

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7PM ON MONDAY 16th OCTOBER 2023

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

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

There were no questions from the public.

MINUTES

155/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Blezzard.

156/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

157/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th September 2023

158/23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

159/23 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

IW Councillor Mosdell reported on what had been a difficult period at the IW Council, with a change in leadership and consideration of administrative and management structures.

160/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Davison reported on a broken stile in Palmers Lane, the Clerk to advise Island Roads. **GH** There was to be a consultation regarding IW Council polling arrangements, Councillor Davison had attended the recent IWALC meeting and reported on training being offered in Finance and on Planning She also reported on the appointment of a new Communications Officer and an Ethics framework that was going to be looked at in the new year.

Councillor Jewell reported on the vandalised gate at the steps in the cemetery, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the PCC with a proposal for the removal of the gate. **GH**. He also reported on a Highway issue at Chambers Drive on speeding traffic and an incident at Alverstone Road.

Councillor Mosdell reported that the weather conditions had accentuated the need to increase the frequency of grass cutting to hedges and paths in the parish and across the island. It was agreed to write to Rights of Way requesting an increase in cuts as necessary. **GH**

Councillor West reported that the Red Van had been moved out of the Queen Bower car park and was now parked on Alverstone Road.

Councillor Bevan had met with a contractor concerning the provision of new more efficient heating for the Parish Hall and a quotation would be available for the November meeting. **RB**

161/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG

The Clerk reported as follows –

- 1.E Mail sent to Island Roads regarding provision of a waste bin at Parkway – no response.
- 2.E Mail sent to Olly Boulter re tipping at Knighton – no response.
- 3.Red van removed from Queen Bower car park. Form sent to DVLC re Mini Cooper in School Lane car park.
- 4.E Mail sent to IWC re Queen Bower car park agreement.
- 5.Contact point at NALC requested from IWALC in respect of provision of legal advice.
- 6.E Mail sent again to Island Roads concerning condition of cycleway north of Station House, Alverstone. Response received advising IR had no identified problems. E Mail sent requesting a site meeting, also containing reference to removal of Himalayan Balsom.
- 7.Transfer of £20k from current account to savings account completed.

The District Steward of Island Roads, Geoff Pidgeon, had made contact to agree a site visit in respect of item 6 above, the Clerk would arrange a suitable time. **GH**

Councillor Bevan asked the Clerk to follow up on the proposed boundary works at the cemetery by Hants & IW Wildlife Trust and on the request made regarding the adoption of the Pedestrian Bridge. **GH**

162 /23 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence received other than that reported under other items.

163/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No applications had been received since the September meeting.

164/23 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been circulated-

1. Lawful Development Certificate to establish legal commencement of permission P/01591/11 (construction of 2/3 storey blocks of 42 units of holiday accommodation with associated swimming pools; alterations to vehicular access (revised scheme) Land At Sandown Airport Newport Road Sandown. Granted
2. Demolition of garage; Proposed replacement garage.Oakville Alverstone Road Newchurch. Granted

165/23 BRANSTONE TO APSE HEATH FOOTPATH – UPDATE

IW Councillor Mosdell was to arrange a meeting to include the IW Council Cabinet Member, Darrel Clarke, and Mr Bevis. **CM**

166/23 PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor Bevan had approached Rosey Messing as to whether she would consider being involved in production of a Newsletter. Unfortunately due to personal commitments she was unable to get involved. It was agreed to ask the IW College if there was any way that they could assist, possibly by it forming an aspect of project work. **GH**

167/23 WREATH DONATION

RESOLVED: That a donation of £100 be approved under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972. **JD**

168/33 STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had circulated an updated version of the Parish Council Standing Orders. On the proposition of Councillor Jewell, seconded by Councillor Cripps, it was -

RESOLVED: That the updated Standing Orders be approved.

169/33 CAR PARKS

The Clerk advised that he had sought advice regarding the process of obtaining legal advice from NALC regarding the Parish Council's legal powers in respect of the removal of vehicles from its car parks. He had also written to the Isle of Wight Council regarding the expired licence agreement for the car park at Queen Bower, clarification was required regarding the current responsibility for maintenance work at the site.

Discussion took place regarding the possible extension of the car park at School Lane whose users were principally those with children attending the school. At the time of the previous minor resurfacing works at the car park it had been advised that major works would be required in the foreseeable future at a potential cost of £50k (pre Covid prices). It was agreed not to pursue extending the car park.

170/33 PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

Discussion took place regarding the IW Council potentially providing a local enforcement service towards which the Parish Council would be required to make a financial contribution.

RESOLVED: To take no action.

171/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be MONDAY 20th November 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm

CHAIRMAN

20th NOVEMBER 2023