

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7PM ON MONDAY 18TH MARCH 2024

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk) and four members of the public.

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

Four members of the public were in attendance to hear the outcome of the discussion of agenda item 44/24. It was agreed to bring the item forward on the agenda, to be considered after agenda item 35/24.

MINUTES

34/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

35/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Blezzard declared his previously declared interests.

36/24 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February 2024.

37/24 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

38/24 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Mosdell reported on ditching work at Alverstone Road, contact with Island Roads regarding speeding at Branstone, the proposed new Committee Structure at the IW Council and the impact on future schooling from falling school admissions.

39/24 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Blezzard would attend the IW Council meetings that were to consider future governance and the potential adoption of a Committee system. On the proposition of Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor Blezzard it was =

RESOLVED: To support the introduction of a Committee based administration.

Councillor Cripps reported that the Parish Meeting had generated positive feedback and it was important to follow up on actions proposed by attendee organisations. He also reported on the impact of road closures at Knighton and the possible public use of the Parish Hall conveniences, with regard to the

latter it was agreed to take no action at this time. The roadworks at Knighton were welcome but had omitted major potholes, drainage and water overflow from fields remained a problem that would need action from landowners.

Councillor Harris had been in touch with the IW Council regarding the muddy conditions at NC12. The recent months of heavy rainfall had however meant that this was a common scenario and NC12 was no worse than many other affected areas.

Councillor West reported on the apparent rat infestation in the vicinity of the bus stop across from the entrance to Parkway. Councillor Bevan had raised the matter with the Environment Officer who had provided a written response.

Councillor Jewell reported on the need for a rubbish bin at Woods Drive and that this could be achieved by the relocation of a less needed bin from another location. The relocation of the bin at Borthwood car park was suggested and this would be raised with the Environment Officer. Councillor Jewell also reported on overflowing manholes and drains that needed attention.

Councillor Bevan reported on two sites that he felt warranted investigation by the planning enforcement officer, one concerning the felling of trees at a site off the highway between Apse Heath and Lake, the second concerning the placement of a structure on land at a property at Harbors Lake.

40/24 CLERK'S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG

The following report had been circulated –

- 1.E Mail sent to Planning Cabinet Member re tipping at Knighton – no response.
- 2.Parish Hall roof insulation – Awaiting completion.
- 3.Gate at cemetery – nothing to report.
- 4.Build up of rubbish near Bier Hut – to discuss.
- 5.Access to cemetery – continued improper access and to consider a request regarding burials.
- 6.Flooding at Alverstone – Update.
- 7.New Police Officers – invite to Annual Parish Meeting.

The following actions were agreed –

- 1.To remove the gate at the cemetery (Item 3). **RB**
- 2.To instruct Eddie Read to clear the Bier Hut area (Item 4). Better management of the area was agreed to include the use of bins and signage. **GH**
- 3.To set up a meeting with Hants & IW Wildlife Trust regarding access to the cemetery (Item 5). It was agreed that additional fencing would be required to secure the site. **GH**

An e mail had been received from Island Roads regarding Item 6 above, advising that a work order had been placed for resurfacing work on 48sq metres of the cycleway at Alverstone.

41/24 CORRESPONDENCE

A request had been received from the PCC for a financial contribution towards the cost of paddles for the community defibrillator. It was agreed that this would form an agenda item for the April meeting.

42/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered –

- 1.Demolition of garage; proposed detached garage and sheppards hut; refurbishment of external elevations to include cladding and render; new upvc windows. Pollards Alverstone Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 24/00348/HOU |
- 2.Agricultural prior approval for agricultural storage barn, polytunnel, greenhouse and hardstanding.

Land To North Of Palmers Lane And Skinners Hill Newchurch. Ref. No: 24/00309/6PA |

3, Proposed single storey side/rear extension. Edelbrock Newport Road Apse Heath.

Ref. No: 24/00307/HOU |

4. Demolition of sheds; proposed detached annex. 2 Peartree Farm Cottages Canteen Road Newchurch.

Ref. No: 24/00265/FUL |

RESOLVED: 1. To make no objection to applications 1, 3 and 4 above.

2. That a condition be recommended regarding application 4 above to ensure that the ownership of the annexe must remain with the ownership of the main residence.

3. To object to application 2 above on the grounds of highway safety having regard to the creation of additional traffic on the narrow lane access. It was agreed that should the application be granted, that a condition be applied limiting the use of the site to production but not the selling of produce.

43/24 PLANNING DECISION

The following decision had been circulated –

23/02229/FUL | Demolition of existing dwelling; Replacement dwelling with parking and alterations to vehicular access | The Orchard Alverstone Road Newchurch. Granted

44/24 SPECIAL RESOLUTION

It was agreed to bring this item forward and it was considered after declarations of interest above.

The following resolution had been put forward by Councillor Bevan –

‘In accordance with the provision of Standing Order 35a I request that a ‘Special Resolution’ be included in the Agenda for next Monday to enable the Council to review its comments on Planning Application 24/00237/FUL (Proposed detached bungalow and vehicular access (revised scheme) at Land Adjacent 1 Forest Dell, Newchurch, PO36 0LG). This notice of the Special Resolution is supported by Cllrs Jewell, West and myself’.

RESOLVED: To object to the planning application identified in the Special Resolution on the following grounds –

1. Overdevelopment of the site.
2. The development would be out of character with surrounding property.
3. Potential impact on site drainage.

45/24 SERVICES FROM NALC

The following suggested draft resolution had been circulated by Councillor Blezzard –

“The Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils is of the view that NALC is overly bureaucratic in the way it responds to requests for advice from county associations and councils with direct access to NALC services. It therefore calls on NALC to simplify its procedures and to respond in a timely manner to requests for advice. In doing so NALC should abandon the requirement for councils to provide evidence that a request for advice has been formally agreed at a council meeting. Requests for advice should be open to council chairs, vice-chairs, senior officers and CALC committee representatives along with county officers/deputies and national assembly members.”

RESOLVED: That the resolution be agreed and recommended to IWALC. **GH**

46/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM PARISH MEETING

Notes of the meeting had been circulated by Councillor Cripps and Councillor Jewel had added comments regarding the content. The meeting had been well attended and considered to have been most worthwhile. After discussion it was agreed that the following matters were a priority.

1. Speeding – sites to be notified to Liz Clapp for the use of the Police Authority Speed Camera. It was also agreed to explore possible public interest in operating a Community Speed Watch scheme.
2. Newchurch Shute – implementation of a permanent weight restriction, the Clerk to write to Alan White of the IW Council. GH
3. It was agreed to give further consideration to the provision of a sandbag store that could be accessible to the community in the event of future flooding incidents.

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47/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 15th April 2024 at the conclusion of the Annual Parish Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

CHAIRMAN

15th APRIL 2024