

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Blezzard, Cripps, Davison, Harris, Jewell, Mosdell and West.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

MINUTES

160/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

161/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Blezzard declared his previously declared interests.

Councillor Bevan declared an interest in the planning application for Westmeath, Winford Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 24/01814/HOU as contained in minute 168/24 below.

162/24 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH November 2024.

On the proposition of Councillor Jewell, seconded by Councillor West, it was -

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2024.

163/24 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

164/24 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

IW Councillor Mosdell reported on the proposed school closure programme and the opportunity for parish councils to make further input prior to a final IW Council decision being taken (this would form an agenda item for the January meeting of the parish council). She also reported on the forthcoming outcome of the speed review and would circulate associated papers on receipt of which. Councillor Jewel enquired as to any progress on the proposed footway at Branstone, a meeting with the relevant IW Councillor was anticipated early in the new year.

165/24 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Councillor Blezzard gave an update on IWALC business and an increase in the NALC affiliation fee. He was disappointed with the numbers registering for access to the new NALC website and would encourage members to do so, given the wealth of useful information that it contained.

Councillor Harris reported on the need for sweeping of Skinners and Palmers Lane, Clerk to contact Island Roads.

Councillor Jewel reported on speeding and on the inadequacy of Island Roads emergency response capability.

Councillor West had organised the siting of a Christmas tree outside the Parish Hall.

Councillor Davison requested that Island Roads be made aware of the need for line painting at Apse Heath.

166/24 CLERK'S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG.

The following report had been circulated –

- 1 E Mail sent to Planning Cabinet Member re tipping at Knighton – no further communication since e mail from Ollie Boulter in June – CM to raise with Wendy Perera
2. Relocation of dog bin – Matter raised again via E Mail sent to Island Roads.
3. Natural Enterprise re Himalayan Balsam at Langbridge - E Mail sent, referred for action by Graham Biss, response circulated.
4. Request Island Roads to undertake review of highway safety at junction of Forest Road and Forest Dell. E Mail sent, response received. E mail sent to Mr Brownscombe detailing action of Parish Council and Island Roads response.
- 5 Adoption of Pedestrian Bridge – CM to raise with Wendy Perera.
6. Proposed RoW Wacklands/Eastern Yar – CM to raise with Wendy Perera.
7. E Mails sent to Highways and Hampshire & IW Police re traffic incident at Apse Heath – Awaiting meeting with Alan White of IW Council.
8. Community Garden sign – ordered.
9. Cemetery fencing – meeting held with JR Fencing on 6th December, quote circulated
10. Car park resurfacing – meeting held with Peter Dempsey on 6th December, quote circulated.

Councillor Mosdell had discussed items 1, 5 & 6 above with the IW Council Chief Executive Wendy Perera and the following actions would apply –

Item 1 – Planning Officers to be instructed to undertake a site visit and report back as a priority action.

Item 5 – IW Council officers be instructed to proceed with the adoption of the pedestrian bridge.

Item 3 – It was recognised that the introduction of the Right of Way was a long process which had been advised at the commencement of the process. It was noted that further submissions regarding its implementation could still be made should they be forthcoming.

167/24 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received a telephone call advising of a fallen tree in the cemetery.

The tree had fallen from Hants & IW Wildlife Trust land, the Clerk would advise the Trust.

168/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were considered –

1. Remove existing flat roof on existing rear extension and replace with new double pitched interlocking concrete tiled roof with two new roof lights; replace existing rear extension windows, sliding doors, and side door with grey aluminium units and clad the existing external brickwork walls with vertical timber cladding. Tanglewood Youngwoods Way, Alverstone Garden Village. Ref. No: 24/01795/HOU |
2. Continued siting of mobile concrete crushing plant, Knighton Sandpit Off Knighton Shute Newchurch. Ref. No: 24/01668/FUL |
3. Proposed extension at first floor level and new roof; single storey side extension Westmeath Winford Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 24/01814/HOU |

Councillor Bevan declared a personal interest in application 3 above and left the hall for the period of its consideration and took no part in the discussion or decision made.

- RESOLVED:** 1. That no objection be made to application 1 above subject to the comments made by National Landscape AONB being implemented to reduce the effect of light pollution.
2. To object to application 2 above as the site is unsuitable due to the use of country lanes by large vehicles to access it and the associated impact on highway safety. Alternative sites should be examined for this continued activity.
3. To object to application 3 above on the grounds of it being an overdevelopment of the site, incongruous and out of character with other property within this location

169/24 PLANNING DECISIONS.

No decisions had been received since the November meeting.

170/24 NEWCHURCH NOTICEBOARD

Councillor Bevan advised that Issue 2 was ready to be sent to the printer and Rosey Messing was requesting assistance in certain areas of distribution. Additional distribution assistance was agreed and would be notified to Rosey. The Clerk confirmed that all invoicing had been undertaken regarding advertisements and that receipts would be issued for each payment made.

171/24 NEWCHURCH CEMETERY

The Chairman and Clerk had met on site with a contractor regarding additional fencing and a quotation for such work had been circulated. Having regard to the cost involved it was agreed to seek two further quotations.

172/24 HIGHWAY SAFETY AT APSE HEATH

The Clerk reported that he had written on three occasions to the Highways Engineer but was still awaiting a timescale for the meeting that had been offered to the parish council to discuss proposals to improve highway safety. It had been agreed that a representative from Raj Store would also be invited to the meeting once a time and date had been agreed.

173/24 SCHOOL LANE CAR PARK

Discussion took place regarding the management of the car park and the need for resurfacing work. Councillor Bevan and the Clerk had met on site with a contractor and costed options for resurfacing had been circulated. It was noted that the current surfacing was now thirty years old and deterioration was ongoing if not attended.

RESOLVED: To seek two further quotations for resurfacing as quoted and investigate the option of funding via a loan from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB).

174/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 20th January 2025.

The meeting closed at 8.17pm

