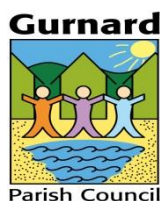


# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held at Gurnard Village Hall in Westbrook Lane, Gurnard on Wednesday 11 March 2020 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Nolan (Chair); Fuller; Bugden; Jacobs; Clayton; Laurens and Williams  
Five members of the public

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Howard to the meeting who advised of 2 reported crimes for February 2020, compared to 6 for the same period in 2019; 1 report of criminal damage to a motor vehicle and 1 residential burglary. At the Quarterly meeting recently the following three priorities were agreed; 1. Operation Sceptre (nationwide knife crime initiative) 2. Domestic Violence and 3. Drugs (gathering intelligence). He updated that the team is now fully staffed and all working the same shift pattern. Cllrs raised two known incidents recently of bogus callers disguised as police officers attempting to enter the homes of vulnerable people. Fortunately on these occasions nothing was stolen but PCSO Howard encouraged people to ring these kinds of incidents in.

The meeting commenced at 6.09pm

## 6942 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr Wood

## 6943 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Williams declared an interest in 4ai as she lives close to the property concerned. Cllr Clayton declared an interest in 4aii as she lives close to the application. Cllr Bugden declared a non-pecuniary interest in 7b as she lives close to the site.
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

## 6944 MINUTES

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2020 were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

## 6945 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning and licensing applications were considered:

- i. Application No: 20/00231/FUL

Location: 39 Woodvale Road PO31 8EE

Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; proposed dwelling and outbuilding

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that its flat roof is out of keeping with the pitched roofs of all the other properties in the road, and would have an adverse impact on the street scene. The viewing platform raises particular concerns that neighbours will be overlooked, and it is considered to be an overdevelopment of the site.**

- ii. Application No: 20/00145/FUL

Location: Part OS Parcel 8500 Land at Westview Road

Proposal: Proposed replacement dwelling

*(Cllr Clayton left the room while a discussion and vote took place about this application)*

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council opposes the principle of any residential development on this site for the following reasons:**

1. Development is outside the settlement boundary and lies on a green field site in the countryside. Residents feel this area should be safeguarded 4.30 (i) and (vi) of Gurnard's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which has been adopted by the IWC, and does not meet any of the criteria set out in policy DM2 Design Quality for New Development of the Island Plan.
2. Development would have an adverse impact upon the landscape characteristics of the countryside and nearby AONB. Contrary to 4.30 (i) and E1 of Gurnard's NP.

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3. The applicant gives no justification to support the requirement for a residential unit on this site, contrary to H1.2 and H1.3 of Gurnard's NP
4. Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan identifies several sites elsewhere in the Parish. If more housing is needed these sites have a much lesser impact upon on the remaining countryside.

iii. Street Trading Application Ref. 20/00244

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982 Schedule 4

Application for: Street Trading Consent - New Mobile Trader for Cowes Fruitful Yogurts, Whole Island

**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application.**

b. The following tree work decision was received and noted:

TPO Number: 1999/21 W1

Site: 63 Worsley Road PO31 8JX

Tree Works: To carry out the work detailed in the revised 5 year woodland management plan to coppice and clean the woodland in the curtilage of the 63 Worsley Road as submitted to the council under application 19/01592/TW.

Decision: GRANTED in accordance with the application, plans and any other associated information submitted and subject to the following conditions:

1. All work must be carried out to a minimum of BS3998 2010 "Recommendations for Tree Work" or current industry "best practice". Working practices should comply with guidance and regulations issued by the Health & Safety Executive.

Reason: To ensure the health and future amenity value of the trees.

