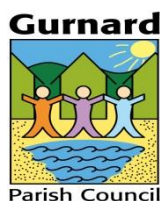


GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 6.30pm at Gurnard Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley

There were two members of the public in attendance

A report had been provided by the Safer Neighbourhood Officer and circulated prior to the meeting. The Chairman invited the members of public in attendance to speak to which further concerns were expressed about the positioning of one of the benches on the seafront. The Chairman confirmed that as the item was not on the agenda the issue couldn't be discussed or decided on until September when the location of all the benches have been agreed to be formally reviewed.

42/22-23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Bustin and Wood.

43/22-23 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a. Cllr Fuller declared an interest in agenda item 4 (minute no. 45/22-23) as Isle of Wight Cabinet Member for Planning and Community Engagement 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 Acton declared an interest in relation to an enquiry which had been received about a forest school being set up and run potentially from Old School Meadow as she knew one of the organisers.

b. No written dispensation requests were received.

44/22-23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8 June 2022, were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair. An observation was made that there should be a distinction between the Chairman's Report and Ward Councillor's Report which the Chairman agreed to take on board for future meetings.

45/22-23 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

a. The following planning and licensing applications were considered:

i. Application No: 22/01033/HOU

Location: 12 Shore Road PO31 8LB

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and single storey rear extension; Proposed single storey rear extension with new raised terrace deck area

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application.

ii. Application No: 22/01101/HOU

Location: 22 Albert Road PO31 8JU

Proposal: Demolition of porch and single storey extensions; Proposed two storey rear/side extensions; alterations to include cladding and two storey bay window

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application.

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- iii. Application No: 22/00930/STMOBR
New Mobile Street Trading Consent for Wight Ices (M7 WPY), Island Wide
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council have no comment on this application.
- b. The following planning decisions were noted:
 - i. Application No: 22/00726/FUL
Location: Sunnycott Caravan Park Rew Street PO31 8NN
Proposal: Proposed extension to Holiday Park to provide an additional 5 units of holiday accommodation; relocation of 2 existing units
Decision: Refused
 - ii. Application No: 22/00851/HOU
Location: 63 Marsh Road PO31 8JQ
Proposal: Proposed first floor extension & glazed link
Decision: Granted
 - iii. Application No: 22/00806/HOU
Location: 20 Princes Esplanade PO31 8LE
Proposal: Proposed cladding to front and side elevations
Decision: Granted

46/22-23 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman
The Chairman had not produced a separate report but following comments raised above agreed to take on board for next time.

Cllr Jacobs joined the meeting at 6.45pm

- b. IW Councillor
The Chairman had circulated his Ward Council report prior to the meeting and updated that he had responded to concerns raised about a digger and work being carried out at the secret beach, but that in fact the landowner was repairing the seawall following damage from storm Eunice earlier in the year and had taken photographs before and after the storm to evidence this. Some ground work had been undertaken to enable the digger to have a stable base and boulders cleared to allow for access, but the ground would be made good and the boulders replaced, both on the beach and in front of the sea wall on completion.
- c. Clerk's Report
The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting which included the Defibrillator at Gurnard Press which had recently needed new batteries. It was questioned that although regular checks of the battery and pads are carried out to ensure it is in an emergency ready state, whether an alternative or additional location in the village could be considered given the housing in its current cabinet is damaged and the intrusion caused for customers by the alarm when carrying out checks. The Clerk to agenda for September's meeting.
- d. GVHA meeting held on 23rd June 2022
The accounts and minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting. Members raised the question as to whether volunteers (including Councillors) acting as signatories to the Parish Council and Village Hall bank accounts should be DBS checked and the proposal was put forward accordingly.
RESOLVED: That all new and existing signatories wishing to continue their role as signatories undergo an appropriate level DBS check.

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- e. IWALC's Topic Meeting "What can local councils do to help create a sustainable environment?" held on 30th June 2022
IWALC's Topic Meeting presentation "What can local councils do to help create a sustainable environment?" held on 30th June 2022 was attended by Cllrs Fuller and Acton and copies of the presentation were circulated prior to the meeting.
- f. Environment and Sustainability Forum held on 28th June 2022
The Environment and Sustainability Forum held on 28th June 2022 was attended by Cllr Acton who had circulated a written report about it prior to the meeting.
- g. Southern Water Workshop held on 11th July 2022
Cllrs Acton and Franklin both attended the Southern Water Workshop held on 11th July 2022 and had circulated a report about it prior to the meeting. Though they had been disappointed that the facilitators weren't local and hadn't known the conditions on the island it raised some interesting points such as the Parish Council's corporate responsibility to support Southern Water in their response to the forecast that by 2040 South East England will be facing a 1 billion litre per day shortfall in water, and that although Southern Water provided excellent input to the development of 127 houses in Freshwater recently, currently they are not a statutory consultee in the planning process.

47/22-23 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments for June for approval
RESOLVED: That the following payments totalling £4859.32 for the month of June be approved:
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| • Community Action (June payroll) | £1,498.64 |
| • Community Action (July payroll) | £1,498.64 |
| • Community Action (August payroll) | £1,498.64 |
| • Mrs K Riley (May office) | £125.00 |
| • Mrs K Riley (June office) | £39.60 |
| • J Bustin (OSM seat repairs) | £95.00 |
| • Focus Plumbing (legionella assessment) | £85.80 |
| • Quarterly account charge | £18.00 |
- b. The Clerk presented copy bank statements and the bank reconciliation for June
RESOLVED: That the copy bank statements and bank reconciliation for June be duly noted.
- c. The Clerk presented the first quarter review
RESOLVED: That the first quarter review be duly noted.
- d. To approve the addition of Cllr Franklin as signatory to the Unity Trust bank account
RESOLVED: That the addition of Cllr Franklin as signatory to the Unity Trust bank account be approved pending an appropriate level DBS check.
- e. The signed Proof of Authority form as required by Nayax for the cashless payment system at the toilets was circulated prior to the meeting.
RESOLVED: That the signed Proof of Authority as required by Nayax for the cashless payment system at the toilets be approved.

