NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 2.00 PM ON MONDAY 6TH AUGUST 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison, Earley, Llewellyn, Maclennan and Rouse. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk)

2.00pm to 2.15pm time allocated for residents of Newchurch Parish to speak to the Council on Parish Council Matters.

No members of the public were in attendance.

MINUTES

134/18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Harris and Vincent.

135/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

136/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS -THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS WERE CONSIDERED -

1.TCP/09526/A: Land to west of Scotchells Brook Lane and north of, Newport Road, Sandown. Outline for new commercial and leisure park.

RESOVED: To object to the application on the following grounds –

- (i)Highway Safety the proposal would generate significant additional traffic from the projected new jobs created (both cars and heavy goods vehicles) and from those visiting the site. The section of highway where the access is planned is already hazardous, congested, with frequent periods of gridlock combined with speeding traffic. Sections of this highway have no pavement and pedestrians are required to walk in the road further increasing the risk of a serious road accident. It is understood that this section of highway has a high incidence of reported accidents.
 - The suggestion of one comment on the application, that the highway safety aspect of this application could be resolved by the introduction of a further mini roundabout is seen as unworkable, it would not be feasible for longer vehicles to negotiate such and it would further exacerbate traffic problems on this already dangerous section of highway.
 - The airport runway also lies behind the site and the flight path into it runs west of the nearby Garden Centre and parallel to the proposed buildings, however a high proportion of flights come in low over the Garden Centre and so would be flying directly over said buildings leaving no margin for error. An aircraft has ditched in the trees behind the Garden Centre in the past and more recently on the golf course behind the airport. Any increase in flying over populated work places should be avoided.
- (ii) Need and Character of surrounding Area -There is no need for development on this green field site, there being brown field sites and other existing commercial sites that could accommodate the proposed volume of new business. The application site is not recognised as an employment site by the IW Councils core strategy and its use as such would be to the detriment of and out of character with the surrounding rural area.

One further observation is that the number of proposed parking spaces in the application (421) does not equate with the 'up to 1000 jobs if A, B, and C are used as offices' and '3 -4500 visitors per week to the leisure facilities and museum'. Where would they all park? There would not be enough space for staff parking, let alone visitors

2.TCP/33051/C:Land adjacent Queenbower Dairy, Alverstone Road, Queen Bower, Sandown. Householder Application - Proposed single detached garage.

RESOLVED: To make the following comment on the application — Newchurch Parish Council could see no grounds for objecting to this application.

The meeting closed at 2.41pm

CHAIRMAN 20TH AUGUST 2018