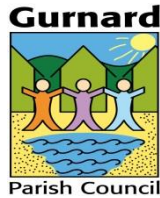


GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 13 January 2021 at 6.00pm.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Nolan (Chair); Fuller; Bugden; Jacobs; Wood, Williams and Franklin
Two members of the public were present

PCSO Howard was unable to attend but had forwarded his report which was circulated to members. There were 4 crimes reported in December 2020; 2 criminal damage, 1 malicious communication and 1 harassment. Priorities for the Cowes Neighbourhood Policing team continue to be Op Sceptre (a nationwide knife crime initiative), domestic violence (signposting and referrals to partner agencies), and drugs (gathering intelligence and taking appropriate action).

The meeting started at 6.00pm

7003 APOLOGIES

Cllr Laurens was absent

7004 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." In relation to 4a(ii) Cllr Williams declared that she lived near the site but cannot see it from her property and has no personal interest in the application.
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

7005 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2020 were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

7006 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning applications were considered:

- i. Application No: 20/02026/FUL

Location: Land Adjacent to Greenacres, 211 Baring Road

Proposal: Proposed 6 detached dwellings, formation of vehicular access, parking and landscaping (revised scheme)

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

1. Development would have an adverse impact upon the landscape characteristics of the Jordan Valley from Worsley Road. Contrary to 4.30 (i) and E1 of Gurnard's Neighbourhood Plan (NP) which has been adopted by the IWC

2. Feedback on the new housing allocations within the Island Planning Strategy has yet to be determined but it is noted that after the first draft both the local IW Councillor and Gurnard Parish Council raised concerns on 3 fields adjacent to Tuttons Hill. This proposal is part of the largest of these. Contrary to 4.30 and 4.34 and Policy E1 of Gurnards NP

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3. This application will continue to close the gap between Cowes and Gurnard, thus coalescing both communities and creating a cumulative impact upon the Jordan Valley. Contrary to 4.30(i); E1 and Gurnard's NP Landscape Assessment.

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 Jordan Valley.

5. The applicant gives no evidence to support that this proposal will meet the local housing needs and is contrary to H1.2 and H1.3 of Gurnard's NP

6. Development is outside the settlement boundary and lies on a green field site which is currently used as agricultural land and regularly cropped. More trees are needed to reduce our carbon footprint and create a greener Island, parts of this field could be utilised to grow quality trees like Oak. The residents feel this area should be safeguarded 4.30 (i) and (vi)

ii. Application No: 20/02048/FUL

Location: Land Adjacent to the Stables, Woodvale Road

Proposal: Proposed detached dwelling and parking (revised scheme)

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that the development is unsympathetic to the rural characteristic of the local area, it is outside the settlement boundary contrary to Gurnard Neighbourhood Plan, and is an over development of the site.

iii. Application No: 20/02073/FUL

Location: 21 Lower Church Road PO31 8JG

Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; proposed replacement dwelling

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council have no objection in principle to this application but have concerns about the loss of amenity and privacy for the neighbouring dwelling.

b. The following planning decisions were noted:

i. Application No: 20/01243/OUT

Location: Land To North Of Gurnard Farm 4 Cockleton Lane, With Access Off Lower Church Road

Proposal: Outline for seven new residential dwellings with access and layout being considered

Decision: Refused

ii. Application No: 20/01876/HOU

Location: 36 Woodvale Road PO31 8EG

Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension to form Garage, Boat Store and Garden Room

Decision: Granted

iii. Application No: 20/01911/ADV

Location: The Range 79 Place Road PO31 7AE

Proposal: Non-illuminated fascia signs; double sided non-illuminated post sign

Decision: Granted

iv. Application No: 20/01996/HOU

Location: 3 Cockleton Lane PO31 8JE

Proposal: Replacement balcony at first floor level on front elevation

Decision: Granted

c. The Clerk presented the draft Pre-Application Planning Policy for Gurnard Parish Council

RESOLVED: That the draft Pre-Application Planning Policy is adopted by Gurnard Parish Council

7007 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman reported that he has removed the Trafalgar Plaque which came loose from its stake before Christmas for safekeeping and will reinstate it once the Green dries out and weather conditions are conducive.

b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting. She has received the newly purchased Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration 12th edition. This replaces the older 9th edition office copy

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which is now surplus to requirement and available to members should they wish, and will pass to Cllr Fuller in the first instance.

c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting and updated on issues relating to the proposed E-scooter locations for Gurnard, one of which being the seafront. Following a response from the Environment Agency regarding the River Luck he has been in touch with the IWC who were provided with a log of boat owners some 10 plus years ago and are now in a position to deal with the situation. He informed members however that many IWC officers have been redeployed again due to the covid-19 response and so are not necessarily at their desks. Next week he is intending to do a letter drop advising residents about the old Poultry Farm planning application on Place Road next to the Range, and has been heavily involved with committee members in recent months challenging the seafront parking proposals culminating in various motions being put forward to the IWC's Scrutiny Committee last night (12/1/21) all of which will be decided by the IWC's cabinet tomorrow (14/1/21).

