

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE CHURCH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison, Harris, Llewellyn and Rouse.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk). IW Councillor Mosdell.

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

MINUTES

55/18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Earley, Maclennan and Vincent.

56/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

57/18 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19TH MARCH 2018.

On the proposition of Councillor Rouse, seconded by Councillor Llewellyn it was -

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

58/18 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

On the proposition of Councillor Bevan, seconded by Councillor Rouse it was –

RESOLVED: (i) To approve the accounts for March 2018.

(ii) To approve payment of cheque numbers 2517 to 2527.

59/18 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

IW Councillor Mosdell had met with Island Roads and Bill Murphy of the IWC to discuss the necessary Legal and administrative process for the implementation of the speed limits in the Parish which had been well supported at the associated public meeting. She reported on the proposed Green House project using donations being made for Community Projects. The Parish Council had previously felt the use of money on this project was inappropriate and could be better spent and that in any event there was not an appropriate site in Newchurch for what was being proposed. Councillor Mosdell also advised that she would call on residents of Whiteley Bank to see if any would be willing to assist in the facilitation of a project to enable a footpath at the approach to the mini roundabout. She also reported on a request for a bus shelter at the hairpin bend at Winford.

60/18 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Rouse reported on a second fallen tree in the churchyard.

Councillor Harris reported on the condition of the road at Alverstone Garden Village close to the site of the Parish Council noticeboard, IW Councillor Mosdell would report back on the matter.

Councillor Davison had received a letter from All Saints inviting participation in or a contribution to the Flower Festival. She also reported on a request from a local resident for Parish Council support in petitioning for the introduction of double yellow lines on the approach to Newchurch Shute adjacent to Sunshine Cottage.

RESOLVED: 1. That no contribution be made to the Flower Festival.

2. That the Parish Council could see no basis for the introduction of further double yellow Lines and the matter was one for Island Roads to determine.

61/18 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following items –

1. He had tried to contact Mr Peter Burfield re Bier repair but had received no response.
2. An e mail from Island Roads confirming sweeping of Palmers Lane, Skinnere Lane had been circulated.
3. The disposal of photocopier, bulbs and other items had taken place.
4. Mrs Penny Gilbert had advised that she had to cancel her visit re housing proposal due to inclement weather.
5. Action on pick up van at car park had been taken and the vehicle had been removed from the car park.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

62/18 CLERK TO REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

A list of correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

63/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered –

1. TCP/33421: The Ryes, Newport Road, Apse Heath. Proposed detached dwelling

RESOLVED: To object to the application on the grounds that it was not in keeping with the area and was an overdevelopment of the area.

2. TCP/26593/A: Newholme, Langbridge, Newchurch. Demolition of conservatory; alterations; proposed two storey/1st floor extension.

RESOLVED: To make no objection to the application.

3. LBC/30978/D: Wackland Farmhouse, Wackland Lane, Newchurch. LBC for replacement windows at Squire Thatchers and Paper Barn holiday cottages with double glazed units.

RESOLVED: To object to the application as it was inappropriate for a listed building.

64/18 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been circulated –

1. TCP/05263/T: Hillcrest House, High Street, Newchurch. Householder Application - Proposed extension to form utility room (revised scheme). Approved
2. TCP/26593/A: Newholme, Langbridge, Newchurch. Householder Application - Proposed detached timber garage on existing concrete base. Approved
3. TCP/33051/B: Land adjacent Queenbower Dairy, Alverstone Road, Queen Bower. Variation of condition 2 on P/00444/17 to amend design of dwelling (revised plans). Approved
4. TCP/28687/D: Land off, Embassy Way, Sandown. Proposed aircraft hangar. Approved

65/18 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2017-18

The Clerk had circulated the accounts for the 2017-18 financial year detailing financial reserves of £47,650 as at 31st March 2018. He advised that the new Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the External Auditor could not be approved prior to the report of the Internal Auditor being received and approved.

RESOLVED: That the Final Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018 be approved.

66/18 GDPR COMPLIANCE

The Clerk reported on new legislation which would become effective in May and which required the Parish Council to employ or engage a Data Protection Officer. Parish & Town Clerks could not be appointed to this position and IWALC was seeking a solution for Parish & Town Councils to address the new requirements, one option being for the IW Council to provide the service. The IW Council had indicated it would consider this option if sufficient local councils subscribed to the service in order to enable its funding.

RESOLVED: That an expression of interest be made in a possible service from the IW Council and detail be requested as to what the service would cost and provide.

67/18 IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH HALL

The specialist report on asbestos content had been received, but no associated work was necessary at the present time. The Clerk had placed an order for the renewal of gas piping adjacent to the counter and would advise users of an estimated time for the completion of works.

RESOLVED: To note progress with the improvements.

68/18 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

IW Councillor Mosdell reported that Wendy Perera of the IWC had spoken with the Boswell family regarding the progress of the proposed scheme and the submission of a planning application. Planning would assist with the technical aspects of an application and a resident had offered his professional advice in its compilation. The Boswell family would assist with any necessary legal work and it was agreed that the scheme should be progressed as soon as was possible.

69/18 PATHWAY AT CHURCH

No further work had been undertaken nor anything heard from Island Roads or Rights of Way., IW Councillor Mosdell would contact Rights of Way.

70/18 HIGHWAY WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

IW Councillor Mosdell updated on the current situation and the potential impact on property of heavy vehicles using the High Street. She would ask IW Council Officers regarding what action could be taken to address the problem as a matter of urgency.

71/18 LANDFILL AT KNIGHTON

The Clerk had met with a planning officer at IW Council Seaclose Offices and was advised that the original planning application for landfill could not be found, an e mail from IW Council confirming this had been circulated to members of the Parish Council. The Clerk would seek further information from Dr Denham Johnson and it was agreed that action was required to curb further activity on the site. After consideration it was –

RESOLVED: To seek a site meeting with Isle of Wight Council Head of Place, Wendy Perera.

72/18 ISLAND ROADS PROGRAMME

This item was brought forward to the beginning of the Agenda arising from the attendance of Mr Keith Gourlay of Island Roads who was attending to explain changes to the scheduling of highway resurfacing works. The works were now to take place in the reverse order to those that had been previously presented and consulted upon. The Parish Council felt that this decision had caused significant upheaval, disruption and upset to local residents who had made plans in accordance with the original proposal on which they had been consulted. There had also been a lack of communication in distributing the revised programme to those effected.

Mr Gourlay explained that the situation had arisen from human error in the administration process for scheduling works. He apologised on behalf of Island Roads for creating the regrettable circumstances that had arisen, and advised that Island Roads would take action to assist all concerned and effected by the change in the schedule of works. He also advised on a section of highway which had had to be cut from the programme having regard to potential impact on nearby property. After discussion it was

RESOLVED: To write a letter to Island Roads expressing the Parish Councils deep concern regarding the rescheduling occurrence and requesting that a letter of apology be sent to all effected residents.

73/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be 21st May in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.59pm

CHAIRMAN

21ST MAY 2018