

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 15TH MAY 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison, Earley, Harris and MacLennan.

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

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

Mr John Knox and his representative spoke of the intention to submit a new planning application regarding an agricultural barn at Apse Manor Road, a previous application having been declined in October 2016. The new application would address previous concerns regarding irrigation and highway safety and it was advised that the barn would be for storage purposes only. Mr Knox hoped for the Parish Council to give a positive response to the proposed new application.

Mrs Norah Boswell expressed her deep concern at the increased traffic through the village which she had seen continually worsen in recent years. Mrs Boswell thought road safety had been severely impaired, particularly for the young and elderly and that she was willing to act and support any proposals to remedy the current traffic situation.

MINUTES

60/17 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor's Rouse and Vincent.

61/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

62/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

RESOLVED: That Councillor Davison be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

63/17 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

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

RESOLVED: That Councillor Bevan be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

64/17 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES

The following appointments were approved –

Paths & Bridleways – Councillor Harris

Newchurch Sports & Community Association – Councillor Earley

Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils – Councillor Davison, Deputy Councillor MacLennan.

Health & Well Being Forum – Councillor Rouse subject to her acceptance of the position.

65/17 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12th APRIL 2017.

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

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved.

66/17 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

- RESOLVED:** (i) To approve the accounts for April 2017.
(ii) To approve payment of cheque numbers 2432 to 2437.

67/17 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

Isle of Wight Councillor Clare Mosdell had submitted a report which was read out by the Chairman. Councillor Mosdell had particular concerns regarding speeding traffic in certain areas of the parish, which she had researched prior to her election to the IW Council. There were particular resident concerns regarding Newchurch High Street, Newchurch Shute and Winford Cross to Springbank. She intended to meet with Island Roads District Steward concerning 20mph speed limit potential. It was agreed that it be requested that IWALC act as a coordinator re possible island wide 20mph speed limit areas. Councillor Mosdell gave her apology for absence due to a clash of dates with Arreton Parish Council but advised that she would be attending future meetings.

68/17 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Earley reported on the failure of Island Roads to deliver bins to residents on Old School Lane. Despite assurance that bins would be available from stock, a further six weeks had passed without delivery. It was agreed that the Clerk and IW Councillor Mosdell would pursue the matter with Island Roads. Councillor MacLennan asked about the possible relocation of telephone kiosks in the parish, but previous advice had been that relocation of the red kiosk in Newchurch was not an option. He also declared an interest in anything concerning traffic speed limits in Alverstone. Councillor Harris had completed a painting of the late Councillor Colin Richards, which portrayed an excellent likeness. It was agreed to seek the approval of Councillor Richards family to the placement of the portrait in the Parish Hall. Councillor Bevan reported that the potholes adjacent to Wacklands Lane had yet to be filled, although it was a month since they were inspected by Island Roads. He also advised on the importance of keeping record of the siting of the 'time capsule' which was located at the cemetery. Councillor Davison reported on available training by IWALC for new councillors, the Clerk would book a place in respect of Councillor MacLennan. She advised that internet provision for Owen Ratcliffe was being considered by BT and the outcome should be heard shortly. It was agreed to ask Mr Read to do some tidying and pruning to the front of the Parish Hall. Councillor Downer reported on the latest IWALC meeting including the future of the Military Road at Afton.

It was agreed that Winford Community Association (via 5 Forest Way) be consulted regarding the cooption of a Parish Councillor.

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted and agreed actions taken.

69/17 CLERK TO REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE MEETING

The Clerk had circulated a list of correspondence.

RESOLVED: That the correspondence be noted

70/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. TCP/17753/D: Harbors Lake Harbors Lake Lane Newchurch. Holiday lodge 2 no barns for storage and holiday facilities change of use of field for siting of 5 no holiday shepherds huts alterations to vehicular access onto Watery Lane and Harbors Lake Lane (revised scheme).
2. TCP/05263/R: Hillcrest House High Street Newchurch. Householder Application Proposed single storey side extension.
3. TCP/33051: land adjacent Queenbower Dairy Alverstone Road Queen Bower. Proposed detached dwelling.
4. TCP/32882/A: Land to north of The Garlic Farm Mersley Lane Newchurch. Proposed games room/amenity cabin ancillary to approved holiday yurts

RESOLVED (i) To object to application 1 above on the same grounds as to application TCP/17753/C, the previous application on this site.