(Cllr Wood left the meeting at 18.57 in order to attend work)

d. Environment and sustainability forum Thursday 17th December 2020

Cllr Fuller attended this meeting, minutes of which have been circulated to members prior to the meeting

7008 FINANCE

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totalling £ 1599.69 and receipts totalling £ 116.80 for December 2020 for approval

RESOLVED: That the electronic payments totalling £1599.69 and receipts totalling £116.80 for December 2020 are approved

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

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

c. The Clerk presented the 3rd quarterly Budget against Expenditure Report

RESOLVED: That the 3rd quarterly Budget Report against Expenditure is noted

7009 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

a. Village Green Status (Cllr Nolan)

The Chairman updated on advice he had received from the Village Green Association, and the recommendation from the Village Green Status (VGS) Working Group to proceed with two separate applications to register the parts of the Green which don't currently have VGS.

RESOLVED: That the VGS Working Group proceed with two separate applications for VGS; one for the old putting green area as a whole, and one for the concrete plinth at the bottom of the Green. The VGS working group to meet next Thursday 21st January at 10.00 am to take both these applications forward.

b. Play area (Cllr Nolan)

Prior to the meeting the Clerk was presented with two options from the Isle of Wight Council which she shared with members following discussions as to how to proceed with the maintenance and repair of the playground now that the original Playbuilder agreement has expired after a 10 year term:

1 – For Gurnard Parish Council to take over the playground in total by either an Agreement/Lease/Licence.

2 – For the IWC to carry out works to the large pirate ship most in need of repair for a 50% contribution amounting to £1500 (equal to the same sum paid under the Playbuilder agreement until it stopped last year). This would be a temporary measure and further discussion would be needed at the end of the financial year about longer term maintenance.

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RESOLVED: To review all costs in consideration of these options, and for the Clerk to ask the IWC if the playground continues to have insurance cover now that the agreement has expired?
Is the grass in the play area cut as part of the whole Green grounds maintenance contract i.e. would it continue to be cut under either of the two options proposed? And will the IWC close the playground again in the event of any future Covid-19 dictate?

c. Picnic Tables

To agree on which picnic tables to purchase following agreement from the Isle of Wight Council to locate two new picnic tables on the hard standing at the bottom of the Green
The Clerk circulated various picnic table options from 10 online suppliers for consideration prior to the meeting. Accessible options were preferred both to be able to walk in and out of, and for wheelchair use.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to enquire with suppliers about a suitable location and recess for a memorial plaque and to liaise with Rosie's family so that they can order an appropriate plaque of their choosing. For the Clerk to suggest to Rosie's family that they purchase their preferred circular table with walk in access, and for GPC to purchase an extended table option for wheelchair users, both in rainbow colours.

d. Old School Meadow

To agree on action required to make the pathway to the wildflower area safe which has become very slippery

RESOLVED: To retain the bridge feature and seek advice from current contractor Green Jiant as to environmentally friendly options available to make the surface safe underfoot, and to replace the gates at the bridge entrance.

e. Meeting start time

To consider and agree on whether to move the start time of the meeting to 6:30pm

RESOLVED: For all future meetings to start half an hour later at 6.30pm.

7010 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

a. Toilets

To agree on procedure for checking facilities and collecting money during the current lock down

RESOLVED: To suspend current protocol for two people to collect the money from the toilets so that either the Clerk or Council member can collect on their own until the current Covid-19 restrictions are relaxed and dual collection can resume.

b. No Cold Calling Zone signage

To approve the 'No Cold Calling Zone' print proof for replacement signage at the entry points to the village

RESOLVED: That the 'No Cold Calling Zone' proof is approved for 5 new replacement signs at the entry points to the village

c. Policies for adoption and review

RESOLVED: That the amendment to the newly adopted remote access policy is agreed and the audio recording and vexatious complaints policies are reviewed and agreed without amendment.

d. Annual Parish Meeting

i. Set a date (rules and restrictions during coronavirus permitting)

ii. Consider and agree speakers

iii. Seek Parish Award nominations

RESOLVED: To adjourn until next month when more should be known about future restrictions, legislation to continue to hold meetings remotely and whether or not local elections will be going ahead as planned in May.

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7011 ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Village Green Status
- Picnic Tables
- Old School Meadow
- Seafront Parking
- Play Area

The meeting closed at 8.07 pm

CHAIR
