**GURNARD PARISH COUNCIL**

 

Minutes of the Meeting of Gurnard Parish Council held on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 6.30pm at Gurnard Village Hall.

Present: **Councillors** Fuller (Chair); Bugden; Jacobs; Acton; Nolan; Bustin and Williams.

 **Locum Clerk:** Mrs Heather Rowell.

There was two members of the public in attendance.

**178/22-23 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllr Woods (who had family commitments) and Cllr Franklin (who was at another meeting).

**179/22-23 MEMBERS’ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

a, Cllr Bustin declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 184/22/23, no other Members Declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests were received.

b, No written dispensation requests were received.

**180/22/23 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 2nd February, 7th February and 22nd February 2023 were taken as read, approved, and signed by the Chair.

**181/22-23 PLANNING, TREE PRESERVATION AND LICENSING APPLICATIONS**

a, The following planning and licensing applications were considered:

i, Application No 23/00142/HOU

 Location: 9 Hilton Road, Gurnard, Cowes, Isle of Wight PO31 8JB

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and replacement raised roof to form additional living accommodation at first floor level.

**RESOLVED: that Gurnard Parish Council cannot consider this application as there is not sufficient evidence in respect of the drawings and information to make a decision.**

ii, Appeal Notice:

 Application No: 22/00726/FUL

 Location: Sunnycroft Caravan Park, Rew Street, Gurnard, Isle of Wight, PO31 8NN.

Proposal: Proposed extension to holiday park to provide an additional 5 units of holiday accommodation. Relocation of 2 existing units.

**RESOLVED: that Gurnard Parish Council reconfirm their previous objections; in addition we are concerned about the extra caravans on an adjacent unapproved site; we have noticed that flooding has increased adjacent to the site; these mobile homes are unfit for residential units and Gurnard Parish Council request a site visit by the planning inspectorate in person to quantify and understand these objections;**

b, No planning decisions had been received at the time of the meeting.

**182/22/23 REPORTS**

Parish Council Chairman

 Noted and all Councillors thanked for their work on the Parish.

 IW Councillor

 Noted

 Clerk’s Report

 No report this month

 GVHA

A meeting is being held on the 9th March 2023 and this will be reported on a the next meeting. Current concerns about the heating costs at the hall were noted.

**183/22/23 FINANCE**

a, The electronic payments for February having been authorised were approved. Payment for the invoice received from All Saints Church, Gurnard for £18.00 was agreed.

b, The bank statements and bank reconciliation were noted.

**RESOLUTION: Cllr Fuller will contact the toilet cleaner in respect of outstanding payments.**

**184/22/23 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

A grant application was received from the Gurnard Parent and Toddler Group.

**RESOLUTION: To provide a grant of £100 for this financial year with an invitation to submit a further application in 2023/24.**

**185/22/23 GURNARD VILLAGE SHOP SIGNS, TOURIST SIGNS**

Following a previous resolution, a quotation has been received from Island Roads to install signs to the village for local shops.

**RESOLUTION: To ask Island Roads for a quotation for a smaller sign.**

**186/22/23 BEACH SAFETY WORKING GROUP**

A sign is being put up by the Sailing Club, reminding people that not everyone has sailing knowledge. There has been a 40% uptake of the water butts from Southern Water. The next meeting is on the 5th April and the minutes of the last meeting will be circulated.

**187/22/23 OLD SCHOOL MEADOW**

A report has been circulated and it was agreed that quotations could be sought as requested in the report. The following items to be added to the April Agenda:

* Environment and Biodiversity Policy Review
* OSM WP Proposals resolved upon:
	+ Environment group plan for pond area/single raised bed and GURNARD in Bloom costing.
	+ Clerk to inform Island Roads of April Litter Pick.

**188/22/23 KINGS CORONATION**

**RESOLVED: To give Cllr Bustin delegated powers to explore the option of a picnic on the green at Gurnard.**

**189/22/23 ITEMS TO INCLUDE ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

Old School Meadow Working Group proposals as per item 187/22/23

**190/22/23 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

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.

Members of the public had left the meeting.

**191/22/23** **HR WORKING GROUP**

The draft contract for the Clerk has been circulated. Regular meetings will be held with the new clerk, particularly during the probationary period, to provide support and training.

**RESOLVED:** **The starting salary for the new Clerk will be point 15 on the SLCC scale. Contract approved, with one amendment to “one month notice required for the first six months of employment and two months thereafter”.**

**192/22/23 DISABLED ACCESS TO BEACH HUTS**

Adjourned to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

CHAIR

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