

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 13 February 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

PCSO Derek Howard reported the team's current priority to reduce drugs misuse within the local area, and that there were two crimes reported during January, compared to one reported crime for the same period last year; one of which was arson near Worsley Road, the other, criminal damage to a motor vehicle near Cockleton Lane. Councillors reported their awareness of two other incidences involving broken windows at two properties in the area and the continuing problem of people parking on the corner of Woodvale Road and Woodvale Drive at school pick up and drop off times. PCSO Howard encouraged people to ring in these incidences which they will try to respond to. The question was asked whether parking on grass verges was permitted but PCSO confirmed that if there are no yellow lines, there is nothing the police can do. Councillors can request Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) through the Local Authority and councillors have already requested one for the loading bay immediately outside of the school.

A member of the public commented ahead of agenda item 7e that a lack of footpaths was identified by the environment group in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan, and that priority should be given to the path through Spencers Wood. Although there isn't any signage pointing to a permissive path, there are two paths that have been used by the public for 20 years and Councillors confirmed that Natural England are considering including this section in their proposals for the National Trail, and by doing so Spencers Wood and Shore Path would automatically become a footpath on the definitive map regardless of ownership, and money will be invested in the trail by Natural England. The Parish Council awaits Natural England's decision before exploring current maintenance issues and other ways for it to become an official Public Rights of Way on the Definitive Map.

When questioned councillors also confirmed that the Cockleton Meadows' bank account has not been closed but this will be looked at by the Old School Meadows working group when they meet.

6819 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies received as all Councillors were present.

6820 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests
 No declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests
- b. Dispensation requests
 No dispensation requests were received.

6821 MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 9 January 2019 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6822 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning application was received:
 - (i) Application No: P/00026/19 Alt Ref: TCP/10162/E
 Location: 1 Shore Path, Shore Road, PO31
 Proposal: Variation of condition no 2 on P/00278/18 to allow amendments to fenestration and first floor balcony
 RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection

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- (ii) Application No: P/00059/19 Alt Ref: TCP/9664/S
Location: 8 Jordan Close, PO318ED
Proposal: Demolition of rear conservatory and extension, Proposed single storey rear extension; Conversion of garage to kitchen/utility, first floor dormer to allow for en-suite
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection
- b. The following decision was received and noted:
Application No: P/01378/18 Alt Ref: TCP/33637/A
Location: 30 Shore Road, PO318LD
Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; proposed replacement dwelling.
Decision: Refuse Plan Perm (or not issue Cert)
Reasons: The information accompanying this application is inadequate and deficient in detail in respect of an outline stability report detailing how the construction of the proposal would adequately address the ground conditions in the immediate area so that the Local Planning Authority is unable to consider fully the effects of the proposal on the stability of the surrounding area and in the absence of further details it is considered that the proposal would be contrary to policy DM2 (Design Quality for New Development) of the Island Plan Core Strategy.
- c. To receive feedback on S106 monies
Councillors discussed a very comprehensive letter received from Ollie Boulter, Strategic Manager for Planning & Infrastructure Delivery, Isle of Wight Council, detailing what has been spent and claimed in relation to the various developments questioned in Gurnard in recent years. Questions remain however as to why some executive housing developments didn't attract money for community projects. It is clear that money cannot be claimed retrospectively but it was proposed that if projects need to be identified at the time of application then it might be worthwhile prioritising projects such as the play area and toilets for future reference and proactively asking planning officers to look at these in conjunction with any new developments. Mr. Boulter offered in his letter to meet with the Parish Council to explain the process in more detail which Councillors thought would be useful. Councillors are also aware of a Community Infrastructure Levy which supports development needed by Town and Parish Councils. Councillors feel it necessary to understand both these funds and rules and regulations to obtain them for the benefit of the village.
RESOLVED: To take up Mr. Boulter's offer and invite him to April's Annual Parish Council meeting, and for the Clerk to contact NALC for their advice regarding these monies

6823 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chair
The Chairman reported on his meeting with John Taylor, Natural England and the Cooks Bay Access Group, and along with two other Councillors, has walked through Spencers Copse and inspected the blocked slipway. The slipway has since been partially re-opened by the Isle of Wight Council and some residents have asked if the Parish Council can fix it but it is not the Parish Council's responsibility. The Chairman has also been to check Old School Meadows a couple of times and has recently responded to a fallen branch which he has removed from the fence. An offer has been received from a local resident to take the branch away.
RESOLVED: To ask the local resident to remove the branch and investigate another overhanging branch that could be dangerous
- b. Clerk to the Parish Council
The Clerk provided a copy of her report. Councillors approved a Virgin Sim Card purchased on a year's contract at £8 a month, however the mobile is not currently recognising the SIM. Clerk to liaise with previous Clerk and Phone Shop as necessary to fix. Clerk also to seek advice from Island Computers re. updating email and google contact details. The Clerk shared an email received from the Gurnard in Bloom team asking Councillors to consider the idea of putting up some wildlife items behind the clock to encourage wildlife such as solitary bees into the area which in turn might encourage children in the village to monitor the insects.
RESOLVED: Clerk to agenda the wildlife request from Gurnard in Bloom for March and provide reassurance regarding next year's budget to Gurnard in Bloom
- c. IW Councillor
Councillor Fuller provided a copy of his report and that he is due to meet with Colin Rowlands, the new Director of Neighborhoods at the Isle of Wight Council, to discuss both the Traffic Regulation Order outside the school and S106 agreements, and that it would be helpful to have another councillor attend in support.

