

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 15TH JANUARY 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison,,Earley, Llewellyn, Maclennan and Vincent.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk). IW Councillor Mosdell.

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

MINUTES

1/18 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor's Harris and Rouse.

2/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3/18 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH DECEMBER 2018.

It was agreed to add to Minute 193/17 the word condition and information re the proposal for housing at Apse Heath. Also Minute 197/17 to include that the planning application had been approved.

On the proposition of Councillor Earley seconded by Councillor Vincent it was -

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

4/18 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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

(ii) To approve payment of cheque numbers 2494 to 2502

5/18 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Mosdell reported on a planning application and expressed her concern at the way that certain planning applications were being determined.

She had met at Whiteley Bank with a Steward from Island Roads to discuss possible realignment of the mini roundabout to improve highway safety. She had been advised that the proposed action was not viable as it would impede access of articulated vehicles, she would seek advice from George Jenkins on this aspect. The permissive pathway proposal at the Shute was proceeding, and involving Mrs Boswell.

Councillor Mosdell had contacted Phil Pearson regarding the Wight Salad community grant which was now being proposed as a means of funding the installation of greenhouses in schools, at an estimated cost of £11,000 per greenhouse. It was suggested by the Parish Council that this was not an effective use of community funds, the scheme was likely to be impracticable and likely to result in the greenhouses becoming 'white elephants'. It was felt that the Parish Council & local community were in the best position to determine schemes to proceed and Councillor Mosdell would report the Parish Councils views to Mr Pearson. Councillor Mosdell also reported on new arrangements for the inspection of Care Homes and the introduction of a protocol for the reporting of complaints re care home problems

6/18 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Earley advised that he had reported the loose manhole cover at Queen Bower to Island Roads. Councillor Llewellyn reported on the latest situation at Winford Park Residents Association, the standing down of Committee Members and the potential of control being passed to a private company. The possibility of Parish Council involvement was also discussed. Residents currently paid a ground rent to cover the cost of maintenance of verges, ditches etc and this was likely to increase significantly should management be passed

to a private company.

Councillor Bevan reported that a bulb had gone in the Village Hall light fitting and it was agreed to install new lights at the front (double bulb) and rear of the hall (single bulb). He also asked the Clerk to again raise with Island Roads, the lighting situation at Bartletts Close and the non functioning speed lights at Langbridge.

Councillor Maclennan enquired as to the availability of litter picking equipment to be used by volunteers. It was suggested that Ray Harrington – Vail of the Footprint Trust or the Green Gym may be of assistance.

Councillor Davison reported on vehicles breaching parking conditions in the car park, the Clerk would seek to identify the owners from the DVLA. She also reported on the cemetery wall damage and fallen tree.

IWALC had held a special meeting to discuss the IW Council charging policy for Non Residential Care, a decision regarding which she had previously circulated for information.

It was agreed that the weight restriction at Spicers Bridge should be extended throughout the village.

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted/actioned.

7/18 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Burfield had yet to complete refurbishment of the Bier. IW Councillor Mosdell advised that she was addressing the task of maintaining the seats in the Community Garden. The Clerk updated Councillors on the funding of the Optio Transport service, regarding which a paper from Mr Bulpitt of Community Action IW had been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and a contribution of £250 be made to the Optio service.

8/18 CLERK TO REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

The Clerk had circulated a list of correspondence.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted.

9/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There had been no applications since the December meeting.

