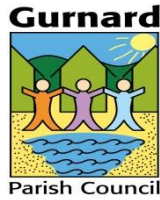


GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held remotely on Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 6.30pm.

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

PCSO Howard was unable to attend but had forwarded his report which was circulated to members prior to the meeting. There were 7 crimes reported in March 2021; 1 harassment, 1 malicious communication, 2 residential burglaries and 3 assaults.

Prior to the meeting starting the Chairman invited members of the public present to make their comments, all of which related to the two planning applications on the agenda.

The meeting formally opened at 6.54 pm

7033 APOLOGIES

No apologies received

7034 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.

7035 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 10 March 2021 were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

7036 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning applications were considered:
 - i. Application No: 21/00491/FUL
Location: 63 Solent View Road PO31 8JZ
Proposal: Demolition of dwelling; Proposed dwelling with car port and garden terraces; alterations to vehicular access
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:
 - Size, scale, mass and overdevelopment of the site.
 - Loss of sunlight, privacy and amenity for neighbouring properties.
 - Design is out of character with the area and properties on the south side of Solent View Road, and would have an adverse impact on the street scene and surrounding houses.
 - No ecological report provided on badgers and other wildlife that frequent the area.
 - ii. Application No: 21/00535/FUL
Location: Sunnycott Caravan Park Rew Street PO31 8NN
Proposal: Proposed extension to holiday park to provide an additional 8 units of holiday accommodation; relocation of 2 existing units
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:
 - Overdevelopment of the site

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- Outside the settlement boundary
- Adverse impact on woodland and local ecology, no ecological report provided on slow worms and bats known to frequent the area
- Flooding and ground conditions adversely impacted with additional mobile homes
- Shared concerns about highway safety raised by Island Roads
- Loss of amenity, overlooking and overbearing for neighbour's properties, privacy and sunlight
- Unsustainable location, with only 3 buses a day just 3 times a week, will provide no economic benefit for the village
- Potential noise, odour and contamination from the sewage pump for neighbouring properties
- Concerns regarding long term residential use of this holiday park and impact on residents' welfare
- Adverse impact on landscape character looking across the Luck Valley from Cockleton Lane and Rew Street

b. The following planning decisions were noted:

i. Application No: 21/00264/HOU

Location: 3 Albert Road PO31 8JU

Proposal: Proposed decking to rear with privacy screen

Decision: Granted

ii. Application No: 21/00275/HOU

Location: 3 Hilton Road PO31 8JB

Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory; proposed single storey extension and alterations

Decision: Granted

7037 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

RESOLVED: That the statement of 7 persons nominated for election as a Councillor for Gurnard is received, resulting in an uncontested election, notice of which to be issued next week.

7038 MEETINGS

- a. To agree on a date for May's Annual meeting of the Parish Council to be held at the village hall, on either Wednesday 12th May (as originally scheduled but before the village hall is formally re-opened) or Wednesday 19th May, when further COVID restrictions have been lifted

RESOLVED: That May's Annual meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the village hall on Wednesday 19th May 2021.

- b. To agree on whether to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 26th May, to follow on from May's Planning Committee meeting, with a representative from Natural England as guest speaker

RESOLVED: That the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th May, to follow on from May's Planning Committee meeting, with a representative from Natural England as guest speaker.

7039 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman reported that he has fitted a plaque to the new picnic table on the seafront and checked the repairs required at Old School Meadow. He also reported that the original two picnic tables on Gurnard Green are in fact wood and in need of re-varnishing ahead of the summer which the Clerk will action.

b. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting and confirmed arrangements for Toilet Committee members' Cllrs Nolan and Jacobs to meet with Danfo at 10.00 am on 18th May, both to review the equipment workings and ensure cleaning standards are meeting expectations. A letter

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of thanks to Mr. Gordon Day and colleague for their combined efforts in repairing the clock will be shared in the Gurnard News.

c. IW Councillor

IW Cllr Fuller circulated his report prior to the meeting and updated that he has yet to receive a response from IW Council Leader Dave Stewart to his published letter regarding parking charges, but a recent finding has suggested that the parking configuration outside the Woodvale Public House may comprise part of the registered Green, which due to its village green status, would not be able to be used for commercial purposes. He updated that work is due to start at Bucklers View later in the year and once contractors have been procured, a construction management plan will be devised to try and ensure the least possible disruption and that a public information session in the village hall would be helpful. Worsley Road is in a very bad condition but Island Roads are delaying resurfacing works until building works have been completed.

d. Environment and sustainability forum 24th March 2021

The Environment and sustainability forum was attended by Cllr Fuller who reported on the Isle of Wight Council's Climate and Environment Strategy as the main topic of discussion

e. IWALC Executive Committee Meeting Thursday 18 March 2021

The IWALC Executive Meeting was attended by Cllr Fuller, minutes of which were circulated prior to the meeting.