**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to request a map of the 5 different areas identified in the woodland, and for a progress report to be made available next March 2021**

### 6946 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman reported his time spent this month visiting Old School Meadow and site meetings with the builders refurbishing the toilets on the Green, to be discussed later in the meeting.

b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting. No questions were raised.

c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting and updated on a lengthy timeframe for the consultation in relation to the proposed parking charges on the seafront to be discussed later in the meeting. Complaints about cars parking too far onto the pavement on Place Road was missed from the agenda this month but will be carried forward for discussion in April. Cllrs reported a long stretch of green slime on the pavement on the seafront which has become dangerous. It was recalled that this stretch used to be pressure washed but this doesn't happen anymore. Slime is also returning outside of the Woodvale Pub. Cllr Fuller will report both of these issues to Island Roads. Cllrs reported a shopping trolley filled with rubbish left on the concrete area below the Green, and that bins are being left on the pavement at the bottom of Church Road. Reports of dog fouling continue to be received. It was acknowledged that things are quickly dealt with by Island Roads once reported but it is unknown what the Environment Officer is involved with. It was proposed that the Clerk formally invite her to a Parish Council meeting so she can update councillors, and request that she provides an annual report for the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllrs reported fallen fencing on Cockleton Lane, bordering Gurnard Pines, which is falling between saplings, and will become a trip hazard if not dealt with, and fallen fencing from 1 Cockleton Lane. Cllr Fuller to raise both these issues with Island Roads. Cllrs also enquired about the suggestion recently received that wave boards might be installed on the seafront? Cllr Fuller to investigate.

d. Police Quarterly Forum

Cllr Wood attended this forum and circulated a report prior to the meeting

e. PACT

Cllr Bugden attended this meeting where she raised the issue of Gurnard residents being the subject of scamming, and speeding on Place Road. Cllr Fuller confirmed that the requirement for a pedestrian refuge outside the Range is still being pursued by the IWC.

f. Isle of Wight Council Environment & Sustainability Forum 20.2.20

Cllr Fuller attended this meeting and workshop which highlighted different ways the council can help the environment such as making sure poorly insulated homes are fit for purpose, and the provision of wetlands.

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Cllrs reported an incident to Environmental Health recently of debris being burnt on-site on a wet day following site clearance at the new development on Westbrook Road, but that they had simply been asked how often it was happening? Environmental health apparently only respond to instances of bonfires that occur more than twice a month, but as this was commercial burning, Cllrs assume that as permission was granted for this site back in the 90's, that conditions for builders to take all their rubbish away with them as there are today, probably wouldn't have been in place then. Nonetheless this was unwelcome pollution that Cllrs felt the IWC should be stopping.

g. IWALC Topic meeting 27.2.20

Notes from this meeting were circulated prior to the meeting.

**6947 FINANCE**

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totalling £2034.12 for approval

**RESOLVED: That electronic payments totalling £2034.12 are approved.**

b. The Clerk presented the bank statements and monthly bank reconciliations for February

**RESOLVED: That the monthly bank reconciliation and bank statements are received and noted.**

Cllr Fuller reported that he is still having problems signing into the online account which he is trying to resolve with unity trust.

**6948 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

a. Annual Parish Meeting (Cllr Bugden)

**RESOLVED: That a budget of £40.00 is agreed for refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting**

b. Old School Meadow (Cllr Nolan)

The Clerk presented amended quotations for wooden versus metal gates, and the price per cut and strim of the meadow based on three cut and strims a year. Cllrs commented on what a good job had been done of strimming the meadow recently, which the Clerk will feedback.

**RESOLVED: For wooden rather than metal gates to be installed given the price difference and advice received about their longevity, and for the Clerk to ask about anti-theft mechanisms to secure them. For the first cut of the meadow to be requested at the beginning of April 2020 and for Old School Meadow to be agenda'd every month for review so that additional cuts can be decided as and when needed.**

c. Litter pick (Cllr Bugden)

**RESOLVED: That a budget of £24.00 (enough to purchase 4 new grabbers) is approved, and for Cllr Clayton to purchase on Friday.**

d. Gurnard Cliff Wood (East) Right of Way (Cllr Nolan)

