

GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 10 April 2019 at 7.00pm.

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

PCSO Derek Howard was in attendance and reported the team's current priorities which are shed breaks, drug related harm and Operation Sceptre. 2 crimes were reported during March compared to 2 for the same period in 2018. These consisted of 1 public order and 1 malicious communication. Questions were asked about the recent break-in at the Watersedge Café and CCTV footage posted of the incident on line. This is being investigated and will be reported on next month. Generally sharing of information online in this way is not recommended as it could jeopardise the investigation, however Councillors confirmed that the owners have done this with good intentions to support with identifying the two perpetrators. PCSO Howard advised that anyone coming forward with information will need to be prepared to make a statement and go to court.

The meeting commenced at 7.10 pm

6839 APOLOGIES

None received, all present

6840 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests
Councillors Bugden and Jacobs declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 7c as they live near to the site. Cllrs Bugden, Fuller and Smith declared a personal interest in 7a as they know one of the candidates.
- b. Dispensation requests
No written dispensation requests were received.

6841 MINUTES

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

6842 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning applications were received:
- (i) Application No: P/00240/19 Alt Ref: TCP/33753
Location: 51 Solent View Road, PO318JZ
Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension; alterations to roof including dormer window on rear elevation and balcony on front elevation
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection
- (ii) Application No: P/00243/19 Alt Ref: TCP/30862/F
Location: 76 Worsley Road, PO318JX
Proposal: Proposed extensions to front, side and rear; outdoor swimming pool and pool house
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection
Cllr Laurens abstained due to a personal interest as she knows the applicants

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- (iii) Application No: P/00265/19 Alt Ref: TCP/33637/B
Location: 30 Shore Road, PO318LD
Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; proposed replacement dwelling
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection but raise a concern about the proximity to the neighbours and fire retention of the windows
- b. The following decision was received and noted:
Application No: P/00072/19
Location: Willows, Rew Street, PO318NW
Proposal: Demolition of conservatory; alterations; proposed single storey rear extension
Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)
- c. To approve proposed road names for the development at Dottens Farm
RESOLVED: That 'The Dottens' is the preferred name for this development

6843 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chair
The Chairman has been contacted about a road name for the 7 houses being built on the old school building site and that the intention is to use the original carved stone plaque from the gables of the old school. The developer has been asked to make an official request to the Parish Council for future consideration. The Chairman reported on meetings he and Cllr Jacobs have had with 3 building companies regarding refurbishment of the toilets and are now waiting for quotes. The question was asked as to whether the toilets could be built elsewhere on the Green to provide better disabled access and parking, however variations of use of the current toilets have been explored previously and are not permitted due to Village Green status. Suggested timing within this financial year would be to start at the end of the summer. Disruption from the future redevelopment of the Watersedge Café is also being considered. The Chairman has also met with 2 landscaping companies and has received two quotes for cutting Old School Meadow.
- b. Clerk to the Parish Council
The Clerk circulated a written report prior to the meeting. A successful litter pick was held on Saturday 12th March with 12 volunteers and 2 children coming out to help, and the Parish Council wish to thank everyone for their support. It was suggested a street clean would be a good idea in the future to encourage people to take more of an interest around their own homes. There is a new bus timetable which no longer routes through Parklands Avenue which will be posted on the noticeboard and website. With Councilors' agreement the Clerk will follow up some funding suggestions that have been received regarding new play equipment. Bigger swings have been proposed previously and Councillors suggested asking the suppliers about what is available for older children – a general upgrade of the current equipment is required but to ensure popularity of any proposed new equipment, there will need to be a consultation. It was highlighted that if the playground becomes more attractive to older children there could be consequences for neighbouring residents which will need to be considered.
Councillors approved the Clerk's purchase of a shredder instead of the current confidential waste arrangements, and provided more information about what they would like IWC Planning Manager, Ollie Boulter to talk about at the Annual Parish Meeting; namely how to apply for S106 money? who decides, and how does it get spent? It was suggested it would also be useful to understand future development in the village, how viable the Neighbourhood Plan will be after the Island Planning Strategy is approved, and whether there is a decision about the Local Green Space designation for Tuttons Hill which the Clerk will feedback.
- c. IW Councillor
IW Councillor Fuller circulated a written report prior to the meeting. He is supporting residents at Gurnard Pines who are concerned about their electricity being cut off by landlords and is writing to the Regulator to ask if the standing charges of the new meters are fair. He has met with IWC Environmental Officer, Sam Kinnaird, following reports of overflowing bins on the Green which

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residents are collecting and putting in their own bins, and is proposing Sam attends a future parish council meeting to ensure there is as little rubbish as possible coming up to the summer. He would like to encourage Councillors and residents to complete Bob Seely's housing survey if they haven't already done so, and is asking residents if they have any concerns over BAE System's request to remove the trees on Place Road to enable them to test radar equipment on site across fields to the Solent. Coppicing is being proposed which would stimulate re-growth. Cllrs questioned IW Councillor Fuller over his use of non-recyclable paper used in his annual report, and why there was no mention in June of the Parish Council's efforts to protect Spencers Field for which there continues to be much misinformation about. Cllr Fuller responded that he had letter dropped to ensure residents knew about the application but had been in hospital at the time of the public meeting.

