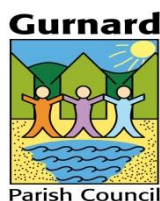


GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held on Wednesday 12th October 2022 at 6.30pm at Gurnard Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley

There were no members of the public in attendance.

70/22-23 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received, all were present.

71/22-23 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Fuller declared an interest in minute no. **73/22-23** 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 Bugden declared an interest in minute no. **73/22-23 (a (i))** as she knew the applicant.
- b. No written dispensation requests were received.

72/22-23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28th September 2022, were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

A comment was made about the importance of clarifying each resolution at the time it is voted on during the meeting.

73/22-23 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning and licensing applications were considered:
- i. Application No: 22/01546/FUL
Location: 15 Worsley Road PO31 8JW
Proposal: Proposed alterations and extension at first floor level to existing detached garage to form a new detached dwelling with parking; formation of vehicular access onto The Avenue
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site, loss of amenity and privacy for neighbours, lack of parking within the unit, and resulting loss of parking in the nearby area which is already at a premium.
- ii. Application No: 22/01562/FUL
Location: The Bunnyhutch Dukes Farm Fields Rew Street PO31 8NW
Proposal: Demolition of chalet; Proposed dwelling
Cllr Jacobs declared an interest as he knew the owner and would abstain from voting. Cllr Wood declared an interest due to her owning a field 2 fields down from the site and would also abstain from voting.
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object on the grounds that it would create a principle of permanent residential development outside the settlement envelope, and is an inappropriate development for both Heritage Coast and AONB.
- iii. Application No: 22/01622/HOU
Location: 9 Place Road PO31 7UA

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Proposal: Proposed two-storey and a single storey rear extension, replacing an existing single glazed conservatory, along with internal alterations and 2 no. first floor front dormers and a ground floor entrance porch.

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application due to the design being out of keeping, it being an overdevelopment of the site, loss of privacy (from the intended balcony) and amenity for neighbours, the building would be overbearing and oppressive, loss of sunlight especially in the winter, and loss of outlook for neighbours at number 7.

Application No: 22/01688/FUL

Location: The Shanty 10 And 11 Shore Path PO31 8LL

Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling; construction of replacement dwelling

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application due to it being excessive use of a small plot and it being an overdevelopment of the site. Should the application be approved they would wish to see a condition in place preventing construction traffic from using Shore Path and that the sea wall should be protected.

iv. Application No: 22/01692/HOU

Location: 5 Princes Esplanade PO31 8LE

Proposal: Create a new parking area via new dropped kerb access from the public highway; new front steps to improve accessibility with the addition of retaining walls and balustrades

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application providing the boundary height is reduced in line with Island Roads' recommendation.

vi. Street Trading Consent Application: 22/01366/STMOBN

Application for a Mobile Street Trading Consent: Scarrots Lane Bakery, Island Wide Mobile Consent

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

vii. Street Trading Consent Application: 22/01383/STMOBN

Application for a Mobile Street Trading Consent: Bean on the Run, Island Wide Mobile Consent

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

b. The following planning decisions were noted:

i. Application No: 22/01468/RVC

Location: 21 Lower Church Road PO31 8JG

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on 20/02073/FUL to allow new window on north elevation
Decision: Granted

ii. Application No: 22/01255/TW

Location: 9 Solent Lawns Shore Road PO31 8AX

Proposal: T1; Ash tree - Remove 2 lowest branches extending over garden area and crown clean the remaining canopy. T2; Ash (South West corner of the garden) - Reduce the overhang by 1 metre.

Decision: Granted

iii. Application No: 22/01456/HOU

Location: Newlands Woodvale Road PO31 8DU

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and garage; proposed single storey rear extension and raised terrace (Revised description)

Decision: Granted

74/22-23 REPORTS

a. Parish Council Chairman

The Chairman reported his actions in response to reports of anti-social behaviour at Old School Meadow and has advised neighbours to log and report any further incidents.

b. IW Councillor

The Chairman had circulated his Ward Council report prior to the meeting. Members raised problems experienced the previous week when a number of pre-planned works were being

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carried out at the same time the floating bridge was out of action affecting all routes back to Gurnard, which although one included an emergency repair by Southern Water, was generally perceived to be an uncoordinated approach by the IWC. Cllr Fuller advised members that should this happen again to contact him straight away.

c. Clerk's Report

The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting and she was asked about her efforts to obtain an update from the IWC regarding GPC's village green status application. Should no further update be obtained by the next meeting for this matter to go back on the agenda. It was also agreed that although the Bay and Ash Trees outside Bucklers View had been cut back by Island Roads earlier in the summer, that they still needed removing as a longer term solution, to be looked at again next month.

d. GVHA

The Chair of GVHA updated that there had been no further meeting since July due to the passing of HM but that their next meeting is due to be held on 20th October when the proposal to potentially become a sub-lessee of the hall, involving formalising the committee's status as Charitable Incorporated Organisation, would be considered.

e. IWALC's Executive Meeting and Open Day

Minutes from IWALC's Executive Meeting held on 29th September 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting and photos shared by Cllr Acton following her attendance at the Open Day held on 24th September 2022.

