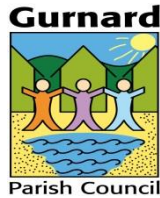


GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held on Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 6.30pm at Gurnard Village Hall.

PRESENT: **Councillors** Fuller (Chair); Acton; Bugden; Bustin; Franklin; Jacobs; Nolan and Williams
Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley

There were two members of the public in attendance.

93/22-23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Wood.

94/22-23 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Franklin declared an interest in minute no. **96/22-23 (iii)** being the owner of the property next door to the application site and had already submitted a comment on the application individually. Cllr Bugden raised her pecuniary interest in **98/22-23 (c)** as she was a local council tax payer which applied to all Councillors residing in Gurnard. Cllr Acton declared an interest in **103/22-23** as she was a member of Gurnard Sailing Club. Cllr Fuller declared an interest in minute no. **96/22-23** as he was Isle of Wight Cabinet Member for Planning and Community Engagement.
- b. No written dispensation requests were received.

95/22-23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th October 2022 and Finance Committee Meetings held on 24th November 2021 and 26th October 2022 were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

96/22-23 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning and licensing applications were considered:
- i. Application No: 22/01815/FUL
Location: Former Oil Plant House Marsh Road
Proposal: Proposed alterations, conversion and first floor extension to form detached dwelling
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application due to the impact on the street scene and it being an overdevelopment of the site. Concerns were also raised over the contaminated structure, impact to the right of way which should remain open during construction and be improved, the need for permeable parking, concerns about combined sewage nearby, and flooding.
- ii. Application No: 22/01826/HOU
Location: 57 Solent View Road PO31 8JZ
Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application.
- iii. Application No: 22/01842/RVC
Location: 3 Hilton Road PO31 8JB
Proposal: Variation of condition no 2 on 21/00275/HOU to allow changes to the approved extension roof style
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application.

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- iv. Application No: 22/01879/HOU
Location: Sunnyrest Hut 12 Princes Esplanade PO31 8LE
Proposal: Proposed installation of a 3 panel cabrio roof window on the front elevation roof slope
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council have no objection to this application but want to ensure neighbour's privacy is protected and would like to request that any loss of privacy and amenity is investigated.
- v. Application No: 22/01881/HOU
Location: 15 Place Road PO31 7UA
Proposal: Proposed greenhouse
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council raise no objection to this application.
- b. The following planning decisions were noted:
- i. Application No: 22/01622/HOU
Location: 9 Place Road PO31 7UA
Proposal: Proposed two-storey and a single storey rear extension, replacing an existing single glazed conservatory, along with internal alterations, first floor front dormers and a ground floor entrance porch.
Decision: Granted
- ii. 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.
Decision: Granted
- 97/22-23 REPORTS**
- a. Parish Council Chairman
The Chairman had circulated his Chairman's report within his Ward Council report prior to the meeting to which no questions were raised.
- b. IW Councillor
The Chairman had circulated his Ward Council report prior to the meeting to which no questions were raised.
- c. Clerk's Report
The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting and updated that she had viewed the CCTV footage at the toilets following an incident of criminal damage on the evening of 31st October and submitted some footage as part of the crime report as requested by the Police. Her attempts to contact Roy Churchill regarding repair to the boundary fence at Old School Meadow were raised to which the Chairman agreed to follow up.
- d. GVHA
Minutes of the meeting held on 20th October had been circulated prior to the meeting and the Chair of GVHA updated members on the new floor that had been put in and varnished.

98/22-23 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments for October for approval
RESOLVED: That the following payments totalling £1682.24 for the month of October be approved:
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| • Gareth Hughes (interim audit) | £40.00 |
| • K Riley (expenses) | £46.00 |
| • Community Action IW (October pay roll) | £1498.64 |
| • Paravectis (baby changing table and doorstep) | £97.60 |

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- b. The Clerk presented copy bank statements and the bank reconciliation for October
RESOLVED: That the copy bank statements and bank reconciliation for October be duly noted.
- c. The draft budget for 2023-24 reviewed by the Finance Committee was circulated prior to the meeting and next steps for public consultation were considered
RESOLVED: That the recommendation by the Finance Committee to keep the precept at £60,186 by using reserves to balance the 2023-24 budget expenditure of £117,486 be approved, and that following some amendments, the consultation prepared by Cllr Acton seeking resident's priorities be approved, to be published in the Gurnard News and online with a return date of the end of December in order that the budget and precept can be formally approved at January's Full Council meeting.

