



The minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22 June 2022, following on from the Planning Committee Meeting, starting at 6.30pm at Gurnard Village Hall.

**PRESENT Councillors:** Fuller (Chair); Bugden; Acton; Bustin; Franklin and Nolan

Clerk: Katie Riley

No members of the public were present.

**1-22-23 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Williams and Jacobs who were both away, and Cllr Wood who was working.

A request was made for nominations to Chair the meeting for which Cllr Fuller was proposed.

**RESOLVED: That the Chairman, Cllr Fuller, chairs the current meeting of the Facilities Committee and all subsequent meetings of the Facilities Committee for the ensuing year.**

**2-22-23 Members' declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.**

a. Cllrs Bugden, Acton and Bustin all declared an interest in minute number 4-22-23 as members of GVHA, and minute number 5-22-23 as they live near to and regularly visit the Old School Meadow site. Cllr Acton declared an additional interest in minute 5-22-23 as a member of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

b. No written dispensation requests were received.

**3-22-23 Minutes**

The minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27 April 2022 were received, agreed and signed by the chair.

**4-22-23 Gurnard Village Hall**

The advice from Hants Action regarding three options available between GVHA and GPC for the management of Gurnard Village Hall was reviewed; options 1 and 3 both involving the hall being run with charitable status, either as option 1 by a committee of trustees (GVHA members themselves), or by the Parish Council as the sole trustee (option 3), or option 2 involving the hall being run without charitable status by the parish council in its statutory capacity as a local authority. The general feeling was that the hall is running very well as it is with the current GVHA committee and that this should continue with charitable status and a proper legal framework in place.

**RESOLVED: That options 1 and 3 are the preferred options and are explored further through Glanvilles Damant Legal Services, particularly in light of Gurnard Parish Council being leaseholders rather than owners of the hall.**

**5-22-23 Old School Meadow**

i. To appoint Cllr Acton to the OSM Working Group and consider wider membership from the community

**RESOLVED: That Cllr Acton be appointed to the OSM Working Group. That the OSM Working Group meet to review the needs of the site over the summer and advertise in September's Gurnard News for members of the community to volunteer and join the group should they wish.**

ii. To review feedback received from a member of the public that the creation of the fenced off dog free zone has devalued the site for users.

**RESOLVED: That given the dog free zone was created following consultation with the public, the majority of whom were in favour, for this member of public be thanked for their comment, and the situation be reviewed after the summer to see what other feedback is received.**

- iii. To agree on an update about OSM for the website to reflect its current status and intervening years since the Open Spaces Project completed in 2014  
**RESOLVED: That a summary of work carried out at the meadow since completion of the Open Spaces Project, with thanks to all those involved, is composed by members of the OSM working group for publication on the Gurnard Parish Council website.**
- iv. Cllr Acton provided a summary of the risk assessment carried out and proposed management plan for OSM highlighting two main issues in the old fire pit area which need repair before safely re-opening the area; the hole where a tree has rotted out behind the seating area, and the bridge over the ditch.  
**RESOLVED: That Cllr Acton fill in the hole behind the seating area, Cllr Bustin arrange for the bridge over the ditch to be repaired, and for the area to be re-opened as soon as these actions have been completed.**
- v. The Clerk updated that a request had been sent to the IWC for retrospective permission for the signs already erected in the meadow, but that a meeting has yet to be arranged with the IWC re. the break clause in the lease and the owner of the neighbouring field re. options for the repair of the corner fencing  
**RESOLVED: That Cllr Fuller arrange a meeting with the IWC as agreed re. the break clause in the lease, and with the owner of the neighbouring field re. options for the repair of the corner fencing for feedback to the OSM working group.**
- vi. To agree on the location for the new picnic table  
**RESOLVED: That the new picnic table is located in the old fire pit area initially on a 6 month trial basis, and for the Clerk to arrange transportation and installation with Green Jiant**
- vii. To agree on action re. the holes in the field  
**RESOLVED: That November will be the best time to fill and re-seed these holes, to be reviewed by the OSM working group nearer the time.**
- viii. To agree on the repair of the extra broken seat  
**RESOLVED: To take up Mr Bustin's kind offer to repair the broken seat as he has done previously**
- ix. To agree on the next cut and strim  
**RESOLVED: That a cut and strim should take place every 6 weeks and for the Clerk to arrange for the next cut and strim to take place as soon as possible.**

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm

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Chair