75/22-23 FINANCE

a. The Clerk presented electronic payments for September for approval

RESOLVED: That the following payments totalling £5165.06 for the month of September be approved:

• PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit)	£360.00
• Green Jiant (cut of OSM)	£106.20
• Gareth Hughes (Biltmore reimbursement)	£29.40
• Business Stream	£127.95
• Green Jiant (move bench)	£90.00
• Paravectis (power cut reset)	£60.00
• Mrs Marie Bugden (DBS check)	£18.00
• Mr Mark Franklin (DBS check)	£18.00
• K Riley (expenses)	£91.59
• Community Action IW (September pay roll)	£1498.64
• Paravectis (coinbox and toilet seat)	£60.00
• Bank account fee	£18.00
• Gallaghers Insurance renewal	£1449.28
• Wight Clean July	£600.00
• Wight Clean August	£620.00
• Mr Terry Nolan (DBS check)	£18.00

b. The Clerk presented copy bank statements and the bank reconciliation for September

RESOLVED: That the copy bank statements and bank reconciliation for September be duly noted.

c. The Clerk presented the 1st half year's financial review

RESOLVED: That the 1st half year's financial review be duly noted

d. To receive the mid-term internal audit

RESOLVED: That the mid-term internal audit be duly noted without issue.

e. Agree date and venue in November for the Finance Advisory Committee to review the 23/24 draft budget

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RESOLVED: That the Finance Advisory Committee meet on 26th October 2022 to review the draft budget for 2023/24 to coincide with a meeting of the Planning Committee potentially being called on the same evening.

Before agreeing on a budget it was commented there should be consultation with residents to identify priorities and that following this meeting, a draft plan could be published in the Gurnard News for residents' feedback, and a fuller consultation take place early next year as used to happen in connection with the May Day celebrations, to enable future planning.

76/22-23 Defibrillators

Cllr Bugden outlined the current issues with the defibrillator on the side of Gurnard Press both in terms of its broken housing and alarmed box, and that in the future Bucklers View which has a higher footfall may provide a more prominent location.

RESOLVED: To write to Southern Housing and enquire as to whether Bucklers View already has a defibrillator and whether they would consider having one re-located to the side of their wall and supply the electricity required. The Clerk to also establish costs for new housing.

77/22-23 Climate and Ecological Bill

Cllr Acton presented a draft of an open letter intended for Bob Seely MP's attention in support of the Climate and Ecological Bill

RESOLVED: That the open letter intended for Bob Seely MP's attention in support of the Climate and Ecological Bill be approved, published on the GPC noticeboard and website, and web link in the next edition of the Gurnard News.

78/22-23 Local Environment and Sustainability Group

To agree on the creation of a local Environment and Sustainability Group and appoint as appropriate

RESOLVED: That Cllr Acton write a paper on the proposal to create a Local Environment and Sustainability Group for consideration by members at the next meeting

79/22-23 Communication/Community involvement

Cllr Acton asked for clarification from members on expectations when publishing communication on behalf of GPC

RESOLVED: That members have 24 hours to comment on intended communications issued by Cllr Acton, after which communications to be published as drafted.

80/22-23 Seafront bench review

Cllr Nolan presented his suggested wording to survey views about the location of the seafront benches to which comments were received and wording amended accordingly; removing names and addresses and simply asking people if they are happy (or not) with the current location.

(Cllr Wood left to go to work at 7.57pm)

RESOLVED: That Councillors meet at the seafront to distribute the survey during the 'protest against sewage in our rivers and seas' planned on Saturday, 15th October at 10am.

Anonymous surveys to be posted confidentially in a box and given to the Clerk for review at the next meeting.

81/22-23 Old School Meadow

a. To consider progress with outstanding actions including an OSM article for the GPC website

RESOLVED: That no further action is taken regarding an OSM article for the GPC website.

b. Cllr Acton presented estimates for work and/or workshops from Jon Jewett's Community Orchard Plan, and that given the neglect of the trees over the years, a staged approach to pruning would be required.

RESOLVED: That Jon Jewett be asked to do what he can initially over 2 days for £320 (£160 a day) and two cuts a year (£160 each) agreed thereafter.

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82/22-23 Queen's Green Canopy

To review plans and progress with planting a tree for the Queen's Green Canopy

RESOLVED: That Mr Bert Jupe, in gratitude of his time and effort looking after Pond Green, be asked to plant the tree with councillors, a photo of which to be shared in the Gurnard News.

