

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 21ST MARCH 2022.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk) Carol Flux (Natural Enterprise) and a member of the public.

7.00pm to 7.15pm time allocated for residents of Newchurch Parish to speak to the Council on Parish matters.

Carol Flux gave a presentation on the need to repel the growth of invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan Balsom, and the work of Natural Enterprise in the local area on this matter. A contribution to the work undertaken would be an agenda item for the April meeting.

MINUTES

32/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Mosdell

33/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Blezzard's previous declarations were noted. He also declared a non pecuniary interest in a licencing application at the Branstone development.

34/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2022

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2022.

35/22 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports

36/22 IW COUNCILLOR REPORT

There was nothing to report from IW Councillor Mosdell.

37/22 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Blezzard had attended a public consultation event in respect of the Parliamentary Boundary Review. He reported on a NALC briefing re assistance to Refugees and on local initiatives to provide assistance.

Councillor West gave an update on the proposed planting at the Community Garden.

Councillor Earley reported that both the Clerk and himself had carried out accuracy checks on the questionnaires received in respect of the proposed Right of Way at Wacklands. A number of returns would need to be returned for correction.

Councillor Davison reported on her surprise at the closure of Winford Road by Southern Water, with no apparent notice to the Parish Council or public. The Clerk would write to Southern Water and Island Roads requesting advance notice of future road closures.

Councillor Bevan had visited the new housing site at Branstone and was impressed with the quality of the homes on show.

38/22 CLERKS REPORT & PROGRESS LOG

The following items were reported by the Clerk –

1. Matters raised with Island Roads –
 - (i) Overgrown verge at Alverstone.
 - (ii) Pathway at Hairpin Bend.
 - (iii) Parking on verge at Watery Lane junction.
 - (iv) Road surface opposite Palmers Lane.
2. Car Park Notice and Application Form – Printed and ready to serve on three vehicles.
3. Wackland Notices – Checked by GH & JE and to be collected by CM.
4. Electric Car chargers – no action yet taken.
5. Annual Parish meeting – Guest Speaker from Hants & IW Wildlife Trust contacted.
6. E Mail to Hants & IW Wildlife Trust re fallen tree and storm damage. - Sent
7. Presence of Wardens and Hants Constabulary has continued at the school.

An updated Progress Log had been circulated and was noted, the installation of signage at the cemetery was confirmed as work that was still outstanding.

39/22 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter had been received from the Isle of Wight Council requesting the use of a number of car park spaces during a period of refurbishment works at the school. It was proposed that overnight parking should be restricted to the minibus vehicles and the request would form an April agenda item.

40/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Proposed single storey extension to the front elevation. Oakglen 6 Webster Way

- Alverstone Garden Village Newchurch. Ref. No: 22/00388/HOU |
2. Proposed balcony with privacy screen (revised scheme) 15 Ventnor Road
Newchurch. Ref. No: 22/00384/HOU |
3. Variation of condition 2 on 21/01971/HOU to allow relocation of entrance door
and porch. 21 Woodside Avenue Newchurch. Ref. No: 22/00421/RVC |

RESOLVED: To make no objection to the above applications.

Concern was expressed at the licencing application at the Branstone development
Regarding its proximity to existing households and the number of hours being
requested

41/22 PLANNING DECISIONS

There had been no decisions since the last meeting.

An appeal against the refusal of a planning application at 1 Mersley Cottages had
been dismissed.

42/22 BYE ELECTION

It was confirmed that there were two candidates for election and that a poll would
take place on Thursday 31st March.

43/22 QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE

It was agreed that the funding of the buffet would form an agenda item for the
April Parish Council meeting, the buffet to be organised by Councillors Davison,
Earley and Mosdell. It was agreed for a tree to be planted at the Church
grassed area in commemoration of the Jubilee.

44/22 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

It was reported that no progress had been made with obtaining funding
assistance from Island Roads or the IW Council to finance the cost of necessary
road closures for the installation of the bridge. If the request for funding assistance
was not approved, the costs would need to be met by the Parish Council for the
project to be completed. It was agreed that a report on the project should be sent to
IWALC for inclusion in its Parish News Bulletin.

45/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next monthly meeting was confirmed to be Wednesday 20th
April 2022 after the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting..

The meeting closed at 8.21pm

CHAIRMAN

20TH APRIL 2022

