

Minutes of a meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 7.00pm.

# PRESENT: Councillors Nolan (Chair), Bugden, Fuller, Jacobs, Laurens and McKean. Members of the Public One

The Chairman welcomed the member of the public to the meeting. PCSO Steven Anker was not present at the meeting and no report had been received. Councillors understand that priorities are being looked at by the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

#### 6810 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received as all Councillors were present.

#### 6811 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. <u>To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests</u>
  Councillor Fuller declared a non- pecuniary interest in item number 4c as he lives close to housing land allocation identified within the draft island planning strategy.
- b. <u>Dispensation requests</u> No dispensation requests were received.

# 6812 MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 12 December 2018 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

# 6813 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning application was received: Application No: P/01378/18 Alt Ref: TCP/33637/A Location: 30 Shore Road, PO318LD Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; proposed replacement dwelling. RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection
- b. The following decisions were received and noted:
- (i) Application No: P/01222/18
  Location: 9 Gurnard Heights, PO318EF
  Proposal: Single storey side extension; enlarged hardstanding adjacent existing drive; enlargement of existing patio doors on rear elevation
  Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)
- (ii) Application No: P/01234/18
  Location: The Pele, Woodvale Road, PO318EB
  Proposal: Extension at 1st floor level to enlarge bedroom (revised description)
  Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)
- (iii) Application No: P/00358/18
  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, PO31

Proposal: 21 dwellings, garages and associated landscaping with the formation of a new access road (Phase 4)

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

 (iv) Application No: P/00183/18 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, PO31

Proposal: 30 dwellings, garages and associated landscaping with the formation of a new access road Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert

c. Island Planning Strategy Consultation

To consider a Parish Council response to the draft Island Planning Strategy

The Clerk distributed a letter received from a member of the public raising some insightful points about the strategy and given its size and complex nature, it was proposed to defer this item to the next planning meeting when more time can be afforded to fully consider this consultation.

# **RESOLVED:** To defer consideration of the draft Island Planning Strategy to the next planning meeting on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Councillor Fuller reported his intention to letter drop residents on Baring Road from the Round House to Gurnard Primary School to seek views about the proposed housing land allocation for 25 houses and ensure residents both know how to comment on the strategy and provide feedback to Gurnard Parish Council.

# 6814 REPORTS

a. <u>Parish Council Chair</u>

The Chairman reported his time spent recently on the application process to appoint a new Clerk, and that he has been keeping an eye on Old School Meadow. He has received 2 enquires from members of the public enquiring as to whether the site is still open to which he has provided reassurance. A comment has also been received about Gurnard Parish Council website still referencing the now closed Friends of Cockleton Meadow Group and so it was proposed to remove all Friends of Cockleton Meadow Group meeting notes from the website.

RESOLVED: To remove and archive all meeting notes from the Friends of Cockleton Meadow Group and for a meeting of the Old School Meadow Working Group to be arranged in the near future to update the website.

b. <u>Clerk to the Parish Council</u>

The Clerk provided a copy of her report. An observation had been received from a local resident regarding car drivers not slowing down for horses in the village and had asked whether a note can be put in the Gurnard News requesting drivers be more considerate. Councillors agreed to the inclusion of a note about this in the Parish Council report for February but to also extend this consideration to pedestrians and cyclists. A request has been received from the IW Observer to publish a summary of the Parish Council's activities each month and it was proposed to see how these are written over the next few months.

# RESOLVED: That the Clerk send minutes to both the IW Observer and the County Press in the interest of equality.

The Clerk has been contacted by the toilet cleaning contractors to say that they are due to replace some missing tiles.

RESOLVED: That as the Parish Council is looking to upgrade the toilets in the near future, the Clerk to confirm with the current contractors that no further maintenance work is carried out beyond the remit of the core cleaning contract, and for the Clerk to be contacted in the first instance if any urgent maintenance is required in order that Councillors can decide on an appropriate course of action.

# c. <u>IW Councillor</u>

Councillor Fuller provided a copy of his report and that he is due to produce more publicity about the draft Island Planning Strategy over the next few weeks. In response to a number of calls about parking in Woodvale Road he has spoken to the Isle of Wight Council and traffic wardens have been deployed. No complaints have been received since although the term has only just restarted. Primary concern is the safety of children going to and from school. He has also been dealing with a land clearance issue on Woodvale Road. The Tree Officer has reported that the trees with TPOs are still there but there may be issues with the root beds. This is the second time this issue has been raised in 6 years.