99/22-23 Local Environment and Sustainability Group

- a. Cllr Acton put forward her proposal to create a local Environment and Sustainability Group (supported by GPC) and that following some training with the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust would like to develop a group of volunteers to support the work of Gurnard in Bloom in doing various jobs around the village.
RESOLVED: That the proposal to create a local Environment and Sustainability Group be supported.
- b. To review the Environment and Biodiversity Policy
RESOLVED: That the Environment and Biodiversity Policy, in need of updating, be reviewed by the new local Environment and Sustainability Group, for approval at a future meeting.

100/22-23 New planters and Worsley Road beds

Cllr Acton provided an update following a meeting with Green Gym re. thinning out the beds on Worsley Road and that they had booked a session to come in January which she and Gurnard in Bloom volunteers would also attend to help. She raised some difficulties accessing the road side of the beds safely, especially opposite the Portland, and the Clerk will ask Island Roads for their advice on what safety measures are required and available for the session.

101/22-23 Safety for Children going to and from Gurnard Primary School

The Clerk had circulated responses received from the Police, Island Roads, IWC and Gurnard Primary School prior to the meeting to concerns raised about the safety of children going to and from Gurnard Primary School. Island Roads had advised that the speed limit on Baring Road was being considered as part of an ongoing Island wide speed limit review, and a decision on potential speed limit changes/traffic calming measures would be made in April 2023. The Police advised that they are soon to have a small but dedicated unit on the Island concentrating on 'Roads Policing', and that they were gearing up their neighbourhood teams to manage specific locations of concern such as the top of Woodvale Road at peak times. The Isle of Wight Council had responded specifically to the suggestion of a Road Crossing Patrol Officer which the Parish Council could potentially fund at an indicate cost of £3.5K per annum. The Chairman reported that he was due to meet the Headteacher at Gurnard Primary School the next day and would discuss the issue of safety and advice received with her to obtain the school's view to establish what steps to take next.

102/22-23 Gurnard Sign

The Clerk shared examples of two extended signs options she had obtained from Island Roads to replace the current 'Gurnard' sign at the Round House.
RESOLVED: That the larger sign option be requested providing installation in this location was possible, and if not, to proceed instead with the smaller sign.

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103/22-23 Beach Working Group

Cllr Franklin provided an update from the Beach Working Group and two meetings that had taken place, the first of which focused on pollution in order that any necessary water testing could be incorporated within next year's budget, and the other focused on safety which was held on site with IWC Officers. It was established that responsibility and decision making authority of the foreshore was the IWC's, but that the working party could contribute to any decisions made by engaging with local stakeholders to establish their views (in particular those of Gurnard Sailing Club) to try to ensure any action agreed reflects these views.

RESOLVED: That the Beach Working Party make contact with Gurnard Sailing Club through the Commodore to discuss next steps.

104/22-23 Disabled access to Beach Huts

Cllr Williams highlighted the issue of steps up to the raised concrete section outside the Beach Huts on the seafront and that they would benefit from hand railings to make the area more accessible.

RESOLVED: To ask the IWC for hand railings to be installed to make these steps more accessible and to establish costs should they not be in a position to install them.

105/22-23 Church Road Traffic

Cllr Bustin raised the traffic issues on Church Road previously brought to GPCs attention and that the consultation with residents about solutions including a proposed one-way system had not yet happened.

RESOLVED: For Cllr Bustin and Fuller to meet to investigate various options to improve safety on Church Road and take these options forward through a consultation.

106/22-23 Kings Coronation

Cllr Franklin asked members what their views were about planning ahead for an event to mark the Kings Coronation. Some initial ideas included an environment and sustainability focused day to reflect the King's passion in this area. Members were generally keen to do something that would be fun and engage people, albeit on a smaller scale than the Jubilee event previously held, but that they would need to get on with planning as soon as possible.

