

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 20TH JULY 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison, Earley and Mosdell.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

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

MINUTES

34/20 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Arblaster, Harris, Llewellyn and Vincent.

35/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Bevan declared a non pecuniary interest in item 4 of minute reference 42/20 below.

36/20 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17TH FEBRUARY 2020

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th February 2020.

37/20 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Clerk had circulated the reports for the months of April to July, during which period he and the Chairman had acted jointly in facilitating necessary payments. On the proposition of Councillor Earley, seconded by Councillor Davison, it was -

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports for April to July 2020.

38/20 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

IW Councillor Mosdell reported that the IW Council had just held its first virtual meeting. Over the lockdown period there had been huge issues with homelessness, with Housing using a hotel in Sandown to help accommodate the escalation of persons requiring accommodation. This use of a hotel had in turn brought complaints and problems with drug use. Speeding vehicles continued to be a major issue across the Island, discussions continued between the Isle of Wight Council and the Police Authority including the possible use of Community Speedwatch schemes.

39/20 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Earley reported on a possible enforcement issue at Grove Cottage, where the planning approval had a condition that vehicles should be able to enter and leave the site while moving forward. This was as contained in Planning Approval P01874 dated 13th February 2012. The parking area was now all gravel and vehicles were reversing into the highway, greatly impacting on highway safety.

Councillor Davison had spoken to the owner of the car that had been left in the car park. She also reported that some children were now back in school and that ? Shute was about to be resurfaced.

Councillor Mosdell reported that it appeared that persons were living permanently in caravans at Wacklands, she would monitor and enquire as to what action should be taken. Councillor Earley would also investigate and report to the Chairman.

Councillor Bevan reported that he had written to the new Vicar and that she had responded, it was hoped that the relationship between the Church and Parish Council would move forward in a positive way.

40/20 CLERKS REPORT

There was nothing to report on other than items contained elsewhere on the Agenda.

41/20 CORRESPONDENCE

Numerous documents received had been circulated by e mail from Councillor Davison. No matters were raised regarding the documents.

42/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Demolition of garage and porch; proposed single storey extension and alterations, 34 Woods Drive Winford Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/01028/HOU |
2. Proposed alterations and extensions to re-design bungalow to form chalet bungalow with Juliet balcony (Revised and amended design) 7 - 9 Forest Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/01003/HOU |
3. Removal of condition 4 on 19/00443/FUL to allow four holiday apartments to be used for residential use The Aviator Scotchells Brook Lane Lake. Ref. No: 20/00989/RVC |
4. Proposed single storey extension to create store room. Newchurch Recreation Ground Pavilion Watery Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/00904/FUL |
5. Agricultural prior notification for cabin and store. Land East Of Woodman's Way Skinners Hill Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/00895/6PA |
6. Prior approval for a single storey rear extension Sunset Hill Top Newchurch. 0NU. Ref. No: 20/00712/1APA | Received: Mon 04 May 2020.
7. Proposed dormer window on front elevation, Cleveland, Alverstone Road, Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/01091/FUL |
8. Proposed conservatory on front elevation, Whitely Bank Lodge Canteen Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/01071/HOU |

- RESOLVED:** (i) To make no objection to applications 1, 2, 7 & 8 above.
(ii) To support application 4 above
(iii) To object to application 3 above on the following grounds –
(a) There is no justified need for additional accommodation in this area.
(b) Highway safety by increased traffic volumes at this busy section of highway
(c) Where the junction has substandard levels of visibility.

Should this application be approved the Parish Council would support the condition recommended by Island Roads.

Note: Application 5 above had been refused.
Application 6 above had been approved.

43/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been received –

1. Proposed detached garage Land Adjacent The Ryes Newport Road Apse Heath. Ref. No: 20/00732/FUL | Granted.
2. Prior approval for a single storey rear extension Sunset Hill Top Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/00712/1APA | Granted.
3. Proposed single storey rear extension and shed to existing detached garage. The Grange Alverstone Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/00706/HOU | Granted
4. Proposed stables Land North Of Wacklands Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/00647/FUL | Granted
5. Proposed air condensing unit Wackland Farm Wacklands Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/00632/HOU | Granted

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

44/20 UKOG PLANNING APPLICATION AT ARRETON

Although this application fell in the parish of Arreton it was felt that it had a potential future impact on the parish of Newchurch. Councillor Llewellyn had advised by a written note that he felt no objection should be made as the applicant had not had the opportunity to put their case to the Parish Council, while the main organisation objecting to the application had addressed the Parish Council. After due consideration it was –

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council support the objection and comments made by Arreton Parish

Council.

45/20 IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH HALL

Councillor Bevan reported on two quotations that had been received for replacement windows and works at the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED: To accept the lowest quotation..

46/20 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

It was noted that A & S Limited who had provided the quote for the bridge had undertaken a number of works of good standard for the IW Council. It was agreed to continue with the no maintenance scheme as proposed prior to lockdown. The scheme had a positive impact on highway safety and the IWC and Island Roads assistance be sought and welcomed. It was agreed to thank Natasha for organising the 'Just Giving' Scheme for raising funds towards the proposed footbridge and that a further scheme be undertaken, together with approaches for funding from other local organisations.

47/20 ROAD SAFETY AND SPEED LIMITS

I was agreed that a Zoom meeting be sought with the Police Authority to discuss speeding and abusive drivers, it was suggested that points being applied to drivers licences could be a deterrent.

48/20 TRIMMING OF ROAD VERGES AND WILD FLOWERS

It was agreed to support a scheme such as that implemented in Rotherham, subject to it being selective of verges chosen so as to have no impact on highway safety.

49/20 LANDFILL AT KNIGHTON

No further information had been received from the IW Council, the Clerk would seek an update from Planning.

50/20 AGAR – ANNUAL REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR

51/20 AGAR - CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION

52/20 AGAR – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

53/20 AGAR – ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

The above items were deferred to a future meeting as the report of the Internal Auditor had yet to be received.

54/20 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2019-20

The Clerk had circulated the final accounts for the 2019-20 financial year.

Councillor Davison asked why no expenditure had been incurred against the budget for the water supply, the Clerk advised that the invoice had not been received until after the year end.

On the proposition of Councillor Early, seconded by Councillor Mosdell, it was –

RESOLVED: That the final accounts for 2019-20 be approved.

55/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 17th August 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.46pm

**CHAIRMAN
17 AUGUST 2020**