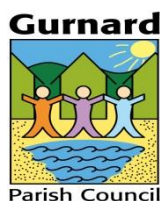


# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 11 November 2020 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Nolan (Chair); Fuller; Bugden; Jacobs; Wood and Williams  
One member of the public was present.

PCSO Howard was unable to attend but had forwarded his report which was circulated to members. There were 6 crimes reported in October 2020; 1 public order, 1 assault, 1 theft of vehicle, 1 theft from vehicle, and 2 malicious communications

The meeting started at 6.05 pm

## 6984 APOLOGIES

Prior to the meeting Cllr Laurens emailed the Clerk to say that she would not be attending this evening's virtual meeting.

**RESOLVED: That apologies are not approved. Members cannot approve apologies without knowing the reason for an absence.**

## 6985 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Fuller declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 4a as a member of the Isle of Wight Council's Planning Committee and issued the following statement "Please note that any predisposed view I express tonight is based on the information that has been presented. However I remain open to listening to all arguments and receiving further material planning information, potentially enabling me to change my mind in light of further information."
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

## 6986 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 October were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

## 6987 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning applications were considered:
  - i. Application No: 20/01460/HOU  
Location: 69 Marsh Road PO31 8JQ  
Proposal: Proposed balcony (revised scheme) (revised plans)(readvertised application)  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council make no objection to this application**
  - ii. Application No: 20/01678/HOU  
Location: 4 Woodvale House Woodvale Road PO31 8EB  
Proposal: Proposed two storey outbuilding to provide boat store with home office at first floor level and associated landscaping works  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site. The size and height at 5.385 metres (over 17 ft.) is excessive for an outbuilding in the garden, and it is outside the settlement boundary.**
- b. The following planning decisions were noted:
  - i. Application No: 20/01296/TW  
Location: Gurnard Pines PO31 8RD T1

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Proposal: Holm Oak: Raise crown over the road and remove epicormic growth.T2 Holm Oak: Raise crown over the road and remove epicormic growth.T3 Elm Dead remove.T4 Oak raise crown to first major bifurcation and reduced from building to offer a 3 m clearance.T5 Hedge rear of chalet 109 - 110 reduceG1 Oaks and field maples rear of chalet 123 Reduce to create a 3 m clearance and thin by 20% to increase shade.G2 2 Oaks adjacent to chalets 208 - 209 to have the crowns raised to 2,5 metres and crown cleaned.T8 Holy dead remove Area 1 remove poplar saplings and blackthorn.  
Decision: Granted

- ii. Application No: 20/01294/CLPUD  
Location: 16 Tilbury Road PO31 8JJ  
Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey side extension  
Decision: Granted
- iii. Application No: 20/01484/HOU  
Location: 20 The Avenue PO31 8JL  
Proposal: Demolition of garage, hall and ground floor wc; proposed alterations and two storey side extension; single storey rear extension; single storey extension on front elevation  
Decision: Granted
- iv. Application No: 20/01500/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 and new vehicular access (revised scheme)  
Decision: Granted

### 6988 REPORTS

#### a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman reported that he laid a wreath on behalf of GPC this morning during a period of silent prayer at All Saints Church. He reported on his meeting with Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager for Recreation and Public Open Spaces, Lee Matthews, on The Green last week with Cllr Fuller and the Clerk to discuss the wishes of Rosie's Mum for a picnic table to be located on the hard standing at the bottom of The Green. It has since been confirmed that we can proceed with this. Given the popularity of these tables and space available, there would appear to be room for two tables, whether funded through the friends and family of Rosie or directly by GPC, and this will be agenda'd next month for a discussion. Once established a location plan can be drawn up and agreed with the IWC. The Chairman reported correspondence he has received from a resident about parking on the pavements and near bus bays on Place Road, and whether there is any update on the proposed double yellow lines. Cllr Fuller confirmed that there will now be a consultation and so this may not happen until late next year. The Chairman has also received concerns about an oak tree with a TPO on Woodvale Road which has been cut down to a stump prior to determination by IWC's Tree Officer, Jerry Willis, who is now looking into the matter.

#### b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting. Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at 10.00 was confirmed for a meeting with members of the Finance Working Group to look at the budget for 2021/22. The Clerk raised an additional request received to publicise Gurnard's Big Advent Calendar and whether GPC might contribute a small prize, which members agreed to, up to the value of £10.00. The Clerk reported that the Environment Officer will be in Gurnard tomorrow if there are any issues that need looking at. Members raised among others the dangerous build up of seaweed on the concrete beach access steps along Princess Esplanade, a bedframe that has been dumped behind the beach huts on The Green, green and black bins left out on local roads, storm damage stones thrown up and left on the esplanade, a build up of gravel in the gullies on Cockleton Lane from Hilton Road, and damage to the pavement at the lower end of Shore Road following building works that have taken place, all of which the Clerk will forward to her for action.