(ii) To make no objection to applications 2, 3 and 4 above.

71/17 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions had been received -

1. TCP/21350/B: Arkley Wackland Lane Newchurch. Proposed stables. Approved.
2. TCP/12139/A: Linden Oaks Youngwoods Way Alverstone Garden Village. Householder Application Demolition of conservatory on front elevation proposed replacement single storey extension new entrance steps. Approved
3. TCP/33000: Land to rear of Winchfield Cottage Wackland Lane Newchurch. Proposed demolition of store proposed holiday chalet. Withdrawn
4. TCP/07164/C: Copperfields Youngwoods Way Alverstone Garden Village Sandown. Householder Application Proposed Garden Room and Store. Approved
5. LBC/32915/A: Spicers Bridge The Shute Newchurch. Variation of condition 2 and removal of condition 4 on P/01699/16 LBC/32915 to allow alterations to approved bridge strengthening Works. Approved
6. TCP/33016: 41 Woods Drive Apse Heath Sandown. Householder Application Proposed replacement roof and extension to garage conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation alterations. Approved
7. TCP/32832: Isle Of Wight Airport Ltd Isle Of Wight Airport Scotchells Brook Lane Sandown. Retention and refurbishment of the cafe and wash facilities 6 new hanger units 10 tourism camping pods retention of caravan for rest / mess room for pilots. Approved

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

72/17 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE RE MR COLIN RICHARDS

The Clerk reported that the existing two signs which had worn had been removed and that they and the plaque for Mr Colin Richards were expected to be placed in the Community Garden prior to the next meeting.

73/17 CAR PARKING OUTSIDE OF POST OFFICE

The Clerk reported that Mr Ratcliffe had been unable to open on further occasions. A letter had been circulated to local residents outlining the risk of the Post Office having to close on a permanent basis if parked cars continued to prevent Mr Ratcliffe from opening. The Chairman reported that the letter had been well received by local residents. The Clerk was awaiting a response from County Hall and Island Roads re the options for road markings to prevent parking outside the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the Clerk follow up the request regarding road markings.

74/17 PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Clerk reported that the new website was available to view, its domain name being newchurchparish.co.uk. All details from the old site had been transferred and the Clerk was now able to proceed with the placement of outstanding website copies of minutes and agenda. The new site would now be available to publish the requirements of the transparency code for smaller authority's. The new website provider had tried to make contact with Parish Council.Net (the old website provider) but no response had been forthcoming.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

75/17 QUEEN BOWER CAR PARK – PARKING & SIGNAGE

It was reported that the parked car had now been removed and it was agreed that the Clerk order a replacement sign for the car park.

76/17 ROADWORKS & SPEEDING LIMITS

A member of the public and IW Councillor Clare Mosdell had previously expressed to the meeting their deep concern regarding traffic volumes and speed limits in the village and on sections of highway in the parish. The newly installed temporary traffic lights at Spicers Bridge were seen as detrimental to road

safety rather than improving it, with increased speeds resulting as vehicles 'race' the changing lights. It was agreed to pass this message to Island Roads.

77/17 OCCUPANCY OF SITES AT HARBORS LAKE AND WACKLANDS

No further observations had been made since the last meeting and it was agreed to make this an Agenda item for the June meeting.

78/17 COMMUNITY GRANT – UPDATE

Councillor Davison advised that she had sought an update on the latest position with the grant award. The school was awaiting confirmation of the grant award towards a minibus.

79/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place at 7.30pm on Monday 19th June 2017 in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm

CHAIRMAN

19TH JUNE 2017