

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

PRESENT: Councillors Nolan (Chair), Bugden, Fuller, Laurens and McKean.

Members of the Public Two

PCSOs Derek Howard and Chris Taverner were in attendance and reported the team's current priorities agreed at the recent Partners/Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting which are (1) Shed and outbuilding breaks where mainly bike and garden tools are being stolen, (2) Drug related harm, and (3) Nationwide Operation Sceptre, an education initiative raising awareness of knife crime. 6 crimes were reported during February compared to 0 for the same period last year. These consisted of 3 criminal damage reports, 1 public order and 2 reported assaults. PCSO Lisa Paul has moved to Newport and the team is now a full compliment. Question was asked about the prevalence of knife crime on the island and while not a major issue, education is key. The legalities of knives was explained and if found carrying one, the onus is on the holder to prove a legal purpose for doing so.

A member of the public reported confirmation he had received yesterday from Natural England that the England Coast Path proposed route has now been realigned to include the permissive path at Spencers Wood. Councillors were already aware and pleased it has been supported. Question was asked about whether IOW Beauty in Perpetuity would continue their campaign for it to become a definitive path now that a public right of way will be created by virtue of it being part of the improved coast path. It is thought that they will while it is still in consultation and there will be an opportunity for landowners to challenge Natural England's decision.

Concerns raised about the seawall and worsening situation if not replaced. Water leak reported at two sites on Woodvale Road. Councillor Fuller asked for the member of the public to email him in order for him to follow up with Island Roads.

The meeting commenced at 7.20pm

6830 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Jacobs

6831 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a. <u>To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests</u>

Councillor Nolan declared a personal interest in agenda item 4a(i) as he lives opposite the property concerned. Councillor Bugden declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7d as she lives near to the site.

b. <u>Dispensation requests</u>

No written dispensation requests were received.

6832 MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 13 February 2019 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6833 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

a. The following planning application was received:

(i) Application No: P/00129/19 Alt Ref: TCP/33738

Location: 3 Shore Road, PO31 8LB

Proposal: Demolition of bungalow; proposed dwelling

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection providing the visibility conditions set out by Island Roads are met, a drainage strategy is approved and a construction management plan is put in place to divert construction traffic away from the village.

Councillor Nolan requested a recorded vote, which was :

Councillors Bugden, Laurens, McKean and Nolan for the motion. Councillor Fuller abstained.

(ii) Application No: P/00162/19 Alt Ref: TCP/33732

Location: Land adjacent Greenacres, 211 Baring Road, PO31 8ER

Proposal: Proposed construction of 4 detached houses with garages; formation of vehicular accesses

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection but wish to request S106 funding is considered from this development for community projects including much needed refurbishment to the toilets and play area on the Green.

Councillor Nolan requested a recorded vote, which was :

Councillors Bugden, Laurens, and Nolan for the motion. Councillor Fuller and McKean against.

b. The following decision was received and noted:

Application No: P/00026/19

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

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

c. <u>Bucklers View, to consider Southern Housing Group's proposals for development</u>

Councillor Fuller reported on his attendance at the pre-planning exhibition for Southern Housing's proposal to extend Bucklers View on Thursday 21 February at Gurnard Village Hall. 6 people were in attendance and concern was expressed about tree loss for which a TPO is being sought. Councillor Fuller has offered to hold an additional drop-in for residents about these proposals at the Portland and will be doing a letter drop. Councillors discussed various aspects of the proposals but will wait for the plans to become live in order to fully consider and comment.

6834 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chair

The Chairman reported on the offer from IW Council's Rights of Way Manager, Darrel Clarke, to meet regarding moving the barrier at Cooks Bay up to the cliff edge to allow a viewpoint to see into the Bay the week commencing 18th March, however with this offer he has made the point that changes to the current arrangement are unlikely for another two years until the England Coast Path comes into force. Councillor Nolan will meet again with the Cook's Bay Access Working Group to seek their views before pursuing further.