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c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting and agreed to report the build up of gravel in the gullies on Cockleton Road to Island Roads, which is causing the road to flood after rain, and has the potential to be very dangerous when temperatures drop. Cllrs asked about the corner of Pallance Road and Pallance Lane, where the hedge has recently been cleared without permission, and will need reinstating.

d. GVHA

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Gurnard Village Hall Association held on Thursday, 8th October 2020 in the Village Hall were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Bugden reported her attendance and that the hall will be cleared at Christmas for upgrading. Finances are very healthy after a £10k grant from the IWC and £12k already held in reserves.

e. IWALC

The draft minutes of the Annual General Meeting of IWALC held remotely via Zoom on Thursday, 29th October 2020 were circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Fuller reported his attendance and that a new Chair, Diana Conyers from Ryde Town Council, has been elected. They are also in the process of appointing a new Clerk.

(Cllr Williams joined the meeting after overcoming some initial technical difficulties)

### 6989 FINANCE

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totalling £2493.82 and receipts totalling £9335.73 for October 2020 for approval

**RESOLVED: That the electronic payments totalling £2493.82 and receipts totalling £9335.73 for October 2020 are approved**

b. The Clerk presented the copy bank statements and bank reconciliations for October 2020

**RESOLVED: That the monthly bank statements and bank reconciliation for October 2020 are noted**

c. The Clerk presented the external auditor report and certificate arising from the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2020

**RESOLVED: That the external auditor report and certificate arising from the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2020 is noted and 14 days' notice agreed for the publication of the 'Notice of conclusion of audit'**

### 6990 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

a. Playground

Cllr Nolan provided an update on a meeting he attended with Isle of Wight Council's Strategic Manager for Recreation and Public Open Spaces, Lee Matthews, Cllr Fuller and the Clerk, following a report from the IWC that the pirate ship and butterfly will need to be taken out at the end of the season as they are no longer cost effective to keep repairing and will become unsafe for children. However on examining the pirate ship on site, it was considered to be solid and not much wrong with it. GPC have already agreed to ring fence money to upgrade and maintain the playground, and swings for older children have been proposed, but not at the cost of the pirate ship. Lee agreed to forward the inspection defect report that had led to its suggested removal with a range of pricing options available.

(Cllr Wood left the meeting in order to attend work)

b. Old School Meadow

Cllr Nolan updated that he met with Cllr Bugden and the Clerk to tidy up the mud kitchen, still regularly being used by children, and also to put the old pond gate and post into storage which has recently served no purpose. It was noted that the bridge into the enclosed area has become very

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slippy and will need looking at in Spring, and that the old mechanism on the new gate post is not engaging properly with the newly replaced latch, causing it to blow open when windy.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk will ask contractors Green Jiant to fit an appropriate size fixing on the post next time they are at the meadow**

Subsequently it has also come to members' attention that some of the hedge bordering the meadow including Old School Place has been cut back without permission.

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk enquire with owners at Old School Place to request that in future GPC are contacted prior to any work being carried out in the field.**

c. Toilets

Cllr Nolan provided an update on the Toilets and that there is now a cabinet fixed to the maintenance door displaying a cleaning schedule for all to see, which is signed each time the toilets are cleaned. There has been an issue with the light in the disabled toilet not working, but Danfo are aware and are dealing with it.

**RESOLVED: That Cllrs Budgen and Jacobs recommence collecting the money from the coin boxes with the Clerk after the lockdown on a fortnightly rather than weekly basis, due to lower usage anticipated during the winter months. Cllr Nolan to check the coin boxes periodically during the lockdown just in case of any blockages which can occur and prevent the doors unlocking.**

d. Grant applications

The Grants Panel shared their recommendations in relation to two grant applications received.

**RESOLVED: That a grant of £150 be awarded to Friends of Northwood Cemetery as it serves local families, but not to Jigsaw Family Support which although an Isle of Wight charity falls outside the scope of GPC's grant awarding policy, being an Islandwide organisation.**

e. Publication of Councillors personal details

The Clerk shared confirmation from Monitoring Officer, Geoff Wild, prior to the meeting confirming that address and phone numbers don't have to be published on the Parish Council website and noticeboard, and therefore members can use their own discretion in deciding what they would like to be published about themselves. The Clerk will action this with individual councillors.

f. No Cold Calling Signage

Cold calling signs previously installed at the entrance to the village have faded and need replacing

**RESOLVED: That the Clerk purchase 5 A4 signs up to a budget of £300 to be installed on the Esplanade, Cockleton Lane, Tuttons Hill, Rew Street and Woodvale Road, and to seek prior authorisation from the Police and Trading Standards to use their logos as before.**

### 6991 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

a. The Clerk presented the Website Accessibility, Complaints, Grant Awarding and Petition Policies for adoption and review

**RESOLVED: That the Website Accessibility, Complaints, Grant Awarding and Petition Policies are agreed without amendment**

b. The Clerk presented the Committee on Standards in Public Life's review of the institutions, processes and structures in place to support high standards of conduct

**RESOLVED: For members to comment individually as they see fit**

### 6992 ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Playground report
- Environment Officer
- Picnic Tables

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm

CHAIR

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