

# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



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

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

The meeting commenced at 7 pm

## 6878 APOLOGIES

Apologies are received and approved for Cllrs Smith and Laurens

## 6879 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Cllr Bugden declared an interest in 7c as she is a member of GVHA independently from GPC. Cllr Bugden and Jacobs both declared an interest in 4v (iii) as they live close to the site.

### b. Dispensation requests

No written dispensation requests received.

## 6880 MINUTES

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 June 2019 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 6881 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

### a. The following planning applications were received:

#### (i) Application No: 19/00312/FUL

Location: Land Adjacent to The Stables, Woodvale Road PO31 8EB

Proposal: Detached dwelling and parking

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the development is unsympathetic to the characteristics of the local area.**

#### (ii) Application No: 19/00331/HOU

Location: 14 Westview Road Gurnard PO31 8NR

Proposal: Proposed entrance porch

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection**

#### (iii) Application No: 19/00367/HOU

Location: 63 Marsh Road PO31 8JQ

Proposal: Proposed first floor extension & glazed link

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection**

#### (iv) Application No: 19/00383/FUL

Location: Plots 4 & 4A Oaklands View, PO31 8ET

Proposal: Construction of a pair of semi-detached dwellings

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection**

#### (v) Application No: 19/00407/HOU

Location: 1 Shore Path PO31 8LL

Proposal: Proposed 1st floor rear extension

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection**

#### (vi) Application No: 19/00421/RVC

Location: The Range, 79 Place Road PO31 7AE

Proposal: Variation of condition no 5 on P/00564/13 to enable the sale of food and drink items

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object on the grounds that this application will have an adverse effect on local retailers. Should this application be approved we would ask that the following conditions are put in place: a refuge created in the road; and the western footway extended on Place Road between Four Cross and The Range.**

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- (vii) Application No: 19/00459/HOU  
Location: 10 Woodvale Road PO31 8EH  
Proposal: Extension at first floor level including new roof; alterations and general refurbishment of dwelling  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object on the grounds that it would be the loss of another bungalow; it is a poor design; and an overdevelopment of the site.**
- (viii) Application No: 19/00470/RVC  
Location: Former Gurnard County Primary School 27 Cockleton Lane  
Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on P/00919/14 - TCP/30006/C to allow changes to roof line, balconies, fenestration and ground floor accommodation for plot 3  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection**
- (ix) 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**
- b. No new planning decisions were received
- c. The following Tree Preservation Orders were noted:  
19/00392/TW | Tree 1 - Willow: Fell to ground level Tree 2 - Goat Willow: Fell to ground level Tree 3 - Goat Willow: Fell to ground level Tree 4 - English Oak: Remove dead and decaying branches Tree 5 & 6 - Sycamore: Fell to near ground level Tree 7 - Ash: Fell to ground level Tree 8 - Ash: Fell to ground level Tree 9 - Scots Pine: Fell to ground level Tree 10 - Oak: Remove all dead wood Tree 11 - Scots Pine: Fell to ground level | Gurnard Pines

### 6882 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chair  
The Chairman followed up a report from the Environment Officer that the toilets had been vandalised again; rubbish had been thrown everywhere, and there was broken glass and loose wiring. The cleaners did a good job of clearing the rubbish and although the electrics had already been isolated after the last episode of vandalism when the hand dryer was ripped off the wall, the electrician was called out again to remove the loose wiring to avoid any uncertainty for users. The Chairman also reported that he has put the two signs warning of open access to the pond at Old School Meadow and removed the padlock as agreed. He hasn't received any complaints following the second cut of the meadow which was cut at a good time, and several people have commented positively about it. The idea to leave the fire pit area uncut and let nature take its course is thought to be working but the Orchard could do with a tidy, especially as this is where the mud kitchen is. The working group will look at this when they next meet.
- b. Clerk to the Parish Council  
The Clerk circulated a written report prior to the meeting. A request from GVHA has been received about having a page on the GPC's website in order to promote bookings for the village hall instead of having a separate website and councillors were in support of this idea. The content of the page will be discussed and agreed at the next full council meeting.
- c. IW Councillor  
IW Cllr Fuller circulated a copy of his report prior to the meeting. He reported complaints received from local residents following floodlight testing at Cowes Enterprise College which were left on all night. There have also been concerns from residents about plans for a grandstand to be put in place on Queens Road for viewing the Sail Grand Prix Event, during Cowes Week. The structure will be 2.4 metres high, and will be in place for 3 weeks despite the event only taking place for 3 days. He also reported on the works due at St. Mary's round-about due to start at the end of September 2019 for 15 months and is planning to hold a drop-in early September to appraise residents of what is being proposed. Cllrs asked about the progress of the manhole covers on Shore Road reported last month. They have been marked up but not yet done. IW Cllr Fuller agreed to follow this up as these remain dangerous for cyclists/motorcycles and repairs are urgently required. Cllrs also expressed concerns regarding protruding brambles on Place Road, south of Deauville Avenue; Tuttons Hill (again); Worsley Road (Eastern side); and the top of Albert Road and Cockleton Lane given the large proportion of children, elderly, disabled and partially sighted residents walking on these footways.
- d. Community Safety Partnership meeting held on 3 July 2019 Riverside Centre Newport  
Cllr Wood attended this meeting where she was able to make links with Superintendent Sarah Jackson and PC Gemma Green regarding Neighbourhood Watch, keen to get it re-established. Cllrs also suggested