48/22-23 Toilets

- a. The process for reporting issues with the toilets via agreed contractors Wight Clean and Jon Gilbey was considered.
RESOLVED: That issues of a cleaning nature be dealt with by Wight Clean personnel free of charge as part of the cleaning contract. That issues beyond the scope of the cleaning contract which would incur an additional charge to the Parish Council, Wight Clean to liaise with the Clerk/Chairman/Vice Chairman prior to any work being carried out in order for a referral to be made to an appropriate tradesperson/contractor.
RESOLVED: Not to accept Jon Gilbey's offer of a 12 month contract but to pay £60 per call out as necessary.

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- b. To approve the purchase and installation of 2 updated A3 signs at a cost of £24.50 each
RESOLVED: That the purchase and installation of 2 updated A3 signs at a cost of £24.50 each be approved.
- c. To agree arrangements for the collection of money from the coin boxes during August
RESOLVED: That Cllr Bugden arrange 2 collections between the last collection carried out on 14th July and the next one scheduled for 6th September alongside Cllrs Jacobs, Nolan, Fuller or Franklin.
- d. Further action required prior to the summer break was considered and whether anything can be done about the doors being propped open, and that whilst members frequently respond personally to the issue when passing, the feeling was that nothing really can be done about it despite CCTV being installed.
RESOLVED: That the situation be monitored over the summer.
- 49/22-23 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**
 The final LCWIP was circulated prior to the meeting and since reviewing the draft, new concerns have come to light for some members about the pavements and how difficult the cambers are for electric wheelchair users in particular.
RESOLVED: That the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) be adopted but that a request is made for priority to be given to the mobility impaired. Should future funding be achieved, as an age friendly council, GPC would prefer to see this put towards improving pavements for electric wheelchair users, than a cycle path along the seafront.
- 50/22-23 Amenity Planting, Bucklers View**
 The Chairman raised the issue of overgrowth of plants outside Bucklers View and on further discussion it was felt that the bay trees and self-seeding ash trees need to be removed from the beds and not just cut back, which would be too big a job for Gurnard in Bloom volunteers.
RESOLVED: That the Clerk inform Gurnard in Bloom and first ask Island Roads if they can remove the Bay and Ash Trees in the beds outside Bucklers View. If they can, to also ask if they can help with the overgrown beds further up Worsley Road and to liaise with Cllr Acton, who has volunteered to cut these back, accordingly. If Island Roads are not able to assist, to ask Green Gym instead, and a budget of £100 be set aside for this.
- 51/22-23 The Watersedge**
 The Chairman updated on the lack of progress at the Watersedge site and asked members as to whether the Parish Council should formally write to the owners to ask them what their plans are for the site. Members felt that as GPC had already attempted this, to ask the Environment Officers if they can liaise with the owners about concerns raised by local residents, in particular reports of vermin and inadequate food storage.
RESOLVED: That GPC ask Environment Officers if they can liaise with the owners about concerns raised by local residents on the old Watersedge site.
- 52/22-23 Isle of Wight Day, Brading Roman Villa**
 To consider providing financial support for the Isle of Wight Day to enable low income families living in Gurnard to attend an event at Brading Roman Villa at a cost of £30 per family.
RESOLVED: Not to grant any money for the Isle of Wight Day but instead to support the needs of the village through a £300 grant to the foodbank.
- 53/22-23 Old School Meadow**
- a. To receive an update on meetings re. the break clause in the lease and negotiations with the IWC and neighbouring landowner about the possibility of a kissing gate as a solution to the corner boundary in need of repair
- b. To agree on the instruction of Green Giant to level out the old fire pit area
- c. To agree on a notice for the website that the OSM page is 'awaiting an update' in lieu of the Working Group producing a summary of its recent history and intervening years since obtaining the lease.

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- d. To consider requesting quotations for pruning the orchard from a specialist Fruit Tree Practitioner
- e. To consider an application for a bundle (size/type to be agreed) of hedging whips from the Woodland Trust
- f. To consider the approach from Gift to Nature about the possibility of acquiring the container and hand tools

RESOLVED: That items a, b, c, e and f be considered by the Old School Meadow Working Group, and that Cllr Acton obtain advice and quotations regarding the pruning of the orchard, all for presentation and agreement at September's Full Council meeting.

54/22-23 Beach Working Party

A lengthy discussion was had about the Terms of Reference for the Beach Working Party and whether it should focus broadly on the recommendations made within the RNLI report as initially envisaged by Cllr Franklin, or respond more specifically to residents' concerns about water quality.

RESOLVED: That an informal meeting is held in September for members interested in this group to develop the terms of reference for agreement by Full Council.

55/22-23 ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON FUTURE AGENDAS

To receive ideas from councillors for future agenda items which will be accompanied by a written report and expected outcomes for inclusion

- Forest School
- Defibrillator Location(s)
- Food Pantry Scheme
- Creation of a local Environment and Sustainability Group
- Old School Meadow (Working Group feedback)
- DBS checks
- Beach Working Group Terms of Reference

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm

CHAIR
