

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH, AT 7PM ON MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Blezzard , Cripps and Mosdell.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

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

Mr Enrico Da Lio had addressed the Annual Parish Meeting with his strong concerns regarding speeding traffic in Newchurch Shute. Councillor Cripps advised that he had found speeding the biggest issue facing the local community. It was agreed to write to Police Commissioner Donna Jones and arrange a presentation from the Local Police Speeding Unit for a future meeting.

MINUTES

53/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor's Davison, Harris and West.

54/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Blezzard declared his previously recorded interests.

55/23 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2023.

On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard, seconded by Councillor Mosdell it was

RESOLVED; To approve the minutes.

56/23 BYE ELECTION RESULT

The Clerk confirmed that Councillor Cripps had completed the Acceptance of Office notice.

57/23 COOPTION OF PARISH COUNCIL

The working group forming the Interview Panel expressed their approval of both candidates and recommended that Stephen Jewel be coopted to fill the current vacancy on the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That Stephen Jewel be coopted as a Parish Councillor.

Councillor Jewel joined the meeting after this item concluded.

It was noted that the Parish Council would welcome input into its future meetings from Mr Gordon Bushell as a member of the public..

58/23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

The following reports had been circulated –

- (i) April Payments for approval.
- (ii) March payments and receipts.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

59/23 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23

The Clerk had circulated the Annual Accounts for the 2022-23 financial year. On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard, seconded by Councillor Mosdell it was –

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Accounts for 2022-23.

60/23 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT.

IW Councillor Mosdell reported on highway issues at Branstone regarding which she had contacted Wendy Perera, Chief Executive to the IW Council. She had been advised by Wendy Perera that Colin Rowlands the IW Director with responsibility for highways would be in contact regarding the issues raised.

61/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Councillor Blezzard reported on the recent IWALC meeting which had considered a proposal from Newchurch Parish Council regarding the required voter threshold for calling Bye Elections. IWALC would put an amended motion to NALC together with a motion regarding the granting of financial assistance to help smaller councils with the cost of Bye Elections. He also reported on the retirement of Sue Chilton who had for many years provided services and advice for local councils on the Isle of Wight.

Communication with Parishioners was agreed as an agenda item for the May meeting. **GH**

62/23 CLERKS REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG.

The Clerk had circulated the following report –

1. Letter to Island Roads re no caravan signage. Advised IR that NPC would finance. No further response received.
2. Bye Election – Mr David Cripps elected as a Parish Councillor. Acceptance of Office completed.
3. Casual Vacancy – Notices placed, two candidates for Cooption, interviews 13th

April.

4. Letter to resident from person(s) purporting to be the Parish Council, no further information received.
5. Changes to School Start and End of Day Arrangements – E Mail sent.
6. Pot Holes – contacted Island Roads regarding three sites as minuted.
7. Clerks Review – Cilca course booked, commencing 3rd April for 12 months.
8. Temporary Event Notice placed re Kings Coronation event.
9. Transfer of £20,000 from Current Account to Reserve Account – completed.
10. Motion to IWALC re Bye Elections – sent and considered by IWALC.

It was agreed that the resurfacing of a section of Newchurch High Street would be added to the Action list. The Clerk would also contact Russell Chick regarding an update on the tipping at Knighton. **GH**

63/23 CORRESPONDENCE

There were two items of correspondence as follows –

1. Letter from Harvey Webb, a pupil at Newchurch Primary School, offering School assistance in ensuring the car park did not look ‘Messy’
2. E Mail from Chris Porter (circulated) asking that the Parish Council take action to improve the surface of the entrance path into the Recreation Field, which becomes extremely muddy after rainfall.

RESOLVED: 1. To write to Harvey Webb accepting his proposal subject to the necessary insurance cover being provided by Newchurch Primary School. **GH**
2. To investigate the ownership of the pathway to the Recreation Area and respond to the E mail from Chris Porter. **GH**

64/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

There had been no new applications since the last meeting.

65/23 PLANNING DECISIONS.

The following decision had been circulated –

Proposed first floor rear extension 66 Forest Road Newchurch. Granted

66/23 TEMPORARY EVENT NOTICE

The Clerk confirmed that a Temporary Event Notice had been approved for the Coronation Event to be held at Watery Lane on Sunday 7th May 2023.

67/23 SPEEDING AT NEWCHURCH SHUTE

A discussion had taken place at the Annual Parish Meeting where further concerns had been raised by a local resident.

RESOLVED: To write to Police Commissioner Donna Jones and arrange for a presentation from the Local Police Speeding Unit. **GH**

68/23 BRANSTONE TO APSE HEATH PATHWAY

IW Councillor Mosdell was arranging for a meeting with all concerned organisations and individuals. **CM**

69/23 INVASIVE SPECIES

A request had been received from Natural Enterprise for a financial contribution to ongoing works in preventing the spread of invasive species in the East Yar. A contribution of £260 had been granted in the 2021-22 financial year.

RESOLVED: To ask Natural Enterprise to give a presentation at the Annual General Meeting in May. The presentation to provide an update on works being undertaken. **GH**

70/23 KINGS CORONATION EVENT

Councillor Blezzard advised that Goddards Brewery and Yates Brewery had each kindly donated a firkin of ale for the event, as they had for the Jubilee Event in 2022. Councillor Blezzard was also seeking support from Sainsbury's. Councillor Bevan was to print the leaflet for distribution, individual Councillors would advise on areas to which they could provide delivery. The Clerk would ask the County Press regarding availability of promotional assistance. **ALL**

71/23 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council would be held in the Parish Hall on Monday 15th May 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm

**CHAIRMAN
15TH MAY 2023**