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contacting PCSO Steve Anker and Northwood Parish Councillor John Pullen who has been very involved in the past.

e. IWALC Executive meeting held on Thursday 20 June 2019

Minutes from the IWALC executive meeting were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Fuller was in attendance and reported on the presentation from the Citizens Advice Bureau piloting an initiative to encourage Cllrs to signpost advice and support for older people particularly around digital poverty and are looking to run some training sessions to support this scheme. Cllr Fuller has volunteered to help organise a Planning and Housing Session in September for IWALC. Topics to be included will be: Island Plan update; safeguarding the environment; Section 106 payments and local infrastructure; empty homes; and supporting social/affordable homes for local people.

**6883 FINANCE**

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totaling £545.28 for approval.

**RESOLVED: That electronic payments totaling £545.28 are approved and £133.97 credit interest noted**

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. The Clerk presented the quarterly financial review

**RESOLVED: That the quarterly financial review is noted**

d. To approve hours to be claimed as overtime

**RESOLVED: That over time is approved for 67 hours accrued up until the end of June**

e. To receive recommendations from the Grants Panel

**RESOLVED: Councillors considered a grant application for dry lining work at the Village Hall and the funds GVHA have available, and agreed that as there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of the work this financial year, not to grant any money on this occasion.**

**6884 ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCILLORS**

a. Age Friendly Charter (Cllr Smith)

**RESOLVED: That this item be deferred until next meeting when Cllr Smith is present**

b. Toilet Committee (Cllr Nolan)

(i) To approve Cllr Williams's appointment to the Toilet Committee

**RESOLVED: That Cllr William is appointed to the Toilet Committee**

(ii) To approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Toilet Committee and revised Standing Orders to include delegated powers for the Toilet Committee

**RESOLVED: That the proposed Terms of Reference for the Toilet Committee and revised Standing Orders to include delegated powers for the Toilet Committee are approved**

iii) Approval for the Clerk to consult with the Environment Officer re. cleaning contractors and instruct a deep clean of the toilets as soon as possible

**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to instruct a deep clean of the toilets as soon as possible**

iv) To agree on the budget allocation for the Toilet Committee to recondition the toilets

Councillors considered the current bank balance, budget and projected year-end balance to carry forward.

**RESOLVED: In order to keep 50% of the budget in reserves a maximum of £60,000 to be allocated for the Toilet Committee to recondition the toilets. Subject to the tendering process, there could also be an opportunity for a loan should further funds be required.**

As a result of sustained vandalism to the toilets a discussion ensued about CCTV. Councillors suggested writing to Colin Rowlands, IWC's Director of Neighbourhoods, to ask if we can have temporary CCTV installed to monitor the situation and a sign to say that 'CCTV may be in operation' which the Clerk will follow up. This will be a priority for any new toilets proposed for the future, although it is hoped new toilets will be self-locking.

c. Gurnard Village Hall Association

i) To approve Cllr Williams's appointment to Gurnard Village Hall Association

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Williams is appointed to Gurnard Village Hall Association**

ii) To agree on the budget allocation for Gurnard Village Hall

**RESOLVED: That £500 is allocated for Gurnard Village Hall in lieu of Hall hire costs**

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d. Island Roads meeting (Cllr Fuller)

Both Cllr Fuller and Smith attended the meeting with Island Roads on 24 June 2019 which addressed Cowes Week traffic management arrangements; carriage way resurfacing; the issue of some roads being put off; confirmation that Worsley Road is due to be done September/October; change to grass verge cutting so that amenity grass cuts will reduce from 10-12 cuts per year to 5 (there is the potential for local councils to support increased cuts which Cllrs may want to consider in next year's budget); issues raised concerning fly-tipping and Cllrs raised concerns for residents at Gurnard Pines. While acknowledged to be largely residential it is still technically designated a holiday camp and the question was asked as to whether household waste will still be collected in the future.

*(Cllr Wood left the meeting at 9.05pm)*

Island Roads have confirmed they are happy to liaise with local councils to increase availability for parking, and weed control is in place to safeguard pavement damage.

**6885 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK**

a. Review Policies

To review the Emergency Plan and agree any amendments

**RESOLVED: Amendments made to update the Emergency Plan with new contact details for the Clerk are approved**

b. Register of Interests

**RESOLVED: That most Cllrs have recently submitted new or updated registers of interests. Cllr Nolan reported no change to his registration since his original submission.**

c. Council Tax Reduction Scheme Consultation

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to proposals that will impact most harshly on residents and families on low incomes.**

d. Polling Places & Districts Review 2019

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council have no comment to make and are happy with current polling station arrangements**

**6886 ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- Old School Meadow
- St Mary's roundabout

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

CHAIR

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