

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.00 PM ON MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2022.

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

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

1/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The Chairman and Clerk had both received a written resignation from Councillor Adrian Whittaker. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to pass on their thanks to Mr Whittaker for his time as a member of Newchurch Parish Council. **GH**

2/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None

3/21 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2021

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th December 2021.

4/21 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports

5/22 IW COUNCILLOR REPORT

IW Councillor Mosdell reported on the need to follow up on the proposed pedestrianisation associated with the development at Branstone. She would be spending time concentrating on highway safety matters in rural locations.

The difficulty on speeding enforcement would be publicised by a letter to the County Press and also placed on the website. It was suggested that work on speeding enforcement could be shared with both Havenstreet & Ashey and Arreton Parish Councils. Hampshire Police would be invited to the February meeting to discuss with representatives of local councils in the vicinity of Newchurch. **GH**

A letter had been placed on the outside of the Newchurch noticeboard making comment on Parish Council actions, the Clerk would provide a response via the website. **GH**

6/22 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Mosdell reported on the dangerous parking of vehicles on yellow lines in the High Street, photographic evidence of which would be shared with Hampshire Constabulary, Island Roads and the IW Council Portfolio holder for Highways. Councillor Harris reported that Palmers Lane was again in need of sweeping he advised of the poor slippery surface of Palmers/Skinners Lane, Island Roads to be asked as to the condition and quality of the surface.

Councillor West reported on the poor road surface at Hairpin bend and on adjacent footpaths.

Councillor Davison asked that Eddie Read be approached for a timetable for the carrying out of agreed works at the Community Garden.

It was agreed to send thanks to Jamie Marsh of the Hants & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust for all their support in the parish.

GH-To follow up all matters raised. (RB to thank HIWWT)

7/21 CLERKS REPORT & PROGRESS LOG

The Clerk reported on the following matters –

1. Potholes at Palmers Lane - Potholes still required attention, advise Island Roads.

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2. Car Park Notice – Agenda item.

3. Dog Fouling – Agenda item.

4. Carpark resurfacing – A site meeting had been held with Peter Dempsey.

Estimate for complete resurfacing of £40k at today's prices, work required in three or four years time. Mr Dempsey recommended a sweeping of loose surface stones and repainting of lines, estimated cost of £1,500. It was agreed that works should proceed in a period of school holiday. Mr Read would be asked to dig out the accumulation of soil along the eastern perimeter of the carpark.. **GH**

5. Wackland Notices – Clerk & Councillor Mosdell to check content of those received. Yet to be undertaken. **GH/CM**

6. Removal of benches from Community Garden for refurbishment - Ongoing

7. Response to IWALC Resilience questionnaire **GH**. Not yet completed.

An updated progress log had been circulated. No response had been received from the IW Council regarding the car park being included in their programme for the installation of electric car charging units. It was agreed that the Parish Council should seek a partner organisation to provide its own installation. **GH**

8/22 CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Blezzard had circulated a letter received detailing plans for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. It was agreed to seek parishioners views via websites and social media. Councillor Davison would discuss with the school, Councillor Mosdell would engage with the Garlic Farm and Councillor Bevan would use social media.

9/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There had been no applications since the previous meeting.

10/22 PLANNING DECISIONS

There had been no decisions notified since the previous meeting.

11/22 DOG FOULING

A quotation had been received from the IW Council regarding the provision of an Environmental Officer who would provide a dog warden service. The service would be for two hours bi – weekly at an annual cost of £521. It was noted that the hours of service would need to vary, for the service to be effective.

RESOLVED: That the Environmental Officer be engaged for two hours bi- weekly for a twelve month period at an annual cost of £521.**GH**

12/22 OVERNIGHT CARPARKING

There continued to be overnight parking by a small number of vehicle owners. The Clerk had made contact with two owners in order that their reasons for overnight parking in order that these could be considered in reviewing the current regulations which prohibited overnight parking without the permission of a Parish Councillor.
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RESOLVED: 1 That applications for permission to park should be sent to the Parish Clerk.

2. Applications would be assessed and decided on an individual basis by the Chairman and Vice Chairman with all Parish Councillors being advised of all applications. Details of authorised vehicles including registration to be kept / made known to all Councillors.

13/22 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Councillor Bevan reported that the structure was now complete, installation to proceed when the relevant notice from the Environment Agency was received. It was agreed to contact the Environment Agency and seek payments of agreed financial contributions from local organisations.

14/22 BUDGET & PRECEPT 2022-23

The Clerk had circulated a draft budget for the 2022-23 financial year.

RESOLVED: That the budget be approved and the precept for 2022-23 be set at £18,680.

15/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed to be Monday 21st February 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm CHAIRMAN 21ST FEBRUARY 2022

