

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison, Earley, Harris and Mosdell.

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.

Prior to the meeting Councillor Bevan commented on the turnout for the funeral of former councillor Pauline Vincent, which had clearly shown the affection with which she was held in the parish.

A member of the public enquired as to whether any progress had been made regarding the attempts to reduce speeding in the parish and in particular Newchurch Shute. Councillor Mosdell advised on the process for the acquisition of speed cameras by the IW Council and it was acknowledged that the process would take some time before the required acquisitions could be made.

A second member of the public enquired as to progress with the attempt to stop the continuation of landfill at Knighton, which had been reinstated as an agenda item. He also enquired about the possible development of a high speed broadband service in the parish and to the possible introduction of a 20mph speed limit in Knighton (CM).

The introduction of a 30mph speed limit was however seen as more achievable and realistic than one of 20mph. He also offered his services to assist with an improved broadband service and it was agreed that improved broadband would form an agenda item for the January 2021 meeting (GH).

MINUTES

131/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Arblaster and Llewellyn.

132/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Davison declared a non pecuniary interest in planning applications 2 and 6 below pertaining to Southland Camping Park.

Councillor Mosdell declared a non pecuniary interest in planning application 5 below.

133/20 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON THE 16TH NOVEMBER AND 7TH DECEMBER 2020

On the proposition of Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor Earley, it was –

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2020.

On the proposition of Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor Mosdell, it was –

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020.

134/20 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

On the proposition of Councillor Earley, seconded by Councillor Davison it was –

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

135/20 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Mosdell gave an update on Covid 19 and the increased number of cases on the IWC. She reported on the refusal of the planning application at Ventnor Road, Apse Heath but felt that the grounds for refusal had not been given adequate strength by planning and that the associated

photographs had failed to demonstrate sufficiently the inherent dangers the application would have had regarding road safety (GH).

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

136/20 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Davison advised that she would report on the 'Next Door' website at the January meeting (JD). She reported on a car that had been left on Winford Road for three weeks but had now been removed, and on the good appearance of the Community Garden (thanks would be passed to Mr Read (GH). Olly Boulter of IW Council Planning was arranging planning training in January. She also felt that verge cutting in the parish (particularly on route to Alverstone) was 'too crude in nature' and should be improved. An overhanging tree limb at the cemetery had been removed by Councillor Bevan and it was agreed to contact Hants & IW Wild Life Trust re tree management in the vicinity (GH). A meeting was to be held via IWALC re the impact of Covid on the proposed Diamond TT Races scheduled in the West Wight. Councillor Mosdell had asked a resident at Langbridge to refrain from parking his white van on the Shute. Councillor Bevan advised on Rights of Way getting involved in getting work done to reinstate a track from Wackland to the river and possibly another track along Long Lane. A Winford resident had again enquired regarding the provision of dogbins and this would form an agenda item for the January meeting (GH). He also reported on dogs being let off lead at the cemetery and prohibition of such would also form a future agenda item (GH).

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137/20 CLERKS REPORT

All items were covered elsewhere on the agenda.

138/20 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received had been circulated and there were no matters arising that were not contained elsewhere on the Agenda. Councillor Bevan advised on a communication concerning the use of BMX cycles at Borthwood, which had been provided for information. The Clerk advised on a telephone request from someone moving to Newchurch regarding the possible temporary use of the car park, appropriate advice would be passed to the new resident (GH).

139/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Proposed external staircase to garage first floor and alterations to include new rooflight and door. 4 Winford Way Sandown. Ref. No: 20/02071/HOU |
2. Proposed hardstanding for storage surface; formation of access road, Southland Camping Park Winford Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/02043/FUL |
3. Proposed new front elevation, Blackhanger Embassy Way Lake Sandown Isle Of Wight PO36 0JP Ref. No: 20/02039/FUL |
4. Proposed new carport and adjustment to land levels; retention of car workshop. Rill Farm Canteen Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/01994/HOU |
5. Proposed summerhouse. Farm House Wackland Farm Wacklands Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/01962/HOU |
6. Proposed installation of 4 No. Safari tents, 4 No. BBQ stands, car parking area, planting, and fencing Southland Camping Park Winford Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/01935/FUL

RESOLVED: 1. That no comment be made on applications 3, 4 and 5 above.
2. That no objection be made to applications 2 & 6 above.
3. That a condition be applied to application 1 above, that the accommodation created be not used as a separate residential unit or for holiday accommodation.

A further three applications had recently been advertised and it was agreed to hold a special meeting in January at which these applications would be considered (GH).

140/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been received -

1. Demolition of attached garage and construction of garage (no. 31); formation of new vehicular access; construction of 7 dwellings with garaging, parking and associated landscaping (revised scheme). 31 And Land Rear Of 21-31 Ventnor Road Apse Heath. Ref. No: 20/01535/FUL | REFUSED.

2. Demolition of farm buildings; proposed residential development of 42 dwellings (affordable houses) & garages, new rural business units, reading shelter, allotments, Biodiversity Park, new vehicle/pedestrian access onto Hale Common, closure of existing access that serves Branstone Farm Studies Centre, internal access roads and parking areas - revised plans showing repositioned vehicle and pedestrian access and junction works within A3056; new footpath link to Watery Lane and revised blue line plan; confirmation of the demolition and rebuilding of building S1 (readvertised application) Branstone Farm Studies Centre Branstone Newchurch.Ref. No: 20/01160/FUL | APPROVED

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

141/20 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2021-22

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget and it was agreed that this item would be deferred until the January meeting.

142/20 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

A special meeting had been held on 7th December and subsequent e mails had been circulated which expressed some concern regarding the inconsistency in previous quotations. Clarification on costs and the delivery of the project had been received. On the proposition of Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor Mosdell it was –

RESOLVED:To proceed with the quotation by APEX subject to a contractual agreement being put in Place (RB/GH)

143/20 ROAD SAFETY INCLUDING SPEED LIMITS

Councillor Mosdell gave an update on the acquisition of average speed cameras. It was agreed that while obtaining the new speed limits had been an achievement, their enforcement remained a serious problem.

144/20 LOCAL TRANSPORT PROVISION

The Clerk had received a reply from Southern Vectis concerning the suggestion of the Parish Council assisting with the reinstatement of a bus service to Alverstone.It was agreed that this would form an agenda item for the February 2021 meeting (GH).

145/20 LANDFILL AT KNIGHTON

The Clerk advised that the last e mail he had received from planning was dated April 2019. Councillors Bevan and Mosdell had however been in touch with planning in the last month to enquire as to progress. (RB/CM)

146/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 18th January 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

CHAIRMAN

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