RESOLVED: That a working party be set up to take plans forward comprising Cllrs Franklin, Bustin, Acton, Bugden and Fuller.

107/22-23 Cowes Medical Centre

The Clerk shared an invitation to a meeting with Cowes Medical Centre and other Peninsula Councils prior to the meeting which Cllrs Franklin and Wood expressed an interest in attending. Cowes Town Council Michael Paler was one of the members of public in attendance and was able to confirm details of the meeting.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Franklin and Fuller would attend the meeting with Cowes Medical Centre on 17th November on behalf of GPC.

108/22-23 Food Pantry and Warm Spaces

Cllr Acton updated on a meeting she was due to have with Deputy Headteacher of Northwood Primary School, Siam Mumford, who are looking into setting up a Food Pantry Scheme at the school, and raised locally advertised 'Fare Share' who redistribute surplus food to charities to turn into meals, as another organisation GPC could potentially support in conjunction with local businesses acting as collection points. She reported that she had spoken to representatives at Church about 'warm spaces', but there was thought to be no facility in the village for it. The Chairman highlighted the message emphasised within his report urging people to shop locally in support of local businesses.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Acton's update be noted and to keep on the agenda to continue to investigate how GPC can support local schemes.

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109/22-23 Village Green Status

Cllr Nolan raised the issue that GPC's application submitted to the IWC at the end of March 2021 for full Village Green Status (VGS) of the whole of Gurnard Green (to include the old putting green previously excluded from registration) had still not been concluded and that although it had been suggested by the Isle of Wight Council that they were moving to voluntarily designate the land as a Village Green and forgo the Village Green process, official confirmation had yet to be received.

RESOLVED: In the absence of any progress and confirmation of voluntary designation by the IWC, to request that the proper Village Green Registration process be followed as should have happened on receipt of the application some 20 months ago.

110/22-23 Facilities

a. Gurnard Village Hall

The Clerk and Chair of GVHA confirmed GVHA's agreement (albeit with some individual reservations) to proceed with the next step of the process to become sub-lessees of the village hall.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk (in conjunction with the Chair of GVHA) write to the Trustees of Gurnard Bay Evening Women's Institute to outline the legal advice received about the current set up and seek their permission on the proposal to sub-lease the hall to GVHA as a means of continuing the management as things are but on a proper legal footing.

b. Defibrillator

Cllr Bugden updated on details and costings the Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting for a new defibrillator cabinet (in the region of £500), and permission gained from Southern Housing to relocate the defibrillator from Gurnard Press to Bucklers View.

RESOLVED: That £750 is agreed for a new defibrillator cabinet to cover installation costs and that Cllr Bugden would meet with Southern Housing's Scheme Services Co-ordinator, Sonia Pye's, at Bucklers View to establish the best place for it to be fitted.

c. Old School Meadow

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated confirmation from the Isle of Wight Council that they were happy with the conditions of the lease and the proposal for a Forest School to operate from Old School Meadow.

RESOLVED: For the Clerk to advise the proposers of the Forest School at Old School Meadow that they can proceed with their plans.

d. Toilets

Cllr Bugden reported on a meeting she attended with the Environment Officer (EO), cleaning contractor Wight Clean and Clerk to discuss standards of cleaning and waste disposal at the toilets on the Green, which on the whole were considered to be good. A check list had been produced on the EO's advice which she will use on her weekly checks.

e. Seafront bench review

Cllr Nolan updated on the results of the survey carried out to coincide with the sewage protest on the 15th October to establish whether residents were happy with the location of the benches on the seafront, which out of 38 slips returned (one of which was spoilt); 26 were happy with the location and 11 were not happy.

RESOLVED: To take no further action regarding relocation of the seafront benches.

111/22-23 The following policies were reviewed:

- a. Debate and voting
- b. Complaints
- c. Petition

RESOLVED: That all three policies be approved without amendment:

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112/22-23 Future agenda items:

- Old School Meadow (grass cutting)
- Budget consultation
- Meeting with Gurnard Primary School
- Village Hall
- Environment and Sustainability
- Food Pantry

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

CHAIR