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

The Clerk circulated a written report prior to the meeting. Councillors gave their consent to a request from Ryde's Town Crier to come and talk to the Trefoil Guild in Gurnard on May 9th. An anonymous letter regarding a chalet in the garden of a property on Cockleton Lane suggesting there may not be permitted development rights for its current use was discussed, and that it could be the cause of the excess water previously reported. Councillor Fuller to enquire with the planning enforcement team as Ward Councillor.

c. IW Councillor

IW Councillor Fuller circulated a written report prior to the meeting. Councillors enquired whether it is possible to borrow any litter pickers for the village litter pick on 30th March from the IWC to which he has been told no. Councillors brought to his attention a report received about a hole in a resident's garden that despite being filled with rubble has opened again and there are concerns as to whether it is a sink hole and what to do about it? They have already reported the matter to the environment agency but Cllr Fuller offered for the resident to contact him directly should they wish.

d. <u>Village Hall Committee</u>

A meeting of the Gurnard Village Hall Association committee took place on 7th February 2019. Clerk to request minutes from the secretary.

e. PACT (Partners/police and communities together) group

Councillor Bugden reported on her attendance at the above meeting on Friday 8th March 2019, minutes already circulated. She confirmed the two incidents previously raised about broken windows to two properties in Gurnard had been reported but had not been followed up.

6835 FINANCE

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totaling £3117.95 for approval.

RESOLVED: That electronic payments totaling £3117.95 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 agree on arrangements for the internal audit

RESOLVED: To instruct IWALC's Secretary Maxine Warr to complete an internal audit for Gurnard Parish Council. Councillor Fuller abstained from this vote due to a personal interest.

6836 ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

a. Co-option

To consider expressions of interests received for co-opted members and appoint as appropriate. Successful candidates will be required to sign the "Acceptance of Office" before the proper officer RESOLVED: Mr. Matthew Smith is co-opted and duly signed his acceptance of office following the meeting. Further information will be requested of the other two candidates and invited to next month's meeting.

b. <u>Toilet Working Group</u> (Councillor Jacobs)

To receive recommendations from the Toilet Working Group

RESOLVED: To continue with the current cleaning contractors until refurbishment takes place on a 3 months renewal basis, and that the building specification and plan proposed by the working group is approved. The Clerk to approach 3 suggested builders for a quotation. Mr John Gilbey to be invited to a future meeting to discuss the pricing of the unipod option in more detail, once these quotations have been received.

c. <u>Local Green Space</u> (Councillor Nolan)

Councillor Nolan reported on Councillor Laurens and his attendance with IWC planning officers on 19th February 2019 to present two fields on Tuttons Hill for Local Green Space recommendation. This request has subsequently been formally submitted and receipt acknowledged.

d. <u>Old School Meadow</u> (Councillor Nolan)

Councillor Nolan reported on site meeting of the Old School Meadow Working Group on Monday 25th February 2019 attended by Cllrs Nolan, Bugden, McKean and Laurens and presented four recommendations for consideration

RESOLVED: That £350.20 is transferred from the Cockleton Meadows account to the GPC bank and ring fenced for Old School Meadows. That estimates are obtained for 3 cuttings of the field,

once in April, July and October from two suggested companies. That GPC send a letter to Terry Butchers of Cockleton Farm and ask if it would be possible for him to trim the hedges, whilst doing his own later in the year, as he has kindly done in the last few years. And for the Clerk to contact Green Gym and ask if they would consider visiting "Old School Meadow" in the next few weeks and help with Path mowing and grass strimming in the Orchard. Councillor Fuller abstained from last part of the resolution due to his involvement with the Footprint Trust.

6837 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

a. Annual Parish Meeting

A nomination was proposed for the Parish Award and unanimously agreed by Councillors. Councillor Fuller to provide appropriate wording for the certificate of appreciation to be framed by the Clerk, and the Clerk to purchase flowers for presentation on the evening.

b. Gurnard in Bloom

Councillors considered a request from Gurnard in Bloom to put some wildlife items behind the clock to encourage wildlife. Although councillors liked the idea, concern was raised about elderly residents living just behind the clock when windows are open, and that it might not be the best place to encourage bees and other insects into the area. It was proposed Old School Meadows would provide a much better location

RESOVLED: That a wildlife area is proposed in Old School Meadows

c. <u>Planet Aware</u>

To agree on support for the Isle of Wight Refill scheme

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council support the Isle of Wight Refill scheme in principle and have a water tap freely available on the esplanade during the summer months.

6838 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Co-option of two councillors
- Update from the Toilet Working Group
- Village Green Status for play area
- Cooks Bay Barrier meeting with Darrel Clarke
- Local Green Space

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.		
	CHAIR	