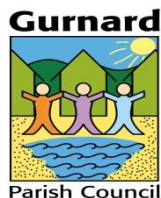


GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 12 June 2019 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Nolan (Chair); Bugden; Jacobs; Fuller; Laurens; McKean; Williams and Smith

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

6867 APOLOGIES

Apologies are received and approved for Cllr Wood

6868 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a. To receive declarations of pecuniary & non-pecuniary interests

No declarations received.

b. Dispensation requests

No written dispensation requests received.

6869 MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8 May 2019 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

6870 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

a. The following planning applications were received:

(i) Application No: 19/00190/HOU

Location: 27 Shore Road PO31 8LD

Proposal: Dormer window on west 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

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council wish to make a holding objection as they have not had sight of the new plans or supporting information since commenting on the original application, due to inadequate and inaccessible information available on the planning portal. Gurnard Parish Council wish to request the Planning Authority provide clarity on this new proposal and extend the consultation period accordingly to enable full consideration.

Cllr Laurens abstained from voting as she knows the applicant.

b. No new planning decisions were received

c. Tree Preservation Orders

Feedback was circulated prior to the meeting on procedures for tree work on TPOs from the Planning Authority and Tree Officer, Mr Jerry Willis

6871 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chair

The Chairman reported his time spent this month holding a 3 month review for the Clerk with the other members of the Personnel Working Group, Cllrs McKean and Fuller. He has visited Old School Meadow three times and spent an hour strimming the pond area, and happy to continue to do this as and when needed if Councillors in support. Following reported vandalism to the hand drier in the Gents Toilets he met with an electrician from Clarkes Mechanical to isolate the electrics and make safe before re-opening to the public.

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b. Clerk to the Parish Council

The Clerk circulated a written report prior to the meeting. She has followed up the playground funding suggestions from playground equipment provider Proludic, but unfortunately all sources are closed for new applications. She has however written to Mr. Lee Mathews, IWC's Strategic Manager for Recreation and Public Open Spaces, to enquire about funding following a press release received regarding £6000 granted to Ventnor Town Council from the IWC towards their playground. A copy of the final recommendations of the electoral review of the IW from the Local Government Boundary Commission has been received.

c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated a copy of his report prior to the meeting. He has received a lot of concerns about the Bucklers View planning application and hoping that much of these concerns can be addressed through his Worsley Road parking survey. Since stepping down from Cowes Town Mayor he is looking forward to focusing on local issues.

d. Environment Officer

In addition to Environment Officer Mrs Sam Kinnaird's report circulated prior to the meeting, GPC have received more recent feedback via the IWC regarding the state of the toilets which the Clerk has forwarded to the cleaning contractors for comment. This will be addressed by the toilet committee when they next meet. The question was asked what would happen if the toilets were handed back to the IWC and it is thought that they would simply close, however it was pointed out that to close a disabled toilet may be a breach of the equalities act 2010. Following a recent storm several branches came down from the trees near the boat park. The Chairman cleared a large one and pulled it to the side of the road but this will need collecting. Cllr Fuller has reported this to Island Roads as well as a report that one of the steel hoops which is bolted to the road to protect the pavement near the water fountain has been knocked again, and is unsafe as it could fall. It was also reported that standing gravel from Hilton Road has accumulated at the junction on Cockleton Road and needs clearing.

e. Island Roads District update

The Island Roads District update was circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Fuller updated that he is due to meet with Island Roads on Monday 24th June should anyone wish to come and to please raise any questions in advance. Cllrs asked when are they going to resurface and sink the gratings on Shore Road which have been a problem for 2 or 3 years now particularly for cyclists. Cllr Fuller will raise this at the meeting but reported that the grating was inspected today by Southern Water and it will be made safe by them as it is their drain and they have provided photographs of their mark up for intended repair. A question was raised as to when the section of Newport Road at the traffic lights at Northwood will be resurfaced which is dangerous and pitted? Winding Way was reported as a health and safety issue as it is overgrown, with broken tarmac holes. It is unknown who now owns the bordering copse but providing Winding Way is on Island Roads' Network, Island Roads will respond to this in conjunction with the landowners. It was asked whether a ramp could be installed to the raised concrete area by the café on the seafront for access? Cllr Fuller confirmed this wouldn't be Island Roads, rather Recreation and Public Open Spaces, but that S106 money has already been requested to improve disabled access to the beach. It was also suggested that when the toilets are done, new access is likely to be created. It was raised that the corner verge at the bottom of Hilton Road has only been half cut and reported to be a mess. Cllr Fuller updated on his progress in bringing the TRO outside Gurnard Primary School to a conclusion, following a meeting with the Head Teacher and IWC's parking services officers, resulting in agreement from the TR team that the disused bus stop outside the school can be used as an official drop off area. He is hoping to resolve the remaining issue on Bellevue Road, which is part of the same TRO, as well as the above issues put forward with Island Roads at the meeting on the 24th June which Cllr Smith confirmed he will also attend.