#### 6815 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totaling £2093.16 for approval.
  **RESOLVED: That electronic payments totaling £2093.16 are noted and approved.**
- b. The Clerk presented the monthly bank reconciliation and copy of the bank statement for information.
  - **RESOLVED**: That the monthly bank reconciliation and bank statement is received and noted.
- c. To review and approve annual subscriptions including the Campaign to Protect Rural England CPRE at £36.00

# **RESOLVED:** That all annual subscriptions are approved including the Campaign to Protect Rural England CPRE due for renewal

d. To approve and sign the Unity Trust account management submission form authorising the addition of two new signatories

**RESOLVED:** That the Unity Trust account management submission form is approved and signed authorising the addition of two new signatories

### 6816 ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

a. The Isle of Wight Council's Budget Proposals 2019/20

Councillor Fuller outlined his views on the budget proposals which he will be relaying to the Isle of Wight Council. The proposed reduction or removal of the Local Area Coordinator role has caused some upset among residents and that £25,000 of savings have been identified for the Fostering Team which is already under-resourced. Further reductions have been proposed at Lynnbottom Household Waste Recycling Centre which caused a lot of complaints last time when opening hours were reduced, although it was acknowledged by Councillors that the Garden Waste Collection Service has since reduced the need for a lot of people to visit the Centre. Alternative savings were suggested to remove Isle of Wight Council staff perks such as reduced parking charges, bus travel and leisure centre use, and to abolish the Council tax discount for 2nd home owners. Parking proposals to charge £1 overnight in carparks and all year round charges on esplanades were highlighted and the question was raised as to whether Town and Parish Councils should consider taking on parking services both to benefit from the revenue and provide more efficiency.

b. Toilet Working Group

Councillor Laurens reported that they are still waiting for an estimate and a discussion was had about the need for a public consultation when the price is known. It was proposed to include another note in the Gurnard News for information about the potential upgrade and expenditure to ensure residents are aware.

# **RESOLVED:** That Councillor Fuller include information about the potential upgrade of the toilets within his report.

c. Seafront Railings

The Isle of Wight Council's request for Gurnard Parish Council to contribute £2000 towards the cost of replacing the railings was considered but on the grounds of health and safety Councillors believe

the Isle of Wight Council are legally obliged to replace these. Cheaper high quality material could be looked at and alternative suppliers sourced to reduce the total cost to the IWC.

RESOLVED: Not to contribute £2000 towards the cost of replacing the railings and that Councillor Fuller respond to the IWC as Ward Councillor for the area, suggesting a variety of local contractors be considered who can supply railings at a minimal price.

d. Clerk vacancy update

Councillor Nolan reported 9 applications have been received for the vacant position of Clerk and that the Personnel Working Group are due to meet after the Full Council meeting to agree on short listing for interview next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

# 6817 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

 Review Register of Interests
 Councillor Mckean provided an updated register of interests to be sent to the monitoring officer by the Clerk

# **RESOLVED:** That the register of interests have been reviewed and are approved

Review Terms of References for all Working Groups

RESOLVED: That the working group Terms of References are approved without amendmentc. Review Policies

To receive the Audio Recording, Safeguarding and Vexatious Complaints Policies and agree any amendments.

# **RESOLVED:** That the Audio Recording, Safeguarding and Vexatious Complaints Policies are approved without amendment.

d. Annual Parish Meeting

b.

Set date for the APM, agree speakers and seek Parish Award Nominations. Agree Gurnard News advertisement and refreshments

RESOLVED: That the APM will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and that a budget of £30 is approved for refreshments from the Chairman's allowance. Speaker and nominations for the parish award to be agreed

- e. Great British Spring Clean 2019
   To agree on participation and organisation for this event

  RESOLVED: That Councillor Bugden will lead on this event and will arrange a date for the village
- f. PACT (Partners/police and communities together)
  To consider representation on this group to meet in Cowes every 3 months
  RESOLVED: That Councillor Bugden will represent the Parish Council at these meetings
- g. Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2019
  To agree on nominations for attendance at this event
  RESOLVED: That no nominations will be made for attendance at this event.

# 6818 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Beauty in Perpetuity Gurnard Cliff (Spencer) Wood
- Update from the Toilet Working Group
- Village green status for play area
- Parish award nominations
- Update from the Old School Meadow working group

# The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.