10/18 PLANNING DECISION

The following decisions were reported –

- 1.TCP/15636/F:Westwick Nurseries, Longlands Lane, Newchurch. Demolition of glasshouses & polytunnels; proposed construction of 4 holiday cabins (revised plans)(readvertised). Approved.
2. TCP/33287:41 Chambers Drive, Apse Heath.Householder Application - Rear extension and replacement enlarged roof extension. Approved
3. TCP/33282:Land north of, Embassy Way, Sandown. Proposed agricultural barn. Approved
4. TCP/19329/K:Rillfield House, Canteen Road, Whiteley Bank.Removal of condition 3 on TCP/19329 to allow unrestricted occupation. Approved
5. TCP/19329/L:Rillfield House, Canteen Road, Whiteley Bank.Removal of condition 2 on TCP/19329A to allow unrestricted occupation. Approved
6. TCP/29902/D:Plot 6, Pt OS Parcel 1431 land at Wacklands, Wackland Lane, Newchurch.
Change of use from agriculture to tourism to include the siting of four units of accommodation.
Approved
7. TCP/33051/A:Land adjacent Queenbower Dairy, Alverstone Road, Queen Bower.
Variation of condition 2 on P/00444/17 to amend design of dwelling. Refused
8. TCP/30978/B:Wackland Farmhouse, Wackland Lane, Newchurch.Householder Application - Proposed art studio; replacement pool house, glasshouse,tractors barn and waterworks room,alterations to squire Thatchers Barn & walled garden; pond platform (revised plans). Approved

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

11/18 IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH HALL

It was agreed that the covenants to the village hall needed to be examined prior to the planning of an improvement programme.

RESOLVED: That a special meeting of the Parish Council be held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 29th January 2018.

12/18 CAR PARKING OUTSIDE OF POST OFFICE

IW Councillor Mosdell reported that the necessary work had been programmed and should be completed before the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

13/18 PATHWAY ADJACENT TO CHURCH

Councillor Bevan advised on the works that had been undertaken by Rights of Way, he would speak with Rights of Way regarding the work and necessary removal of vegetation. It was agreed that a working group be formed (including local expertise) to advise on proposed future works in the Shute.

14/18 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2018-19

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for consideration. After discussion and on the proposition of Councillor Llewellyn, seconded by Councillor Vincent, it was –

RESOLVED: To approve the budget as presented and set a precept of £18,000 in respect of the 2018 - 19 financial year.

15/18 DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION

Legislation required the Parish Council to appoint a Data Protection Officer (DPO) to ensure new requirements (from May 2018) were enacted. Councillor Llewellyn advised that the legislation provided that the Clerk could not undertake this role. Options included appointing a DPO, sharing an appointment with other Parish & Town Councils (possibly through IWALC) or using the IW Council.

RESOLVED: To note the requirements and enquire as to how other local councils were proceeding.

16/18 PROVISION OF LOW COST HOUSING

The Clerk had written to Mrs Penny Gilbert inviting her to attend the meeting to introduce her proposal for possible low cost housing provision on a site at Apse Heath. She had advised that she could not attend the meeting but would be in contact to arrange a future site meeting.

17/18 CEMETERY CHARGES & REGULATIONS

The Clerk had circulated the details of current charges together with those of another local council for comparative purposes. After due consideration it was –

RESOLVED: To make no changes to current charges.

18/18 LANDFILL AT KNIGHTON

Councillor's Davison & Bevan had met on site with the Clerk and Dr Mark Denham – Johnson, a local resident. Mr Denham – Johnson had concern that the site was continuing to be used for landfill although planning had placed conditions a decade ago that the land should be returned to pasture. Continued landfill was having an impact on the landscape, its drainage and the public footway. He asked for the Parish Councils assistance by raising the matter with the IW Council planning department.

RESOLVED That the planning history be investigated and considered at a future meeting.

19/18 POLICING PRIORITIES

A communication had been received from Hampshire Police Authority asking that the Parish Council advise them of their top three policing priorities in the parish. It was agreed to submit the following –

1. Speeding vehicles.
2. Parking on double yellow lines in the vicinity of the school.
3. Dog fouling.

20/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council would take place at 7.30pm on Monday 19th February 2018 in the Parish Hall. A further meeting to discuss village hall improvements would be held in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 29th January.

The meeting closed at 9.12pm

CHAIRMAN

19TH FEBRUARY 2018