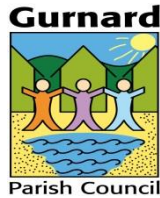


# GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 10 February 2021 at 6.30pm.

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

PCSO Howard was unable to attend but had forwarded his report which was circulated to members. There were 4 crimes reported in January 2021; 1 assault, 1 public order, 1 criminal damage and 1 drug offence. 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 6.40pm

## 7012 APOLOGIES

Cllr Laurens was absent

## 7013 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." Cllr Bugden declared an interest in 8g as she lives close to the site.
- b. No written dispensation requests received.

## 7014 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13 January 2021 were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

## 7015 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning applications were considered:
  - i. 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 (Revised Plans) (readvertised application)  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it is an over development 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.**
  - ii. Application No: 21/00091/FUL  
Location: 9 Hilton Road PO31 8JB  
Proposal: Proposed detached dwelling  
**RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site, is out of character with the area and will have an adverse impact on the street scene.**
- b. No new planning decisions were received

## 7016 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman  
The Chairman had nothing further to report beyond the business listed on the agenda.

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b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting and asked members if they wished to replace the missing Neighbourhood Plan sign on Rew Street. She will raise it with Island Roads in the first instance. An appraisal meeting was confirmed with members of the Personnel Working Group at 9.00 am on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting and updated on briefings he has attended about the IWC's budget and the Covid response. He has attended meetings about Census 2021, which is going ahead the weekend of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. Although unreturned forms are expected to be followed up, there has been no clarity from the government as to how a 'door knocking approach' can be carried out safely in the current climate, both for the Census and also activities normally required in the run up to an election which has now been confirmed for the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

### 7017 FINANCE

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totalling £ 4084.56 and receipts totalling £ 340.25 for January 2021 for approval

**RESOLVED: That the electronic payments totalling £4084.56 and receipts totalling £ 340.25 for January 2021 are approved**

b. The Clerk presented the copy bank statements and bank reconciliations for January 2021

**RESOLVED: That the monthly bank statements and bank reconciliation for January 2021 are noted**

### 7018 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

a. Grant Applications (Cllr Bugden)

To consider a grant application received from Suicide Prevention and Intervention and agree on how best to proceed with the allocation of grants this year normally advertised in February and March for agreement in April

**RESOLVED: That no grant will be awarded to Suicide Prevention and Intervention and that whilst considered a valuable service, it is neither village based nor does it provide a direct benefit to people in the village, and so does not meet the criteria set out in the grants awarding policy. Invitations for this year's grant applications will be deferred to May.**

b. Litter Pick (Cllr Bugden)

Agree date and organisation for this year's Spring litter pick

**RESOLVED: That 17<sup>th</sup> April is provisionally booked for this year's litter pick to focus on Worsley Road, Cockleton Lane, Rew Street and Tuttons Hill which are thought to be particular problem areas. In the meantime Cllr Fuller offered to ask Island Roads to do a scan of these areas and Cllrs asked if he could also ask them to unblock the drains at the bottom of Hilton Road which are causing a problem further down Cockleton Lane.**

c. Village Green Status (Cllr Nolan)

The Chairman read out the justification he has drafted for use in the main application, for members' approval. He updated that since we have had confirmation from the IWC that the maps and user evidence questionnaires intended for use in support of our VGS application are suitable, we can now proceed with the collection of evidence. Since there is no minimum number prescribed in the guidance, rather that a significant proportion of locals use the area, members considered at least 50 to 60 evidence statements would be a good number to aim for.

**RESOLVED: That the written justification is approved and for the Clerk to seek clarification on whether the user statements need to be collected exclusively from people who have used the area for all of the last 20 years, or whether part of the last 20 years is also valid. She will print and collate map and evidence questionnaire packs and distribute 10 packs to each councillor for collection.**

d. Play area (Cllr Nolan)

To consider the response received from the IWC to questions raised about future management proposals of the playground and agree next steps

**RESOLVED: That the Playground Working Group meet at 10.00 am on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March to give full consideration to all of the issues involved in order to be able to make their recommendations to Full Council in April.**

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- e. Gurnard Meter Parking (Cllr Nolan)  
The Chairman updated on the cabinet's decision to proceed with parking meters along the seafront and a discussion was had as to the best way forward.  
**RESOLVED: For the Clerk to request an informal meeting for the Chairman to meet with the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council to discuss any flexibility in the roll out, as suggested there might be during the Cabinet meeting. Accepting the decision has now been made, GPC would like to ask about the possibility of a phased implementation approach for Gurnard Village in order for the impact on local businesses and parking to be properly assessed.**
- f. Picnic Tables (Cllr Nolan)  
The Chairman updated that the picnic tables should be with us shortly.  
**RESOLVED: That prior to installation the Chairman meets with the agreed contractor to confirm their location on the plinth at the bottom of the Green.**
- g. Old School Meadow (Cllr Nolan)  
The Chairman updated that the new gates and safety strips have been installed on the bridge into the enclosed area, and that a new bolt has been fixed to the entrance gate. The guttering around the mud kitchen looks be new or has been repaired and it appears that the area is being well used and looked after by the community.

### 7019 ITEMS RAISED BY THE CLERK

- a. Policies for review  
**RESOLVED: That amendments to the Terms of References for all Working Groups are agreed, and the Terms of References for the Planning and Toilet Committees are agreed without amendment.**
- b. Annual Parish Meeting
- i. Set date and format (rules and restrictions during coronavirus permitting)
- ii. Confirm Parish Award
- ii. Consider and agree speakers
- iii. Agree refreshments
- RESOLVED: That there will be no Parish Award this year and that Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May following the Planning Committee's meeting could be an opportunity to hold the APM within the usually required timeframe ending on 1<sup>st</sup> June. However it is still too early to confirm, and will need to be reviewed on a monthly basis.**

### 7020 ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON FUTURE AGENDAS

- Toilets – the Clerk to arrange a meeting for the Toilet Committee at 7pm on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021 to follow on from the Planning Committee Meeting

### 7021 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED: In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted**

### 7022 Council Membership

To review membership of Gurnard Parish Council

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

**RESOLVED: That no new members will be co-opted to GPC ahead of May's election.**

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm

CHAIR

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