

# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 13 November 2019 at 6.00pm.

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

The meeting commenced at 6.05 pm

## 6905 APOLOGIES

Cllr Williams was absent

## 6906 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Smith declared an interest in 4a as he lives close to the site and knows the applicant and will abstain from voting on this item. Cllr Wood declared an interest in 7a due to some planning issues local to the candidate and will abstain from voting on this item.
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

## 6907 MINUTES

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

## 6908 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

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

- i. Application No: 19/01190/HOU  
Location: 9 Hilton Road PO31 8JB  
Proposal: Proposed 1st floor extension and single storey rear extension (revised scheme)  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application**
- ii. Application No: 19/01273/HOU  
Location: 2 Gurnard Heights PO31 8EF  
Proposal: Proposed single storey side and rear extensions and alterations to existing dwelling to provide additional living accommodation (revised scheme)  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the plot, the proposed design, which includes roof lights, is out of keeping with the area and will have an adverse impact on the street scene.**
- iii. Application No: 19/01278/HOU  
Location: Hillis Side Rew Street PO31 8NW  
Proposal: Demolition of garage building; proposed single storey extension; porch  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application**
- b. The following planning decisions were received and noted:
  - i. Application No: 19/00782/FUL  
Location: Frome West Rew Street Gurnard Cowes Isle Of Wight PO31 8NN  
Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; proposed dwelling  
Decision: REFUSED
  - ii. Application No: 19/00992/HOU  
Location: 14 Worsley Road PO31 8JN  
Proposal: Demolition of porch; proposed two storey front extension; proposed single/two storey rear extension; alterations to include dormer window on side elevation

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Decision: SPLIT DECISION (Planning Permission has been granted for the part of the development which relates to the proposed two storey front extension but the part of the development which relates to the Dormer window has been refused.)

### 6909 REPORTS

#### a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman circulated his report prior to the meeting. Cllr Fuller updated that Island Roads' District Steward has spoken to the Landlord of the Woodvale Public House regarding the dangerous state of the pavement outside the pub and he has said he will monitor and ensure it is safe in future. Cllrs asked about receipt of new toilet design plans following the site meeting the Chairman had with Cllr Jacobs and 3 Danfo representatives last Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, and these are expected to take 2 weeks. They have been advised that the whole build will take between 6-8 weeks and so will be completed by the end of April 2020 as requested, and that CCTV will be installed at the front and back of the building with LED lighting all around. The Chairman also updated on Old School Meadow and that he is responding to feedback that there is no water for the mud kitchen since the guttering has come down which he will look into. There will be a meeting of the Old School Meadow Working Group to review the issue of cars parking in the meadow to ensure the safety of users.

#### b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting. Still awaiting an update on Cooks Bay from John Taylor of Natural England regarding the routing of the coastal path. Cllr Fuller confirmed that the route through Spencers Wood is still the recommended route and that the path is actually on unclaimed land. It is not on the definitive map but could be claimed as a public right of way should it be excluded from the new coastal route as it has had unrestricted public use for the past 20 plus years. The Clerk will do another land registry search in the new year to establish ownership of the section of the wood that was up for sale earlier in the year.

#### c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting and shared his correspondence with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and continued efforts to call in the Bucklers View application. Cowes Town Council are undertaking a Cowes Place Plan to try and regenerate the local area and would like to do this in conjunction with Northwood and Gurnard which will be agenda'd for next month. IW Cllr Fuller confirmed that the trees that have been felled at Gurnard Primary School were conditioned to be lost and replaced, and that there has been some damage reported in Cow Lane which Rights of Way are investigating. He has received complaints about a caravan parked outside a property in Hilton Road and is trying to establish who the landlord of the property is. Cllrs reported trailers parked on local roads also causing obstruction including Marsh Road, and that water is running down Cockleton Lane from number 11 again which will be dangerous when it's icy which IW Cllr Fuller will report to Island Roads.

#### d. Police quarterly partnership meeting (Cllrs Fuller/Wood)

Cllr Wood reported on the newly formed police quarterly partnership meeting she and Cllr Fuller attended this month. In his role PC Justin Pringle covers 60% of the island and recruitment is ongoing. The service has recently been provided with a knife arch and there is also a drone unit on the island. Concerns about excessive speeding were raised by all parishes and through volunteers they are hoping to rejuvenate 'Speedwatch' as a means to combat this issue and develop intelligence. Newport Parish Council have purchased new 'Speedwatch' equipment and have agreed that this can be lent out when not in use.

#### e. Disabled access (Cllr Smith)

Cllr Smith reported on the Cowes and Gurnard Access group meeting he attended in September which included inconsistency when parking an oversized vehicle with a blue badge. Parking over 2 bays on the road is ok but not in a car park such as St Mary's Road car park in Cowes. There are

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barriers at the end of some cycle paths preventing people using mobility scooters from passing, and councillors highlighted the barrier on Gurnard seafront causing a similar problem.