d. Village Hall Committee

Minutes of the Gurnard Village Hall Association committee meeting on 7th February 2019 were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Bugden reported that the finances are in a healthy position but that the two roofs are damp and may need some attention which is thought will cost about £4K. Quotations are being sought in line with the Parish Council's financial regulations.

e. IWALC

Councillors were not present at the executive meeting on Thursday 21st March 2019 however minutes have been circulated prior to the meeting

f. Island Roads Asset Management workshop

This was attended by Cllr Smith who has questioned the strength of the new material Reco-Foam being used, and while it is more environmentally friendly not to be transporting material from the mainland, whether it is contributing to roads collapsing. It was proposed for the Clerk to ask this question on behalf of the Parish Council.

6844 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totaling £3649.48 for approval.

RESOLVED: That electronic payments totaling £3649.48 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 and consider the findings of the Internal Auditors report for the year ended 31 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the Internal Auditor's report is considered and noted that there are no recommendations

- d. Approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement is approved and signed

- e. Consider and approve the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

RESOLVED: That the Accounting Statements are approved and signed

- f. To receive recommendations from the Grant Panel re. three applications

RESOLVED: That money is not granted to Wight to be Happy Ltd as it is not a local request but to grant £350 to All Saints Church towards the publication of the Parish Magazine. Cllr Smith abstained from voting on a grant for Wight to be Happy on account of his involvement with Isle Access, and Cllrs Fuller and Laurens abstained from voting on a grant for All Saints Church. It was agreed to set a deadline of the end of May for all other grants to be considered at June's meeting.

6845 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: Mrs Nikki Wood and Mrs Jan Williams are co-opted and duly signed their acceptance of office following the meeting.

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(Cllr Laurens left the meeting at 8.54pm)

b. Toilet Working Group (Councillor Nolan and Jacobs)

Following meetings with building contractors and the likely need for future meetings, it was proposed that a Toilet Committee is set up to take the project forward which would enable financial decisions to be made outside of Full Council meetings and for all Councillors to be involved should they wish.

RESOLVED: That a Toilet Committee is set up to follow on from Planning Committee meetings on the last Wednesday of the month, starting in May.

(Cllr Smith left the meeting at 9.07pm)

c. Old School Meadow (Councillor Nolan)

Cllr Nolan met with the two companies as agreed by the Full Council. The Council has received 2 Quotes and it was proposed to go with the lower of the two quotes and falls within the Annual Budget that was set for grass cutting.

RESOLVED: That we contract with the lower of the two quotes and ask them to do a first cut this April

Green Gym have confirmed that while they are happy to help in other ways, they do not use power tools and so wouldn't be able to strim the paths in the orchard as requested. It was proposed that we ask the above contractor to also strim around the orchard for up to £50 at a time.

RESOLVED: That we ask the same contractor to strim as much as he can around the orchard for up to £50 at the same time as cutting the field.

It was commented that the wood end needs tidying up and 3 of the 4 raised beds are full of weeds.

RESOLVED: To ask Green Gym to come and tidy up after it has been strimmed. Cllr Fuller abstained from this vote as he is the Chair of the Footprint Trust.

Cllrs have been asked about access to the pond. It has always been available to childminders and groups who have asked in the past, and they have been given the unlock code. To make it open access to all however, we would need to make sure insurance covers this and that appropriate signage is in place for it to be used at individual's own risk.

d. Village Green Status for the play area (Councillor Nolan)

To agree on an application to register the play area to be included within the village green

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to write to Lee Matthews at the Isle of Wight Council to register the remainder of the Green not already included within the current Village Green Status.

e. Cooks Bay Access Group (Councillor Nolan)

Update re. the repositioning of the current barrier to enable a view into the Bay

The Chairman reported that a meeting had been offered by IWC Rights of Way Manager Darrel Clark to discuss this but that changes are unlikely until the English Coast Path is agreed.

RESOLVED: For the Chairman to write a letter to Darrel Clarke reiterating our agreed position so that this the first section of the permissive path isn't lost in the future.

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

6846 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

a. IWALC Training

To agree on training proposals

RESOLVED: to ask IWALC if Sue Chiltern can come and do a session for us, given that we have three new Councillors and it will be a good refresher for everyone.

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Existing Councillors also offered their help and support to new Councillors should they have any questions

b. Community Action Awards

To consider nominations for this award

RESOLVED: No nominations are made for this award

c. Isle of Wight Council Scrutiny Committee

To provide feedback re. current collaboration arrangements between the Isle of Wight Council and Town and Parish Councils

It was expressed that while efforts have been made to link with T&PCs through seminars with the IWC, actions and minutes have not been forthcoming and that planning in particular is an area the Parish Council doesn't feel listened to. Councillors hope to address this at the Annual Parish Meeting when Mr. Ollie Boulter Head of Planning from the IWC is coming to talk.

6847 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Update from the Toilet Working Group
- Old School Meadow
- Environmental Officer – Report on work in Gurnard

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

CHAIR