

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7PM ON MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2024

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

15 minutes time allocated for residents of Newchurch Parish to speak to the Council on Parish matters.

There were no questions from the public.

MINUTES

1/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor's Blezzard and Jewell.

2/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mosdell declared a personal interest in Agenda item 14/24 and took no part in the discussion or decision.

3/24 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2023

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th December 2023.

4/24 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

5/24 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

IW Councillor Mosdell reported on issues concerning the Branstone Development, the proposed new Committee System at the Isle of Wight Council and on changes to the IW Council Tax Support Scheme. Councillor Davison commented on the lack of sanction available nationally regarding any inappropriate behaviour and suggested IWALC may consider making comment on such.

6/24 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Davison reported on the removal of the boundary structure at the cemetery which had been undertaken by Hants & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust. It was agreed to investigate the insertion of more fencing and this would form an agenda item for the March meeting. She reported on the forthcoming IWALC Meeting and items on its Agenda.

Councillor Mosdell reported on the structural integrity of Poplar Cottage on Newchurch High Street. Councillor Harris reported again on the stretch of muddy surface at NC12, the Clerk would follow up with Rights of Way. **GH**

Councillor Cripps reported on the volume of large vehicles causing disruption to traffic flow in Knighton Lane. Councillor Mosdell would explore as to whether smaller vehicles could be used by identified suppliers. Councillor Cripps also reported on the roll out of Wightfibre and asked whether anything

further had been received from Island Roads regarding flooding at the cycle track at Alverstone.

Councillor West reported that the Red Van had been removed from Alverstone Road.

Councillor Bevan reported on behalf of Councillor Jewell on the worsening problem of dog fouling at the grassed area at the entrance to Parkway. He also advised on the appointment of two new police representatives for the Newchurch area, the Clerk would invite them to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council. **GH**

7/24 CLERK'S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG

The Clerk reported as follows –

1. Further E Mail sent to Planning re tipping at Knighton – response still awaited.
2. Cemetery gate - Contractor visited site – oral report at the meeting.
3. E mail IW College re Communications as a project – E Mail sent via College website, reply received advising that it had been passed to the Business Team. Nothing further received.
4. Proposed Parish Meeting, invitations sent. Available dates received apart from the Environment Agency.
5. Parish Hall heating, Chairman and Clerk met with Gas Engineer, broad costings to be available at the meeting.
6. Flooding information placed on website.

The Clerk would investigate with Mr Sylvester if an alternative remedy was available to the situation with the cemetery gate. **GH**

8/24 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

This item was considered at the commencement of the meeting when an informal presentation was made by officials from the IW Council and Island Roads. The presentation provided was in respect of a speeding strategy for the A3056 between Blackwater and Lake. The Parish Council supported any measures to improve highway safety and would have the opportunity to comment to the formal consultation.

9/24 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was contained elsewhere on the agenda.

10/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning application was considered –

- .Replacement dwelling with parking and alterations to vehicular access.
The Orchard Alverstone Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 23/02229/FUL |

RESOLVED: To make no comment on the application.

11/24 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decision had been circulated –

- 1.23/01889/HOU | Replacement outbuilding including double garage, gym and garden room | Purbeck House Holliers Farm Hale Common Arreton. Refused.
- 2.23/01909/HOU | Proposed single storey rear extension | Oakdene Alverstone Road Queen Bower Newchurch. Granted.
- 3.23/02150/6PA | Agricultural prior notification for a barn | Land Opposite Kingsmead Pt OS Parcel

6639 Off Watery Lane Newchurch. Refused.
4.23/02051/HOU | Proposed two storey rear extension | Hillbrook Cottage The Shute Newchurch.
Refused

12/24 D DAY – 80TH ANNIVERSARY

It was agreed to contact All Saints Church to enquire as to whether they were planning an event to commemorate the anniversary. **GH**

13/24 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2024-25

The Clerk had circulated a derailed budget paper and explained the effect of the advised increase in the taxbase which meant that a precept of £20,500 (an increase of £500) would result in the same Council Tax as in the current financial year. On the proposition of Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor Mosdell, it was –

RESOLVED To approve the budget as presented subject to an increase in the precept to £21,500 for the 2024-25 financial year.

14/24 PARISH HALL IMPROVEMENTS

Quotations for an electric heater based system had previously been received and an estimate had also been obtained for a gas boiler based system. On the proposition of Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor West it was –

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation of £2,885 from DT Electrical (IOW) Ltd in respect of the provision of an electric heating system.

15/23 INVASIVE SPECIES

This item was deferred to the February meeting of the Parish Council.

16/24 PROPOSED SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk had contacted the Environment Agency, Hampshire Police, Island Roads and Natural Enterprise as per dates in February when they could send a representative.

RESOLVED: To schedule a meeting for Thursday 29th February subject to the Environment Agency being able to send a representative. **GH**

17/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 19th February 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

CHAIRMAN

19th FEBRUARY 2024