### 6910 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totalling £3304.53 for approval  
**RESOLVED: That electronic payments totaling £3304.53 are approved**
- b. The Clerk presented the bank statements and monthly bank reconciliations for October  
**RESOLVED: That the monthly bank reconciliations and bank statements are received and noted.**
- c. The Clerk presented the Internal Audit report  
**RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit report is received and noted.**
- d. The Grants Panel presented their recommendations regarding grant requests from the IW Armed Forces Day 2020 and South Wight Youth Theatre Group  
**RESOLVED: Not to award a grant to either the IW Armed Forces Day 2020 or the South Wight Youth Theatre Group as they are island wide organisations and will not directly benefit the village.**
- e. To review the budget allocation for Gurnard in Bloom and approve future project spend  
**RESOLVED: That a further £100 is approved for Gurnard in Bloom to continue updating the flower boxes in the village but that the development of a rockery underneath the Gurnard sign on Tuttons Hill is not supported as it will need maintaining indefinitely and may not be permitted by Island Roads. The Parish Council would prefer resources to go into looking after the neglected beds previously reported and will assist with finding volunteers to help in the new year.**  
Cllrs commented that it is good to see that Island Roads have cut the height of the vegetation back outside of Bucklers View and that they will also do the section of vegetation between Gurnard Press and the village hall to prevent people parking further into the carriageway. Cllrs reported dead branches in this area near the hall which need felling. Cllr Fuller is meeting with the Island Roads Supervisor regarding double yellow lines at the junction of Glen Place as the approved splayed junction was not built in by developers, and will raise the dead branches at the same time.
- f. To set a date for the Financial Working Group to meet to look at the budget and precept for next year  
**RESOLVED: That the Financial Working group will meet on 27<sup>th</sup> November following the Toilet and Planning Committee meetings**

### 6911 Items raised by councillors

- a. Co-option  
To consider expressions of interests received for a co-opted member and appoint as appropriate. Successful candidates will be required to sign the "Acceptance of Office" before the proper officer. (Cllr Wood left the room while a discussion and vote took place).  
**RESOLVED: Mrs Pat Clayton is co-opted and the Clerk will arrange for her to sign her acceptance of office prior to next meeting.**
- b. GVHA Finance Report  
To review the report on the financial statements of the GVHA for the year ended 31st August 2019  
**RESOLVED: That the financial statements of the GVHA for the year ended 31st August 2019 are reviewed and accepted**
- c. Configuration of meeting room (Cllr Fuller)  
To consider configuration of the meeting room following resident's feedback at the last meeting  
**RESOLVED: That no change is made to the room layout as it has been configured in such a way to facilitate discussion between councillors and enable everyone to have a full view of the screen. However in the event of a member of the public having hearing difficulties, adjustments will be made accordingly.**
- d. Age Friendly Charter (Cllr Smith)  
To agree on words of commitment for the Age Friendly Charter  
**RESOLVED: That the following words of commitment for the Age Friendly Charter are agreed:**

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- Gurnard Parish Council ensure the needs of the elderly are considered when changes are made to the community.
- Gurnard Parish Council will ensure they elect a councillor to represent the needs of the elderly in the community working towards improving social inclusion.

### 6912 Items raised by the clerk

#### a. Review Policies

To review the Health and Safety policy and agree any amendments

**RESOLVED: That the Health and Safety policy is reviewed and approved without amendment**

#### b. Grounds maintenance

The Clerk presented revised contract prices from the Isle of Wight Council for Gurnard Green's Grounds Maintenance from January 2020 which have risen from £2132 per year to £5121 per year. The Clerk has been advised that this rise is due to the cost of bin emptying; the old cost was 68p per empty which has increased to £2.34 in the new contract. There is an opportunity to decrease the specification to save costs by reducing the number of grass cuts from 20 to 15 per year which has the potential to bring the total cost down by £1000.

(Cllr Fuller abstained from voting on this item due to him receiving an allowance from the IW Council.)

**RESOLVED: To request a reduction in the specification from 20 to 15 cuts a year to enable a saving of £1000 (total cost of £4121), however to closely monitor when these cuts take place.**

*Cllr Smith left the meeting at 8.05pm*

#### c. Website Accessibility regulations

The Clerk presented a quotation received from IOW Computer Geek to update the Parish Council website to be fully compliant with new accessibility regulations by September 2020

**RESOLVED: That approval is given providing the Clerk has full access rights to the website to enable software updates and any necessary maintenance to be carried out in the future**

#### d. VE Day 75 Celebrations

To consider whether to take a lead in the Nation's Toast to the Heroes of WW2 ceremony at 3pm on the 8th May 2020

**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to contact Reverend Amanda Collinson at All Saints Church to ask what the Church's plans are for these celebrations and whether we can join together**

#### e. Hampshire and IW Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan Consultation

To consider a Parish Council response

**RESOLVED: For Councillors to respond individually as they see fit**

#### f. National Evaluation of Neighbourhood Planning

To consider participating in this research ahead of the project deadline 15/11/19

**RESOLVED: Not to participate in the National Evaluation of Neighbourhood Planning Research**

### 6913 ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON FUTURE AGENDAS

To receive ideas from councillors for future agenda items which will be accompanied by a written report and expected outcomes for inclusion.

- Cowes Place Plan
- Old School Meadow
- Budget
- Toilet Committee
- Meeting start times

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

CHAIR