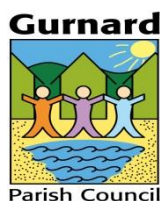


GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th January 2023 at 6.30pm at Gurnard Village Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley

There were no members of the public in attendance.

135/22-23 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jacobs and Williams (both of whom were unwell), Franklin (who was attending a training session) and Woods (who was away).

136/22-23 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Fuller declared an interest in minute no. **138/22-23** as he was Isle of Wight Cabinet Member for Planning and Community Engagement, and a personal interest in minute no. **138/22-23 (aiii)** as he used to live at the property. Cllrs Acton and Bugden declared an interest in minute no. **138/22-23 (aii)** as they knew the applicant.
- b. No written dispensation requests were received.

137/22-23 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th December 2022 were taken as read, approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair. Two matters arising from the meeting were raised; one that the Christmas decorations were still up around the village clock to which the Clerk advised the Keeper had been away but was due back next week for a handover with the new Keepers, and another, that the planting of the tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee had been unfortunately postponed, but it was hoped to now take place on 18th January to coincide with Green Gym's visit.

138/22-23 PLANNING, LICENSING & TREE PRESERVATION ORDER APPLICATIONS

- a. The following planning and licensing applications were considered:
 - i. Application No: 22/02113/FUL
Location: 28 Albert Road PO31 8JU
Proposal: Proposed detached dwelling; parking
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it overdevelops the footprint of the land, loss of privacy, amenity and light which will have an adverse impact for neighbouring property 24 Albert Road, lack of suitable parking and permeable surface for a four bedroom property in an already heavily populated street, design out of character with the street scene, and does not contain key environmental elements expected from a new build.
 - ii. Application No: 22/02170/FUL
Location: 15 Worsley Road PO31 8JW
Proposal: Proposed alterations and conversion of garage to form annex; formation of vehicular access
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council object to this application on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the plot of land, remaining concerns about the lack of available parking in the area, and should the application be approved, a condition be imposed for the dwelling to be ancillary to the property 15 Worsley Road.
 - iii. Application No: 22/02181/HOU
Location: The Heritage Tuttons Hill PO31 8JA
Proposal: Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear and side extensions; alterations to include new roof finishes, amended external finishes, replacement doors and windows; alterations to front dormer
RESOLVED: That Gurnard Parish Council have no objection to this application and commend it for its environmental aspects.
- b. The following planning decisions were noted:

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- i. Application No: 22/01954/HOU
Location: Sunset View Marsh Road PO31 8JQ
Proposal: Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear extension and proposed porch; decking Decision: Granted
- ii. Application No: 22/01765/TW
Location: Gurnard Pines Cockleton Lane PO31 8RA
Proposal: Three Willows (on grass area outside chalets 153,155 and 157) - Re-pollard back to solid wood, removing dead and broken limbs and remove the rotting unions. All three tree have been previously pollarded and this has now been allowed to lapse. All three have dead and broken limbs in the canopies, work is part of a management scheme.
Decision: Granted
- iii. Application No: 22/01688/FUL
Location: The Shanty 10 And 11 Shore Path Gurnard Cowes Isle Of Wight PO31 8LL
Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling; construction of replacement dwelling (Revised Plans)
Decision: Granted
- iv. Application No: 22/02089/6PA
Location: Land Lying To The West Of Cockleton Farm Cockleton Lane
Proposal: Agricultural Prior notification for a storage shed
Decision: Prior Approval Refused
- v. Appeal Ref: APP/P2114/W/21/3280307
Land adjacent to The Stables, Woodvale Road, Gurnard, PO31 8EB
Decision: Appeal Dismissed

139/22-23 REPORTS

- a. Parish Council Chairman
The Chairman had not produced a written report this month due to the Christmas break but thanked all concerned for the work on the precept consultation and 91 returns received, and that he had meetings planned over the coming weeks to meet with Cllr Bustin re. a traffic survey on Church Road, the WI regarding a sublease for the village hall, and various meetings in relation to the Clerk's vacancy.
- b. IW Councillor
The Chairman had circulated his Ward Council report prior to the meeting to which a suggestion was made for both the link to the IWC's Low Cost Living page and IWC's Council Tax Consultation to go on the GPC website. Clarity was also requested in relation to the toilet facilities referenced at Cowes Golf Club.
- c. Clerk's Report
The Clerk circulated her report prior to the meeting. She updated that 6 application packs had been requested for the Clerk's vacancy and so far 2 completed applications had been received. She had reported the missing stopcock cover on Woodvale Road to Island Roads which they have referred to Southern Water and will come over in the meantime for safety. Other issues were raised by members including the dog bin at the top of Albert Road which had been knocked over, a pot hole in Worsley Road near the shop, and ponding in the pavement near the post box, all of which the Clerk will report. Members also reported that the post box at the top of Gurnard Pines had been removed, that post was being collected much later than scheduled times from boxes, and that the Post Office at Northwood was closing.
- d. GVHA
The Chair of GVHA advised that there had been no meeting of GVHA since the last GPC meeting but that they were due to meet next Thursday 26th January. Some key personnel had been unwell over Christmas but despite this it was commented what good condition the hall was in.

