

**NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk Gareth Hughes**

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**A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH, AT 7PM ON MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Bevan, Blezzard , Cripps, Harris, Jewell and Mosdell

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

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

**MINUTES**

**110/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Councillor's Davison and West.

**111/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillor Blezzard declared his previously recorded interests.

**112/23 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023.**

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

**RESOLVED;** To approve the minutes.

**113/23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

The following reports had been circulated –

- (i) July Payments for approval.
- (ii) June payments and receipts.

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the financial reports.

**114/23 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

IW Councillor Mosdell reported on an incident involving a dead fox and its removal from the garden of an upset elderly resident. She and Councillor Jewell also reported on a situation where a local property was being used for mental health purposes and associated noise was a concern and upsetting to neighbours. The location of the property was not considered suitable for the service it provided but works were being undertaken to reduce and insulate against excessive noise.

## **115/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.**

Councillor Blezzard reported on his attendance at the IWALC AGM and on the submission to NALC re the process around the calling of bye elections. He asked on the process for updating the Parish Council Standing Orders and it was agreed that Councillors would submit to the Clerk any revisions that they felt were appropriate to the Current Standing Orders **ALL**. The Clerk would then present a reviewed version for consideration at the August meeting. **GH**

Councillor Harris reported on significant amounts of Himalayan Balsam in the vicinity of the cycle track near Alverstone, the Clerk would contact Natural Enterprise regarding their work programme for removal of invasive species. **GH**

Councillor Cripps reported on his attendance with Councillor Jewell on training courses that had been organised by IWALC and how these could inform the Parish Council on aspects of their administration. He also reported on the need for an update from the IW Council re the longstanding landfill issue at Knighton and the need for repairs to the cycleway between Langbridge and Alverstone. The Clerk would write to IW Council and Island Roads respectively. **GH**

Councillor Mosdell was to arrange a meeting with the owners of Sandown Airport to discuss future mutual working arrangements for the benefit of both airport users and local residents. **CM** She also asked for an update on plans to introduce beavers into the Parish which had been the subject of a previous presentation to the Parish Council.

Councillor Jewell reported on a number of matters including Wightfibre works, overgrown vegetation, potholes and the overgrown grass on the pathway in the vicinity of the Spar at Apse Heath. Councillor Mosdell would speak with the landowner regarding the pathway.

## **116/23 CLERKS REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG.**

The Clerk reported as follows –

- 1.Hotspots for speeding sent to IWC – Response circulated.
- 2.E Mail sent to Island Roads re 30mph signs on Forest Road.
- 3.Noticeboard – Pete Morgan contacted, has said he will repair this week.
- 4.Donation of £275 made to Natural Enterprise re invasive species.
- 5.Comment to Planning sent re inaccurate information on 22/02229/FUL.
- 6.E Mail to IW Council re Island Roads responsibility to repair section of Newchurch High Street.
- 7.E Mail sent to Island Roads regarding provision of a dog bin at Parkway

## **117/23 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was contained elsewhere on the agenda.

## **118/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

The following applications were considered –

- 1.Change of use of land to provide a secure dog walking and training facility associated fencing and mobile field shelter. Land at West Meath Nursery Winford Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 23/01050/FUL  
Councillor Bevan declared an interest in this item as owner of a

- neighbouring property.
2. Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear extension; alterations; proposed detached self-contained annexe. 10 Forest Road Winford. Ref. No: 23/00969/FUL |
  3. Proposed agricultural barn extension; siting of two mobile units for staff welfare facilities and seasonal workers accommodation; external storage of agricultural plant/machinery within confines of landscaped bund. Part OS Parcel 2976 Off Apse Manor Road Shanklin/Ref. No: 23/00961.

- RESOLVED:**
1. That the following conditions be applied to application 1 above
    - a) Opening hours be restricted to 8am until 5pm.
    - b) Any recommendations made by Island Roads being effected.
    - c) That a suitable distance be kept between site activity and neighbouring premises.
    - d) That suitable planting or other measures be taken to minimise the impact of noise on neighbouring property.
  2. That a condition be applied to application 2 above, such that the proposed Annexe cannot be sold as a separate domestic hereditament and must remain in the same ownership as the main property.
  3. That no objection be made to application 3 above.

### **119/23 PLANNING DECISIONS.**

The following decisions had been circulated –

1. 23/00667/FUL | Conversion of barn to form a dwelling | Hill Farm Hill Top Newchurch. Refused
2. 23/00858/FUL | Proposed holiday unit with formation of vehicular access and parking | Harbors Lake Nursery, Harbors Lake Lane, Newchurch Granted
3. 23/00888/HOU | Proposed single storey side/rear extension, Cherry Tree House Youngwoods Way Alverstone Garden Village, Newchurch. Refused
4. 23/00890/HOU | Proposed Car Port | Culver View, Youngwoods Way, Alverstone Garden Village, Newchurch. Refused
5. 23/00936/CLPUD | Lawful Development Certificate for proposed demolition of existing garage and proposed replacement garage | Oakville, Alverstone Road, Newchurch. Refused

**RESOLVED:** That the decisions be noted.

### **120/23 BRANSTONE TO APSE HEATH FOOTPATH.**

IW Councillor Mosdell would contact the landowner regarding maintenance of the existing pathway and its future development. **CM**

### **121/23 CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Prior to the meeting there had been a site meeting commencing at 6.30pm.

It was agreed to action the following works –

- (i) Removal of compost and litter at the Bier Hut.
- (ii) Reinforce boundary restriction currently provided by a bench. IW & Hants Wildlife Trust to be asked for possible assistance in making site secure.
- (iii) Fixing of gate mechanism at adjacent to the Community Garden.
- (iv) Cutting back of bindweed in the Community Garden.

The Clerk would take responsibility for issuing instructions to enable completion of the above works. **GH**

### **122/23 PARISH HALL IMPROVEMENTS**

It was agreed to reconvene the previous Working Party and to ask Mr Gordon Bushell if he wished to be a member of such. Councillor Mosdell would investigate the cost of providing future heating by modern storage heaters. **CM**

### **123/23 PLANNING CONSULTATION**

It was agreed to respond to the consultation and this would form an agenda item for the August meeting. The Clerk would write to the IW Council Planning Officer regarding the inadequate notice given to attend a consultation event on the proposals. **GH**

### **124/23 PARISH COMMUNICATION**

Councillor Cripps had undertaken investigative work to research what other Town & Parish Councils were providing in respect of communication with their residents. He had been in contact with Jill Webster of IWALC who had shared what her local council at Chillerton were providing to their residents. It was agreed that a periodic newsletter would be useful, to include input from other local organisations such as the Church and the Newchurch Parish Sport & Community Association. It was agreed to approach former Parish Councillor, Mr John Earley, to see if he would be interested in coordinating a leaflet on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **125/23 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held in the Parish Hall at 7pm on Monday 21st August 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm

**CHAIRMAN**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2023**