

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2024

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

MINUTES

63/24 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

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

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

64/12 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

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

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

65/12 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following appointments were approved -

IWALC – Councillor Blezzard.

NPSCA – Councillor Jewell.

It was also agreed to nominate Councillor Blezzard to be the IWALC representative to NALC, to be NALC Assembly member and HIOWLGA member and also that Sue Hardy be supported to remain IWALC Treasurer.

66/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Mosdell.

67/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Blezzard declared his previously declared interests.

68/24 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2024.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2024.

69/24 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

70/24 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

No report had been received.

71/24 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Councillor Blezzard reported that the Isle of Wight Council had agreed to introduce a Committee based system of administration, to replace the current Cabinet based model. He also advised that the IW Council had made some recent progress with the development of the Island Planning Strategy.

Councillor Cripps enquired regarding a response from Island Roads further to comments made by the Parish Council on resurfacing works undertaken at Alverstone cycleway. The Clerk advised that a response was still to be received.

Councillor Jewell reported on the policy of Island Roads for the maintenance of drains, overflowing drains were becoming an increasing problem in many areas of the island. He was also concerned at the size of vehicles using narrow lanes in the parish, in particular the area around Newchurch Shute, regarding which he produced photographic evidence. Parking on pavements at Chambers Drive continued to be a problem, he had been advised that it was a matter for the police but no response had been received following his approach to them regarding the situation. A solution had yet to be found in respect of the bin provision and emptying requirement at Parkway, Winford, it was agreed that this matter needed to be pursued with urgency and to ask Southern Housing if they were able to be of assistance with funding. Councillor West confirmed her support regarding the need to resolve this matter.

Councillor Davison enquired whether any response from IW Council Building Control regarding the apparent instability of Poplar Cottage on Newchurch High Street. The Clerk advised that he had not received a written response but had observed a site inspection taking place in recent days. The Clerk would write again to request an update on the situation from Building Control. She also enquired regarding the timing of the gas meter removal from the Parish Hall. **GH**

Councillor Bevan asked if any Councillor had observed/witnessed any police activity regarding the enforcement of speed limits in the parish, no activity was reported.

72/24 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.Build up of rubbish near Bier Hut – Eddie Read instructed.
- 4.Letter to Alan White regarding weight restriction – Sent, no response.
- 5.Access to cemetery – Site meeting held with Jamie Marsh and Jason French. Plots needed for digger access were identified. No further action identified regarding pedestrian access.
- 6.Relocation of dog bins – Councillor Jewel to attend site meeting with Environment Officer.
- 7.E Mail sent to Building Control regarding the stability of Poplar Cottage.
- 8.E Mail sent to Island Roads regarding inconsistency of resurfacing works at the cycle path at Alverstone.
9. Gas supply at Parish Hall, arrangements made with British Gas.

With regard to item 5 above the Clerk would clarify with Jason French the exact nature of the access requirements for vehicles and monuments.

73/24 CORRESPONDENCE.

All correspondence had been circulated by E Mail.

74/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were considered –

1. Proposed detached outbuilding to form ancillary accommodation
2 Peartree Farm Cottages Canteen Road Newchurch Ref. No: 24/00627/HOU.
2. Listed Building Consent for alterations and extension to form sunroom; addition of a veranda to courtyard; replacement doors and windows on both the house and the granary; replace the upvc gutter with cast iron; internal changes to the ground floor; new air source heat pump.
Lower Knighton Farm Lower Knighton Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 24/00594/LBC |

Two further applications were reported, which would be considered at the June meeting.

RESOLVED: To make no objection to the applications.

75/24 PLANNING DECISIONS.

The following decisions had been received –

1. 24/00348/HOU | 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. Granted
2. 24/00307/HOU | Proposed single storey side/rear extension. | Edelbrock Newport Road Apse Heath. Granted
3. 24/00265/FUL | Demolition of sheds; proposed detached annex | 2 Peartree Farm Cottages Canteen Road Newchurch. Withdrawn.

76/24 PARISH PICNIC

The prospect of an event had been displayed on social media to ascertain the level of interest in the holding of an event. Having regard to the small number of responses received, it was -

RESOLVED: Not to proceed with an event, but to pass thanks to Newchurch Parish Sport & Community Association for their kind offer to host an event at Watery Lane.

77/24 ACTION PLAN

The Clerk had circulated an Action Plan for the 2024-25 year, detailing proposed activity of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: That the Action Plan be approved.

78/24 HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

The Parish Council has responsibilities in respect of Health and Safety legislation and it was -

RESOLVED: To approve the Health & Safety Policy as presented by the Clerk.

79/24 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY POLICY.

The Clerk had circulated an Equality & Diversity Policy for consideration.

RESOLVED: To approve the Equality & Diversity Policy as presented.

80/24 TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT POLICY.

The Clerk had circulated a policy for consideration.

RESOLVED: To approve the policy subject to amendments to paragraph 3(d), a revised paragraph to be presented for approval at the June meeting.

81/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 17th June 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.10

CHAIRMAN

17th June 2024