

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 21ST AUGUST 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison, Earley, Harris, Maclellan and Rouse.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk) and two members of the public.

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

Two residents of Ventnor Road, Apse Heath sought the Parish Councils assistance with the hazardous situation caused by speeding traffic on this section of the highway, this being of particular danger in commuting periods of the working day. The Chairman advised that the Parish Council had concerns regarding speeding traffic in a number of areas in the parish and the comments received would form part of its representation to Island Roads on the subject.

MINUTES

116/17 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received on behalf of Councillor Vincent and IW Councillor Mosdell.

117/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Maclellan declared an interest in the request for a financial contribution from Alverstone Village Hall.

118/17 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17th JULY 2017.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

119/17 COOPTION OF COUNCILLOR

The Clerk reported that no nominations had been received and that Winford Residents Association had advised that they had no one to put forward at this time.

RESOLVED: To defer the cooption of a Parish Councillor at this time.

120/17 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

RESOLVED: (i) To approve the accounts for July 2017.

(ii) To approve payment of cheque numbers 2455 to 2460.

121/17 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

IW Councillor Mosdell had e mailed a report which was presented by Councillor Davison. The report updated the Parish Council on highway matters and detailed the situation regarding the recent planning application by the school.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

122/17 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Rouse had attended the Health & Well Being Forum.

Councillor Harris reported on the poor condition of NC42 at Alverstone Garden Village which needs the surface making up. The Clerk would write to Rights of Way.

Councillor Bevan had received a call from the Ramblers Association regarding their placement of a new

stile at Watery Lane and a kissing gate at Harbors Lake. He reported on the new structure at Kingsmead, which appeared to contain dormer windows and indication of potential residential occupancy, contrary to the planning permission granted. He also reported on a large sign at AGR Nursery and asked regarding its compliance with relevant regulations. The Newchurch Male Voice Choir event had been a success and Councillor Bevan was thanked for the invitations to the event. Councillor MacLennan and Councillor Rouse had met a resident at Canteen Road regarding the speed of traffic on the road, in particularly the approach to the mini roundabout at Whiteley Bank. Councillor Davison reported on an incident on Chambers Drive on the 16th August which involved vandalism of cars, there had also been incidents of theft from sheds in the Parish. She advised that two speed signs were still not working and that the noticeboard contents needed pruning. It was agreed that the function in memory of Councillor Colin Richards would be held in the Parish Hall during October and asked that a list of possible attendees be drawn up to include past colleagues of Councillor Richards on the Parish Council. The Clerk would check on insurance cover in respect of numbers able to use the hall for an event, details of the event would be an agenda item for the September meeting of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted and the Clerk undertake agreed actions.

123/17 CLERK TO REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

The Clerk had circulated a list of correspondence since the last meeting. There had also been expressions of concern regarding the temporary closure of Forest Road.

RESOLVED: That the content of the list be noted.

124/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered –

1. TCP/15749/E:1 Mersley Farm Cottages Mersley Lane Newchurch. PO360NR. Householder Application Demolition of single storey extension proposed two storey extension on side elevation to provide additional living accommodation porch.
2. TCP/29592/C:Part OS Parcel 5529 Alverstone Road Queen Bower Sandown. Demolition of stables proposed unit of holiday accommodation.
3. LDC/19329/G:Rillfield House Canteen Road Whiteley Bank. Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of premises as unrestricted residential (use class C3).

RESOLVED: 1. To make no objection to items 1 and 3 above.
2. To object to item 2 above and make the following comment - Newchurch Parish Council supports the comments made by the AONB Partnership as the proposal does not conserve or enhance the AONB.

125/17 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were reported –

1. TCP/18668/F:1 Fuchsia Cottages Newport Road Apse Heath. Two storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation (revised scheme). Approved
2. TCP/17411/G::Knighton Gardens Knighton Shute Newchurch. Householder Application Demolition of verandah proposed single storey extension on front/side elevations alterations to porch roof. Approved.
3. TCP/22950/D::Popes Farm High Street Newchurch. Householder Application Demolition of rear extensions proposed 2 storey rear extension. Approved

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

126/17 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE RE MR COLIN RICHARDS

The Clerk advised that the commemorative plaque had been completed and placed in the Community Garden. It was agreed that the celebration of Mr Colin Richards that would take place in the Parish Hall in October would include the unveiling of the portrait of Mr Richards that had been donated by Councillor Harris.

127/17 CAR PARKING OUTSIDE OF POST OFFICE

There had been further instance of the Post Office being kept from opening. The Clerk would contact Ian Middleton of Island Roads to seek information on the progress of the proposed loading bay designation.

128/17 SCHOOL LANE CAR PARK

The Clerk advised that the re marking of the disabled bays in the car park had been completed by J A Dempsey Ltd. There were currently three abandoned vehicles in the car park and the Clerk had applied to DVLA to obtain the details of each registered owner. Councillor Davison advised that the IW Council was currently considering an abandoned vehicle policy and it was agreed that this could form the basis of a policy for the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted.

129/17 QUEEN BOWER CAR PARK – PARKING & SIGNAGE

The Clerk reported that the replacement sign from Signpost Express should be in place in the next week.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

130/17 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Requests for financial assistance had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau and from Alverstone Village Hall. The first for general assistance and the latter a contribution to necessary tree felling costs.

RESOLVED: To make a contribution of £100 to each of the two organisations.

131/17 HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was agreed that any investment in a proposed temporary structure at Spicers Bridge should become a permanent feature and become part of the public network. It was agreed to support IW Councillor Mosdells on action to achieve this improvement to road safety.

132/17 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME CONSULTATION

The Parish Council had major concern regarding the effect and financial burden of the proposals on the more vulnerable tax payers, it was agreed that the comments made previously on this subject were still valid and that these should again be put to the IW Council

133/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place at 7.30pm on Monday 18th September 2017 in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm

CHAIRMAN

18TH SEPTEMBER 2017