

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 13TH DECEMBER 2021.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

7.00pm to 7.15pm time allocated for residents of Newchurch Parish to speak to the Council on Parish matters.

There were no members of the public present.

MINUTES

173/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Blezzard.

174/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

175/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2021

On the proposition of Councillor Whittaker, seconded by Councillor Earley, it was

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RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2021.

176/21 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports

177/21 IW COUNCILLOR REPORT

IW Councillor Mosdell advised that the Wackland report for a Right of Way had been deferred to the IW Council meeting in February. She also advised that planning permission had now been granted to William Hall & Son for the introduction of cremation facilities at their premises.

A 'Booster Bus' service had been introduced to help increase the take up of booster jabs for Covid 19 , but take up of booster vaccine was poor in the Bay Area.

178/21 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Councillor Whittaker advised that he had given his apology for absence to the latest meeting of the Health & Well Being Forum.

Councillor Davison reported that the 20mph speed sign at Langbridge was not working at the current time. She had undertaken clear up works at the front of the Parish Hall. Island Roads had undertaken works on potholes in Palmers Lane but had missed a three metre stretch that required the most attention – the Clerk would write to Island Roads. **GH**

A former Parish Councillor had died and an archive of past Parish Council information had been passed to Councillor Davison, she would examine and archive the content. All Saints Church had asked for someone to take part in the Carol service, Councillor Davison would participate. **JD**

IWALC meeting - Southern Water were holding meetings with Parish & Town Councils to obtain feedback on their services. Training was being impeded by not doing face to face meetings due to Covid.

Councillor Mosdell reported that the benches in the community garden had not been removed for renovation as they were bolted down. Councillor's Bevan and Earley offered their assistance in moving the benches **RB & JE**. She had been contacted by the Hampshire & IW Wildlife Trust who had reported acts of vandalism to signage on their local sites.

179/21 CLERKS REPORT & PROGRESS LOG

The Clerk reported on the following matters –

1. Fencing at Cemetery – Completed.
2. Car Park Notice – Camper Van removed, returned and removed again.. Three other persistent overnight staying vehicles identified. – The Clerk would place notices asking owners to contact him and discussion would form an Agenda item for January. **GH**
3. Dog Fouling – Environmental Officer scheme – Agenda item for January.
4. Carpark resurfacing – Peter Dempsey contacted, his advice was that it does not need doing for at least 5 years. Site meeting to be arranged. **GH**
5. Letter to Robert Abel of Hampshire Constabulary – Sent
6. E mail distribution – E Mails to individual Councillor E mail addresses to be forwarded to the Clerk & Chairman.
7. Wackland Notices – All submissions to be checked by Clerk & Councillor Mosdell. **GH/CM**

A progress log had been compiled and circulated in respect of other outstanding matters, this would be updated on a monthly basis for Parish Council meetings.

180/21 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from All Saints Church giving their thanks for the financial contribution in respect of the defibrillator. The PCC Secretary also expressed her appreciation of the works undertaken on the Parish Noticeboards.

181/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered –

1. Proposed fencing. Horizon Newport Road Apse Heath. Ref. No: 21/02396/HOU |
2. Proposed loft conversion with dormer window and balcony; proposed extension to create enlarged garage and utility room; internal alterations. Dovedale Youngwoods Way Alverstone Garden Village Newchurch. Ref. No: 21/02271/HOU |
3. New pitched roof to replace existing mono pitch roof. Timbers Youngwoods Way Alverstone Garden Village Newchurch. Ref. No: 21/02195/HOU |
4. Retention of compost toilet to be used as additional facilities for events. Mersley Farm Mersley Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 21/02428/FUL |

RESOLVED: (i) To make no objection to applications 1, 2 & 4 above.
(ii) To make no comment on application 3 above.

182/21 PLANNING DECISIONS

There had been no decisions notified since the previous meeting.

183/21 QUEENS GREEN CANOPY/PLANT BRITAIN SCHEMES

Contact would be made with other local community organisations regarding the project and a budget provision of £500 had been agreed for planting. Progress would form an Agenda item for the February meeting.

184/21 COMMUNITY GARDEN

Councillors Davison and West had met at the Garden with Mr Read and had asked Mr Read to introduce more colour into the garden and cut back some of the larger borders.

185/21 CEMETERY WORKS & PLANTING

It was agreed that during March new hedging would be planted along the area of the new fence.

186/21 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The Chairman reported that he had been advised that the bridge structure was close to completion. The Clerk would contact Ian Boyd regarding the permission required from the Environment Agency in respect of the change in the building specification. **GH**

RESOLVED: To pay Apex Composites Limited £16,200 in respect of the second

invoice in respect of the construction of the bridge.

187/21 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANNING

The Clerk would respond to the communication from IWALC. GH

188/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed to be Monday 17th January 2022. It was agreed that future meetings would commence at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

CHAIRMAN

17TH JANUARY 2022

170/21 QUEENS GREEN CANOPY/PLANT BRITAIN SCHEMES

It was recommended that the Parish Council participate in these schemes, which could include planting on the perimeter of the new agreed cemetery fencing and the replacement for the fallen Ash tree in the churchyard.

RESOLVED: To approve participation in the schemes, to include for the involvement of the school and church.

171/21 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The Chairman reported on additional costs that had been quoted in respect of carrying out additional necessary stabilisation works. This would increase the estimated costs by £ to £

RESOLVED: That the additional costs be approved but no further cost be incurred prior to the approval of the Environment Agency to the revised works.

172/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed to be Monday 13TH December 2021. It was agreed that future meetings would commence at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.39pm

CHAIRMAN

13TH DECEMBER 2021