140/22-23 FINANCE

- a. The Clerk presented electronic payments for December for approval
RESOLVED: That the following payments totalling £5106.28 for the month of December be approved:
 - Green Jiant (OSM cut) £354.60
 - Community Action IW (December pay roll) £2613.18
 - Green Jiant (tree and fence removal) £228.00
 - Wight Clean Oct/Nov £630.00

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| • K Riley (Dec expenses) | £36.00 |
| • Paravectis (disabled lock) | £60.00 |
| • Business Stream | £240.91 |
| • Defib4life | £510.00 |
| • K Riley (IT equipment) | £19.99 |
| • K Riley (Job adverts and Portland Inn voucher) | 395.60 |
| • Account fee | £18.00 |

- b. The Clerk presented copy bank statements and the bank reconciliation for December
RESOLVED: That the copy bank statements and bank reconciliation for December be duly noted.

- c. The Clerk presented the Financial Review (3rd Quarter)
RESOLVED: That the Financial Review (3rd Quarter) be duly noted.

141/22-23 Budget and Precept

- a. To receive and review results of the Parish Precept Consultation
 The Chairman thanked Cllr Acton and Franklin again for their work on the precept consultation. Some interesting comments had been raised within the 91 returns and it was suggested that these be discussed in detail at a later meeting. There appeared to be a general acceptance to freeze the precept and keep the priority areas largely where they were.
- b. To agree the budget and required precept for 2023-24
RESOLVED: That the budget for 2023-24 be approved and the precept set at £60,186, remaining the same as last year.
 Cllrs Acton, Bugden, Bustin and Nolan subsequently declared an interest in this item being residents in Gurnard and local council tax payers.

142/22-23 Disabled access to Beach Huts

Following a meeting with contractors Cllr Williams had circulated draft design plans for submission to the IWC for new railings on the steps to the Beach Huts.
RESOLVED: That the draft design plans for new railings on the steps to the Beach Huts be approved for submission to the IWC.

143/22-23 Kings Coronation

No further update had been provided by the Kings Coronation Working Group.

144/22-23 Gurnard Sign

The Clerk updated that Island Roads were liaising with various departments, both internally and with the IWC, and would be in touch as soon as possible with an update re. a new Gurnard sign at the Round House.

145/22-23 Safety for children going to and from Gurnard Primary School

The Clerk updated that she had requested a site meeting with the IWC and Island Roads to assess the risks of various crossing points on the approaches to Gurnard Primary School but had been advised, as with last October's request, that the speed limit is being reviewed in April.

RESOLVED: That this issue remain on the agenda and that the Chairman raise the idea of Travel Ambassadors in his discussion with Gurnard Primary School about access from the school via Cows Lane to the seafront.

146/22-23 Policies for Review

- a. Audio recording
 b. Pre-application planning
 c. Website accessibility

RESOLVED: That the above policies be approved without amendment.

It was commented that given there was a 50:50 split between precept consultation responses made on paper and online that it would be useful to publicise the availability of Gurnard News on the GPC website. Further comments were made on the merits of brief reporting.

147/22-23 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

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- **Old School Meadow.** The Chairman requested a meeting of the OSM Working Group prior to February's meeting and that agenda items, including a review of the grass cutting contract, be forwarded to him.

It was reported that the pathway through to the Meadow had become dangerously muddy following heavy rainfall which the Clerk will action with a notice requesting that the top gate is used if possible.

148/22-23 Exclusion of the Press and Public

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.

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

149/22-23 Vacancy for Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

a. To confirm details within the Contract of Employment

b. To confirm arrangements to short list and interview candidates for the vacancy of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer scheduled on Wednesday 25th January 2023

RESOLVED: That a meeting of the HR Committee, to include Cllr Franklin, be scheduled for Friday 20th January at 10.00 am to review the contract of employment and confirm interview arrangements.

It was further resolved that the outgoing Clerk be reimbursed for any additional hours worked in providing a handover for the new Clerk, and that a locum Clerk be funded to cover any interim period between the outgoing Clerk leaving and the new Clerk starting.

The meeting closed at 20.25 pm

CHAIR
