

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison, Earley, Harris and Mosdell.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk) and a local resident.

7.30pm to 7.45pm time allocated for residents of Newchurch Parish to speak to the Council on Parish matters.

Mr Drover outlined his and neighbours' objections to a planning application that was to be considered on the agenda.

MINUTES

49/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Arblaster and Llewellyn.

50/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

51/21 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2021

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2021.

52/21 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

53/21 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

Having regard to the forthcoming May elections and the requirements the official 'pre-election period' no report was presented.

54/21 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Davison advised that the zebra crossing markings at Apse Heath were worn and needed attention. She also advised that attention was needed to the road outside the car park in School Lane. The Clerk would advise Island Roads of these matters. **GH**. She had also taken a photograph of a heavy lorry passing through the village, which appeared to have come from the Branstone Development. The Clerk had contacted Vectis Housing to ask they instruct the contractor to cease

using the route through the village which contravened the weight restriction. The Clerk needed to also bring Island Roads attention to a blocked drain at Palmers Lane. **GH**

Councillor Harris asked Councillor Mosdell if the proposed resurfacing at Youngwoods Way was any closer. Councillor Mosdell replied that she had been pursuing this but at this stage Island Roads would only deal with the potholes. Councillor Harris also advised about a vehicle that was left parked in Queenbower car park, he would obtain the registration for the Clerk. **[RH / GH]**

Councillor Mosdell advised that speeding in the village would be her priority once the speed cameras became operational. The Parish Election did not require a ballot and Councillor Mosdell offered to deliver leaflets advising of the need for a co-opted member of the Parish Council.

Councillor Earley had heard ‘vibes’ re the road surface concerns at Youngwoods Way, the Clerk would write again to Island Roads. **GH**

A new sign advertising ‘Pedallers’ had been erected at Langbridge and it was asked whether this needed planning permission, Councillor Bevan would obtain the rules on signage. **RB**

The footpath -at the eastern boundary of-Martins Wood had an extremely muddy section, and the bridge also needed attention; it was understood that these were responsibilities for the Wildlife Trust initially.

55/21 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the Wightfibre van had not been in the car park in recent days and he was hopeful that his phone call had now been acted upon. He would contact Southern Vectis to set up a meeting with Richard Tyldesley in order that Councillor Davison and himself could explore better transport provision for Alverstone. **GH**.The cutting back of foliage at the car park was not achieved before the nesting season and would now take place in September.

56/21 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillors Bevan and Mosdell had received a complaint by e-mail from a resident concerning continuous flight activity of an aircraft from Sandown Airport. It was noted that due to the nature of the regulations that were applicable to the airport, there were no measures that could be applied to stop such activity taking place.

All relevant communications regarding the May Elections had been placed on the website and the six noticeboards.

57/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

- 1.Proposed alterations and change of use of garage and store to annexe and store.Laurel Cottage Dyers Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 21/00723/HOU |
- 2.Proposed extension at First floor level to provide additional accommodation,13 Youngwoods Copse, Alverstone Garden Village Newchurch. Ref. No:21/00528/HOU |
- 3.Proposed extension to warehouse/store Langbridge Business Centre Langbridge

RESOLVED: (i) To object to application 1 above on the following grounds –

- 1.The application represents a continued increase by stealth of the number of units of tourism accommodation at this property. It is understood that the double garage at the property has already been converted into a holiday unit and advertised as Devonian Studio, which may need the attention of the Enforcement Officer.
- 2.The current tourism use of this property and this proposed planning application will generate a volume of vehicle visits which is detrimental to highway safety.

(ii) To object to application 2 above on the following grounds –

- 1.The application in both its size and design is intrusive and overbearing on neighbouring property.
- 2.It would be an unacceptable Invasion of the privacy of neighbouring property.
- 3.It would cause a loss of light to neighbouring property.
- 4.Additional lighting is not consistent with dark skies policy.
- 5.The application would be out of character with neighbouring property and be in conflict with and detrimental to the current Street Scene.

(iii) To make no objection to application 3 above.

58/21 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been circulated –

- 1.21/00295/HOU | Single storey rear extension, terrace and associated landscaping to replace existing conservatory | Fairways Youngwoods Way Alverstone Garden Village Newchurch. Granted
- 2.21/00285/FUL | Conversion of holiday unit into additional living accommodation; Demolition of barn; Proposed holiday unit | Knighton Barn Knighton Shute Newchurch. Withdrawn
- 3.21/00287/HOU | Proposed external platform lift, retaining wall, railings, landscaping. | 8 Ventnor Road Apse Heath Newchurch. Granted
- 4.21/00233/FUL | Proposed alterations to existing field access including new access track | Part OS Parcel 7540 Garlic Farm Shop And Cafe Mersley Farm Mersley Lane Newchurch.Granted
- 5.21/00191/HOU | Proposed alterations and single storey extensions on front and rear elevations | 17 Woodside Avenue Alverstone Garden Village Newchurch. Granted

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

59/21 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2020-21

The Clerk had circulated the detailed accounts for 2020-21 showing year end reserves of £49,220 as at 31st March 2021.

RESOLVED: That the Final Accounts for 2020-21 be approved.

60/21 APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

The Clerk had previously advised the Council of the death of Mr David Simms, who had undertaken the role of Internal Auditor for over ten years. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) required the appointment of an internal auditor and the Clerk recommended Mr Stephen Milford to undertake this role. Mr Milford being a very experienced auditor and a member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA).

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

RESOLVED: That Mr Stephen Milford be appointed as Internal Auditor.

61/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the Annual General Meeting was confirmed to be Monday 17th May 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.39pm

CHAIRMAN

17TH MAY 2021