

**NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk Gareth Hughes**

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**A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7PM ON WEDNESDAY 20TH APRIL 2022.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Bevan, Blezzard, Davison, Earley, Harris, and West.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr G Hughes (Clerk)

**15 minutes time allocated for residents of Newchurch Parish to speak to the Council on Parish matters.**

**MINUTES**

**46/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Councillor's Mosdell and Messing.

**47/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillor Blezzard's previous declarations were noted.

**48/22 BYE ELECTION RESULT**

A ballot had taken place on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 and Rosey Messing had been elected and had signed her Acceptance of Office as a Parish Councillor.

**49/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST MARCH 2022**

On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard, seconded by Councillor Earley, it was -

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2022.

**50/22 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard, seconded by Councillor Earley, it was –

**RESOLVED:** To approve the financial reports

**51/22 IW COUNCILLOR REPORT**

There was nothing to report from IW Councillor Mosdell.

## 52/22 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Harris reported on the continued poor condition of Youngwoods Way, the Clerk would raise again with Island Roads.

Councillor Earley reported on the Rights of Way form submissions and the possibility of seeking further responses.

Councillor West had purchased more plants for the Community Garden, the Clerk would order bark shavings from Groundsells and arrange for the grass to be cut prior to the Jubilee event.

Councillor Bevan had met with IW Councillor Peacey-Wilcox and Island Roads regarding vehicles passing through the village, a sign advising the Shute as not suitable for heavy vehicles was considered. There had been no progress with obtaining contributions from Island Roads towards the cost of the road closure.

Councillor Davison reported on the need for a new water butt at the Bier Hut and the removal of ivy in the vicinity. She felt the condition of Poplar Cottage had deteriorated further and that it should be raised again as a dangerous structure. She would be away for the next IWALC meeting and felt the agenda including an NHS item warranted someone to attend.

## 53/22 CLERKS REPORT & PROGRESS LOG

The Clerk reported on the following items –

1. Matters agreed to need action as discussed with Island Roads –
  - (i) Overgrown verge at Alverstone.
  - (ii) Pathway at Hairpin Bend.
  - (iii) Parking on verge at Watery Lane junction.
  - (iv) Road surface opposite Palmers Lane.

Only item to be actioned is (i) above. Item (iv) marked by white paint but not completed.

**GH to arrange meeting with Geoff Pidgeon at Hairpin Bend**

2. Car Park Notice and Application Form – Printed and ready to serve on vehicles.
3. Wackland Notices – Checked by GH & JE and passed to CM.
4. Electric Car chargers – no action yet taken.
5. Annual Parish meeting – Guest Speaker from Hants & IW Wildlife Trust.  
**Presentation received.**
6. Signpost Express have wording for the sign, ready to produce and install if necessary. **GH – sign to be ordered and placed to right of path at Bier Hut.**
7. Sweeping and line painting at the car park completed on 11th March.
8. Problem with signatory arrangements with Lloyds Bank, online banking has been organised and should be effective in days.
9. To confirm a contribution of £260 to Natural Enterprise in respect of work on invasive species.
10. Communication sent to Southern Water regarding the temporary closure of Winford Road.

11. Wood chippings for Community Garden ordered from Groundsells, to be delivered week commencing 25th April.
12. Confirmation to IWC of decision on permission to use the car park in the summer. - **GH. Confirmed as only overnight parking for mini buses outside of term time.**

An updated progress log was presented and noted.

#### **54/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was contained elsewhere on the agenda.

#### **55/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following planning applications were considered –

1. Provision of Black Hangar, Embassy Way, Sandown
2. Provision of garage, Parkway, Winford.
3. Cheverton Farm Cottage, removal of condition to allow self contained unit to be owned separately.

**RESOLVED:** 1. To make no objection to application 1 above subject to the conditions of Island Roads.  
2. To make no objection to application 2 above.  
3. To make no comment on application 3 above.

#### **56/22 PLANNING DECISION**

The following decision was noted –

22/00250/FUL | Proposed 2 holiday units (revised scheme) | Rill Farm Canteen Road Newchurch. Refused

#### **57/22 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE**

Planning for the event to be held on the Church green continued and the Parish Council would fund a basic buffet and residents would be encouraged to bring items to share. Councillor Blezzard would approach Yates Brewery and Goddards Brewery to support the event. Councillor Bevan would produce a poster advertising the event to be placed on the website and noticeboards.

#### **58/22 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

The road closure had been scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> May but there were still issues recently raised by the IW Council that needed to be resolved before the bridge could be used. The Parish Council were disappointed and concerned that these matters had not been raised at an earlier time.

#### **59/22 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2021-22**

The Clerk had circulated the annual accounts for the 2021-22 financial year which would form the basis of the Annual Governance and Accounting Return (AGAR) submission to the External Auditor. Councillor Blezzard suggested that with interest rates now rising attention should be given to the investment of reserves and any temporary cash surpluses.

**RESOLVED:** That the annual accounts be approved.

**60/61 NALC COMMITTEE FOR SMALL COUNCILS**

Councillor Blezzard had circulated a letter from NALC detailing the workings of the Committee and the services it could provide. Comments on the points raised by Councillor Blezzard would be summarised and forwarded to NALC.

**61/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**The meeting closed at 9.02pm**

**CHAIRMAN**

**16TH MAY 2022**