The Chairman provided a history of the copse and whilst under the ownership of the Spencers, the Parish Council had provided assistance with the building of the steps at the top, now in need of maintenance and quite dangerous since a tree has fallen across the path. The question was asked now in light of new ownership and access issues, should the Parish Council pursue the process for the footpath through Gurnard Cliff Wood to become an official Public Rights of Way on the Definitive Map. It is understood by a councillor that community group IOW Beauty in Perpetuity were attempting to do this but the process had been put on hold since the IWC had advised on an alternative straight line path through the copse was likely to be the recommendation of the English Coastal Path, and that any other route would not be maintained by the IWC. The Clerk has not been able to contact the group to confirm this.

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

*(Cllr Laurens left the meeting at 8.30pm)*

**RESOLVED: To begin the process to establish the route as a public right of way. The Clerk to forward forms to councillors for distribution and completion, evidencing that the path has been in public use for 20 years plus**

e. Proposed Seafront Parking charges (Cllr Fuller)

Cllr Fuller confirmed that the IWC are still intent on pursuing the proposal for parking charges on the seafront and a consultation is the next stage. Councillors have noted that Gurnard is not unique and that East Cowes has up to 2 hours free parking along its seafront. It is felt that the best response to the consultation will be for people to write individual letters. Cllr Fuller is also proposing a petition which the Woodvale have offered their support with, and holding a public meeting. He is also providing alternative proposals through long stay parking to make up the budget.

**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to write to Cllr Ward opposing the parking charges on the seafront following feedback from residents already about this contentious proposal, and that it will do nothing to help our**

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efforts to regenerate our village. The Clerk to invite individual letters of response through the Gurnard News.

f. Overgrown flowerbeds on Worsley Road (Cllr Bugden)

Following Island Roads' suggestion to return the verges to grass as a solution to the overgrown flower beds on Worsley Road, Cllrs discussed alternative options and enlisting the help of Green Gym.

**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to establish whether any volunteers have come forward to help Gurnard in Bloom, and to ask if they will supervise Green Gym with the beds. A budget of £100 is approved to include removal of the cuttings.**

g. Toilet Refurbishment (Cllr Nolan)

The chairman provided an update following site meetings held recently. It was recommended that the existing door to the Gents could stay which will be the new storeroom door, and that the money saved could be used to tarmac around the building. Cllrs checked that the slope will be compliant with DDA requirements, the camber flattened, appropriate LED lighting and CCTV will be installed in the right places and vandal proof. Signage on doors still to be confirmed. The Clerk confirmed that the handover of the toilets will now be at 1pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April and she has formally accepted the cleaning contract with Danfo to start from the point of handover.

**RESOLVED: That a press release is approved to go out ahead of the handover**

**6949 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK**

a. Casual Vacancy

**RESOLVED: That should a by-election not be called by 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to proceed with co-option and invite applicants to express an interest by the end of April to be considered at the May meeting.**

b. Public Spaces Protection Orders - Public Consultation

**RESOLVED: For individuals to respond as they see fit.**

c. Community Speed Watch

To consider approval of funds towards jointly purchasing speed equipment kit in conjunction with Cowes Town Council and Northwood Parish Council

**RESOLVED: To adjourn this item until Cowes Town Council have reached a decision on this.**

d. Free Wight

To consider and agree on any 'free and special' aspects of Gurnard Parish to be shared on the Free Wight website

**RESOLVED: To take no further action at this stage**

e. Website accessibility

The Clerk circulated a link to the newly updated website. On the whole Cllrs were happy with its look although preferred some of the older photos, in particular the one looking from the Solent towards the beach and beach huts

**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to review and request amendment where necessary.**

**6950 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.

- Parking on Pavements on Place Road
- Publication of Councillor's home addresses
- Old School Meadow
- Worsley Road Flowerbed
- Public right of way through Gurnard Cliff Wood
- English Coast Path
- Toilet update
- Seafront parking

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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