and Footprint Trust in attendance, and asked if GPC would consider supporting this event.
RESOLVED: That GPC donate £60.00 towards the cost of coffee and cake in support of this event for residents at Gurnard Pines.
- h. Grant applications
Grant Panel members were not in attendance.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk liaise with Grant Panel members and arrange a date for them to meet to review applications ahead of April's meeting.
- i. Old School Meadow
Given unpredictable weather conditions it was agreed that adhoc arrangements, as and when required, will be the best way to proceed.
RESOLVED: That the grass is cut as and when required on an adhoc arrangement.
- j. Environment Agency Response
To review the EA's response declining an invitation to attend a public meeting in September about the sea water quality and level of discharges in Gurnard and agree next steps
RESOLVED: That GPC write to the EA to express disappointment that they have declined an invitation to attend a public meeting and ask instead if they are willing to attend a council meeting to explain their situation.

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- k. Memorial Plaque Policy
The process for responding to memorial plaque requests was discussed at length and in particular applications received recently to insert a plaque on one of the seven new benches due to be installed through the Welcome Back Fund.
RESOLVED: Not to allow any memorial plaques on these new benches due to the nature of their grant funding.
- 7171 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK**
- a. The Clerk presented the Dignity at Work policy
RESOLVED: That the Dignity at Work policy is reviewed and approved without amendment.
- b. The Clerk presented the decision taken under delegated authority by the Clerk to install the new contactless payment system on the seaward unit door
RESOLVED: That the decision taken under delegated authority by the Clerk to install the new contactless payment system on the seaward unit door is ratified.
- c. To consider writing to the Secretary of State to show support for the campaign by Lawyers in Local Government (LLG) and the Association of Democratic Services (ADSO) to allow councils in England to have the choice to meet remotely when local circumstances suit
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council write to the Secretary of State to show support for the campaign by Lawyers in Local Government (LLG) and the Association of Democratic Services (ADSO) to allow councils in England to have the choice to meet remotely when local circumstances suit. Should legislation change to enable this choice for councils that GPC have a policy in place about what circumstances would be appropriate.
- d. The Clerk presented the RNLI Beach Safety Assessment Report
RESOLVED: That Cllr Franklin produce a summary of the RNLI Beach Safety Assessment Report with recommendations for members at the next meeting.
- e. The Clerk presented a briefing from the Green Lanes Environment Movement (GLEAM) seeking to stop 'off-roading' in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs) and the Government's consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review
RESOLVED: That Cllr Williams write a response to this consultation for members to review via email ahead of the consultation deadline of 9th April.
- 7172 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- Church Road Traffic
 - LCWIP feedback
 - Trees on Worsley Road
- 7173 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**
In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted
- 7174** To receive recommendations from the HR Committee following the Clerk's appraisal
RESOLVED: That the Clerk receives an annual increment applicable from 1st April 2022 and the HR Committee evaluate the Clerk's job and corresponding LC1 and LC2 pay scales to ensure fair remuneration.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

CHAIR