7040 FINANCE

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments totalling £ 7332.72 and receipts totalling £ 924.95 for March 2021 for approval, and confirmed that the precept of £59,950 has been received

RESOLVED: That the electronic payments totalling £7332.72 and receipts totalling £924.95 for March 2021 are approved, and receipt of £59,950 in precept noted

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

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

c. The Clerk present the Risk Management Schedule 2021 for approval

RESOLVED: That the Risk Management Schedule 2021 is approved

d. The Grants Panel presented 4 grant applications and their recommendations

RESOLVED: That a total of £600 is granted to All Saints Church comprising of £400 for the production of the Gurnard News, £100 for the Elephant Club, and £100 towards the running of Community Coffee Mornings. A further £200 is granted to Cowes Heritage.

7041 ITEMS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

a. Litter Pick

Cllr Bugden updated on arrangements for volunteers to meet outside the village hall at 10.00 am on Saturday 17th April; grabbers, bags, gloves and tabards provided, all help gratefully received.

b. Play area

The Chairman presented recommendations from the Playground Working Group

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council accepts the Isle of Wight Council's offer to remain under their management for this current financial year, to include repair of the pirate ship, for an agreed contribution of £1500, and to review the alternative option offered to take over the management for 2022/23 at a later date

Funding sources to improve facilities in the play area on the Green were suggested and will be looked into by members. Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated a letter from the Isle of Wight Council seeking ideas as to how the Government's £56 million Welcome Back Fund can be spent, and given it looks to include investment in parks, green spaces and seating areas, the Green and Old School Meadow could well benefit.

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c. Old School Meadow

Members updated that replacement seats don't appear to be readily available on line, however a voluntary offer of help has been received from a local carpenter to repair the seats at cost price and will provide the Clerk with a quote. It is thought that eventually the tables will need replacing altogether with new recycled plastic ones as with the seafront, but this would seem to be a good solution in the interim

RESOLVED: That members of the OSM working group will consider appropriate wording for a dog free zone survey ahead of May's meeting.

d. Spencer's Wood

The Chairman provided an update on ownership and access to Spencer's Wood following reports of new fencing being erected.

RESOLVED: That access for the disabled should be a priority and a site meeting requested with a representative from Natural England to walk and compare the newly proposed route with the original less hazardous path.

e. Communication

To agree on policy and use of the 'Gurnard Nextdoor' social media site for GPC communication

RESOLVED: That the Press and Media Policy is adopted as a living document to be updated as necessary and that the Clerk is authorised to advertise GPC events and projects via the 'Gurnard Nextdoor' social media site in line with this policy.

f. Disabled access to the plinth at the bottom of Gurnard Green

The Clerk updated that no response has been received from the Isle of Wight Council in relation to Active Travel funding and costs involved to provide disabled access at the bottom of Gurnard Green. A suggestion has been made for a gradual concrete slope to be installed where the current cycle racks are to run parallel to the plinth.

RESOLVED: That standing orders are suspended and the meeting continue beyond two and a half hours.

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council have made a commitment to older people and, given the Isle of Wight Council own the land, that the Clerk write again to the Isle of Wight Council and ask if they can provide a ramp to comply with disability regulations, this time including Mrs Jayne Dando of the Highways PFI team and Mrs Wendy Perera Assistant Chief Executive for the Isle of Wight Council, in this correspondence.

7042 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Old School Meadow
- Village Green (VGS application update and picnic table maintenance)
- Bucklers View

7043 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

(The Clerk left the meeting at 9.08 pm)

7044 CLERK'S APPRAISAL

The Chairman presented the Clerk's appraisal and recommendations on behalf of the Personnel Working Group

RESOLVED: That the Clerk's payscale is confirmed at SCP 16 for April 2021-22

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm

CHAIR