83/22-23 Uplifting of Planters in Worsley Road and other reports of anti-social behaviour

Reports of anti-social behaviour had been discussed earlier in the meeting through the Chairman's report and that people should be encouraged to log any future criminal activity. Consideration was given as to whether the planters in Worsley Road should be anchored more rigidly.

RESOLVED: To leave the planters as they are for now, but to look at possibly replacing them in the future in conjunction with Gurnard in Bloom. Cllr Acton to report back with a proposal at a future meeting.

84/22-23 Brown Tourist Sign

The Clerk presented advice received from Island Roads with their recommendation that the Gurnard direction sign at the Round House could be replaced with larger text and a line for village shops, providing GPC agree to fund it. Inclusion of individual business names would not be permitted in the regulations as traffic signs are placed for road safety and traffic management purposes and not intended to advertise businesses. The concept of road users benefitting in 'knowing where things were' was considered further, and whether other amenities such as the 'Green', Public Toilets, Seafront etc. could also be included in an extended sign, and if so, whether the junction of Baring Road and Woodvale Road might also provide a suitable location, in addition to the Round House.

RESOLVED: To enquire with Island Roads as to possible wording within an extended sign, what the cost would be, and whether the additional location of Baring Road/Woodvale Road junction would be permitted.

85/22-23 Food Pantry Scheme

Cllr Acton presented her report following research into the setup of a Food Pantry Scheme asking members if they wanted to pursue it further given the unknowns about the level of need for families and older people, and whether time might be better spent developing the idea of warm spaces instead.

RESOLVED: For Cllr Acton to proceed with contacting the church and local schools to see if and how GPC could support them in setting up a Food Pantry Scheme, to report back at the next meeting.

86/22-23 Isle of Wight Council - Warm Spaces

The concept of warm spaces and other ways to assist the Gurnard community over the coming months were considered. Cllr Fuller advised that the IWC are providing air fryers and that he would produce a summary of what's on offer through the IWC for residents in the next edition of the Gurnard News. Members reviewed what is already happening locally; regular coffee mornings provided by the church, the cyber café, and a recent friendship tea at the Portland, all of which were applauded, and it might be that GPC could help by referring people to these events that are already going on, or through the donation of cakes, and/or potentially renting spaces from local venues to hold additional events.

RESOLVED: For Cllr Acton to follow up these ideas in connection with her efforts regarding the Food Pantry Scheme, for presentation at the next meeting.

87/22-23 Remembrance Service

Agree attendance and donation for the Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November 2022

RESOLVED: That £40.00 be donated to the Royal British Legion and that, as the Chairman would be attending already on behalf of the IWC that the Vice Chairman attend on behalf of GPC.

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88/22-23 Safety at the junction of Woodvale and Baring Road

Members considered the correspondence received about the safety for children coming to and from school at pinch points including the junction of Woodvale and Baring Road. The Chairman advised how funding for 'lollipop men/ladies' had been withdrawn over the years and that since volunteers have been sought for the role to no avail, T&PC's sometimes fund their own school patrol crossing officers such as Cowes Town Council have done on Park Road. He advised that when the IWC have previously carried out vehicle speed assessments, Baring Road was not considered a priority. Members considered this and that the problem only exists at school start and finish times. It was commented that Crossfield Avenue have a 20mph speed limit at certain times of the day.

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

RESOLVED: To write to the IWC (Parking Services), the Chief of Police and Gurnard Primary School about the issue of safety for children coming and going from school, to see if speed can be monitored at these peak times, and if any action can be taken.

89/22-23 Use of Gurnard Cliff Wood

To consider correspondence received regarding the use of Gurnard Cliff Wood as a barbecue site and by users of the 'secret' beach

RESOLVED: That the matter had been investigated by GPC and that due to the land in question being private land, GPC have no jurisdiction.

90/22-23 Civility and Respect Pledge

To consider signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge

RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council sign up to the civility and respect pledge thereby demonstrating commitment to treating councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations, and volunteers, with civility and respect in their role.

91/22-23 Policies for Review

- a. Equality and Diversity
- b. Health and Safety
- c. Environment and Biodiversity
- d. Information Data Protection
- e. Document Retention and Disposal
- f. Publication Policies (Freedom of Information Act) 2020

RESOLVED: That the Clerk check the current method she uses of shredding to dispose of paper documentation is included within the Document Retention and Disposal Policy (which following the meeting she confirmed does). That all policies be approved without amendment with the exception of the Environment and Biodiversity Policy which will be reviewed at a later date as and when a new Local Environment and Sustainability Group is set up.

92/22-23 Future agenda items:

- Village Hall
- Village Green Status
- Toilets
- Old School Meadow
- Village Shop
- Disabled access to beach huts
- Church Road Traffic
- Food Pantry and Warm Spaces
- New planters
- Removal of unwanted trees outside Bucklers View

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- Local Environment and Sustainability Group and policy review
- Seafront benches
- Kings Coronation
- Recommendations from the Finance Advisory Committee

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm

CHAIR