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Councillors raised a complaint received about water escaping out of a drive way on Cockleton Lane to which Councillor Fuller will email Island Roads about.

6824 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totaling £1579.23 for approval.
RESOLVED: That electronic payments totaling £1579.23 are noted and approved.
- b. The Clerk presented the monthly bank reconciliation and copies of the bank statements for information.
RESOLVED: That the monthly bank reconciliation and bank statements are received and noted.
- c. To receive recommendations from the grants panel re. Victim Support Hampshire and Isle of Wight, and Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day applications for a grant
RESOLVED: That whilst worthy causes, neither meet the grant panel's criteria as they do not directly benefit the village of Gurnard

6825 ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

- a. Toilet Working Group (Councillor Laurens)
A quote has been received to supply and fit one disabled unipod cubicle and two unisex cubicles with payment entry systems. The quote includes all associated building works, and a new tarmac path for the front elevation of the building. The initial outlay is higher than expected but evidence has been provided about significant savings in utilities to be made and potential income collected from the payment entry system. At least two further quotes will be required before any decision can be made.
RESOLVED: Working group to establish a clear renovation specification and request quotes for this work from local builders. The Clerk to contact the Isle of Wight Council to obtain plans to assist with a renovation specification.
- b. Great British Spring Clean 2019 (Councillor Bugden)
The last Saturday of March was proposed providing the tide is low enough to include a beach clean
RESOLVED: Following confirmation of tides, the 30th March 2019 is agreed for a beach, Green and general litter pick and to meet at 10am at Gurnard Village Hall. The Clerk to put a notice in the Gurnard News to publicise this event.
- c. Island Plan Strategy Consultation (Councillor Nolan)
Following the Planning Committee meeting 30 January 2019 a request was made to the Planning Authority for 3 fields on Tuttons Hill to be designated as a Local Green Space. A response has been received from Mr. Ollie Boulter of the Isle Wight Council asking for a map of the area and whether this area has previously been presented. He provided a link to 'Local Green Space - a background document to support the draft Island Planning Strategy' where the Jordan Valley is cited and 'not recommended for LGS designation as although the site contributes to the landscape and the area's local identity and sense of place, the site is considered to be an extensive tract of land, not local in scale and therefore cannot be designated as LGS.' Whilst this would seem to contradict the Island Plan Strategy which states 'within Gurnard the most sensitive parts of the Jordan Valley are protected' Councillors are not proposing the entire Jordan Valley be designated a Local Green Space, but the three special fields on Tuttons Hill. A meeting was offered with Planning Officer Dawn Smith to discuss further and Cllrs Nolan and Laurens are due to meet her on Tuesday 19th February at 2.00pm.
- d. Cooks Bay access to the beach (Councillor Nolan)
The Chairman had previously circulated his report following the Cooks Bay Access Group meeting with John Taylor, English Coastal Path. Councillors discussed options for the ECP and access to the Bay.
RESOLVED: To recommend to John Taylor that the ECP path be routed over its definitive map route on the cliff edge using walkways in the couple of places where the cliff has eroded, and if not agreed, to seek alternative options in conjunction with the Ramblers Association
RESOLVED: GPC to arrange a meeting with Darrel Clarke, Rights of Way Manager at the Isle of Wight Council, to discuss the closed section of the CS16 path up to the cliff edge and ask for the fence to be repositioned to allow a viewpoint to see into the Bay.
- e. Shore Path/Spencers Copse
- (i) To consider a request received to register Shore Path as a right of way on the definitive map
RESOLVED: To revisit this request in 6 months' time should Natural England's proposals not include Shore Path within the England Coast Path
- (ii) To receive confirmation of ownership and responsibility for the permissive path through Spencer's Copse, and the possibility of this and Shore Path being incorporated within Natural England's proposals for the England Coast Path

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RESOLVED: Should Natural England's proposals include Spencers Copse and Shore Path within the England Coast Path, Natural England will establish land ownership

- (iii) To consider information shared by a group of members at All Saints Church promoting the idea of the community raising money to purchase the land for sale at Gurnard Cliff to safeguard its future
www.iowbeautyinperpetuity.org

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council supports in principle the aims and objectives of IOW Beauty in Perpetuity and wish them well

6826 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

- a. Review Policies

RESOLVED: That the Freedom of Information Act Publication Scheme and Code of Conduct are approved without amendment.

- b. Annual Parish Meeting

Consider speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting and seek Parish Award Nominations

RESOLVED: To ask Mr. Ollie Boulter, Strategic Manager for Planning & Infrastructure Delivery, Isle of Wight Council, to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting. Parish Award nominations still to be agreed.

6827 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Update from the Toilet Working Group
- Village Green Status for play area
- Parish Award nominations
- Update from the Old School Meadow Working Group
- Village Hall Committee Meeting
- Cooks Bay Barrier meeting with Darrel Clarke
- Local Green Space meeting with Dawn Smith
- Bucklers View

6828 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED That 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.

- 6829 To receive recommendations from the Personnel Working Group re. the new Clerk's appointment

RESOLVED: That recommendations from the Personnel Working Group re. the new Clerk's appointment are approved.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

CHAIR