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f. IWALC

Minutes from the IWALC executive meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Fuller was in attendance but nothing further to report

g. Gurnard in Bloom

It was noted that the area outside Bucklers View could do with some work and this will be addressed now that the Gurnard in Bloom team are up and running again with the help from new volunteers.

6872 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totaling £3950.71 for approval.

RESOLVED: That electronic payments totaling £3950.71 are 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

RESOLVED: That £200 be granted to Gurnard Parent and Toddler Group and £100 be granted to All Saints Church's 'Coffee and Chat'. Two further grant enquiries have been received from Cowes Club, Gurnard Pines and the Gurnard Village Hall Association who have each been asked to complete an application form.

6873 ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS

a. **Toilet Committee**

To receive an update from the Toilet Working Group

Councillor Laurens confirmed that she is no longer the lead for this group and since it was agreed to have a Toilet Committee, the terms of reference for this new committee need to be set up at the first meeting which was proposed to follow on from the next Planning Committee meeting at the end of June.

RESOLVED that the first Toilet Committee meeting will be held on 26th June, immediately following the Planning Committee meeting, to set out the committee's terms of reference. Cllr Bugden sent her apologies in advance as will be on holiday on this date.

b. **Old School Meadow** (Councillor Nolan)

To receive an update from the working group

The Chairman presented the recommendations from the working group

It was RESOLVED:

- **To arrange another cut and strim of the meadow as soon as possible.**
- **To move the wooden bench from the fire pit area to the main field as it is not used by anyone where it's currently located.**
- **To leave the fire pit and orchard area uncut and un-strimmed as a natural flower area to save maintenance and also provide the wild habitat area that a few people have requested.**
- **To purchase plastic signs that can be fixed on the 2 entrance gates to say "a pond area is freely accessible in the meadow and young children should be supervised at all times" after which the padlock will be removed.**

Cllr Fuller reported that free wildlife pond training is available via the Footprint Trust should anyone be interested.

c. **Village Green Registration** (Councillor Nolan)

It was proposed that as the majority of the Green has village green status and the remaining area doesn't pose an immediate threat, to postpone an application at this current time while other projects are focused on

RESOLVED: To delay an application to register the village green for 12 months

d. **Cowes Mobility Forum**

RESOLVED: That Cllr Smith is appointed to represent GPC on the Cowes Mobility Forum

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e. Litter on the Green

It has been noted from several sources that Island Roads are not emptying all of the bins.

Councillors clarified GPC pay to have the bins emptied on the Green but not on the Esplanade.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk write to Island Roads on behalf of the Parish Council to raise this issue with them and ask that they ensure all bins are emptied especially on the Esplanade with the summer approaching.

f. Worsley Road Car Parking Survey (Councillor Fuller)

Cllr Fuller provided feedback on the Worsley Road Car Parking Survey he has carried out to which he received 61 out of 110 returns and asked if the Parish Council will support him in his recommendation to meet with Island Roads to discuss options. Cllrs discussed the problem and expressed mixed views about the benefit of further traffic restrictions.

Cllr Smith left the meeting at 9.06pm

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council will not necessarily support further traffic restrictions but will support Cllr Fuller's recommendation to meet with Island Roads to share the survey results and discuss options. Cllr Nolan requested a recorded vote: Cllrs Bugden, Jacobs, Laurens, McKean and Williams in favour; Cllr Nolan against.

g. Full GPC and Planning Committee Meeting times

RESOLVED: To move Full GPC and Planning Committee Meeting start times from 7pm to 6pm from July onwards

6874 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

a. Review Policies

To review the Documentation Retention and Disposal Policy and agree any amendments.

RESOLVED: That the Documentation Retention and Disposal Policy is agreed without amendment

b. 'Great Get Together' 2019

To consider participation in this event

RESOLVED: Not to participate in this event

6875 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

- Proposal for Cllr Williams to be appointed to the Toilet Committee and Gurnard Village Hall Association
- Consider and agree grant allocation for Gurnard Village Hall
- Feedback from meeting with Island Roads

6876 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 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

6877 3 MONTH REVIEW OF CLERK'S EMPLOYMENT (Councillor Nolan)

To receive recommendations from the Personnel Working group

The Clerk left the room while Councillors discussed recommendations from the Personnel Working Group

RESOLVED:

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

That the Clerk has successfully completed her 3 months' probation

That her hours are to be increased from the 1st July 2019 from 15 to 20 hours a week

That any overtime accrued up until the end of June to be paid as a lump sum

That regular hours are changed to Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings - 10am to 12 noon

The meeting closed at 9.36 pm.

CHAIR
