

## **NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Gareth Hughes**

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**A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Siobhan West, the newly co-opted councillor to the meeting.

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

Two written questions had been received. The first expressed disappointment that Councillor Mosdell had submitted a retrospective planning application and asked what action the Parish Council proposed to take. It was noted that Councillor Mosdell was not present at the meeting and was therefore unable to defend herself. A proposal to defer consideration of this matter until Councillor Mosdell was present fell. The Chairman advised that he had spoken to the Monitoring Officer who had expressed the view that as this was action taken by Councillor Mosdell in a private capacity it was not a code of conduct issue. It was however open to anyone who did not agree to make a formal code of conduct complaint to the Monitoring Officer. It was agreed that the Parish Council has no further role to play in this matter and the Chairman will advise the member of the public accordingly. **RB** The second written question was in relation to the appeal against refusal of planning permission for a development at Apse Heath drawing attention to the appellant not having addressed the concerns of objectors in his appeal submission. This matter is on the agenda and was dealt with under Minute 107/21.

### **MINUTES**

#### **97/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Mosdell (on Isle of Wight Council business) and Mr G Hughes (Clerk) (compassionate reasons). In the absence of the Clerk the minutes were taken by Councillor Blezzard.

#### **98/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Blezzard declared his membership of Havenstreet and Ashe Parish Council, The IWALC Executive Committee, THE NALC Assembly, SERCAF and HIOWLGA.

## **99/21 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2021**

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021 subject to the following amendment:

Minute 86/21 13<sup>th</sup> line: Delete “IW Council and insert “IWALC.” **GH**

### **100/21 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

Members had before them a summary of receipts and payments for June and a schedule of payments for approval. Concern was expressed that a bill in the sum of £234 from Groundsells seemed excessive. It was also understood that £166 was owed to Southern Electric even though the village hall had been closed for 18 months.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the financial report for June and payment of the July invoices with the exception of the Groundsells and Southern Electric invoices with authority to pay these being delegated to the Chairman and Clerk if satisfactory explanations for the amounts of the bills are provided. **RB/GH**

### **101/21 IW COUNCILLOR’S REPORT**

In the absence of Councillor Mosdell no report was given.

### **102/21 PARISH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Councillor Whittaker reported broken glass by the car park.

Councillor Davison reported that the potholes in High Street at its intersection with Palmers Lane are getting worse. This needs to be followed up with the District Steward and/or Island Roads. **GH** Councillor Davison referred to the Arreton oil drilling and suggested looking at the Arreton Parish Council submission **ALL** It was comments noted that already submitted by the Parish Council are based on those submitted by Arreton. Councillor Davison referred to 1 letter from County Councillor John Medland advising that parish councils can apply for 75% funding towards the cost of the installation of electric car charging points. It was agreed to contact Councillor Medland to express interest in the scheme with a view to an installation in the School Lane car park or outside the Parish Hall. **GH** Councillor Davison advised that she had spoken to Julian Wadsworth, the Community Resilience Officer for The Bay area which includes Newchurch. It was agreed to invite him to attend a future meeting. **GH** Councillor Davison advised the meeting that the nursery at the school which is privately operated is to close. Neither the school nor the Isle of Wight Council have been formally advised. It is hoped the school will take over running the nursery. Noted.

Councillor West reported that Borthwood car park is overgrown. It was agreed to ask Eddie Read to remove the growth and also suggested that members look at it. **RB/JE/GH**

Councillor Early reported that he had twisted the car park sign into the correct position to stop people going in the wrong way. Noted.

Councillor Harris reported that the Palmers Lane and Skinners Hill hedges need trimming. This is the responsibility of the Isle of Wight Council through Island Roads. It was agreed to ask Island Roads to deal with this after the bird nesting season. **GH**

Councillor Blezzard reported that the Island Plan Review public consultation period will run from the end of July until the end of September. It will need to be an agenda item for the August parish council meeting. **GH** Councillor Blezzard asked if the Newchurch French twinning was still active. It was reported that it had been inactive for a number of years although some funds were held on behalf of the twinning association. Councillor Blezzard offered to undertake some research into the possibility of restoring the links. **BB**

Councillor Bevan reported that he and Councillor Davison had met with the Clerk a week ago and had undertaken his annual appraisal. Noted. Councillor Bevan referred to his draft letter to the Police and others on the subject of speeding through the village.. Members were invited to submit any suggested amendments **ALL** Councillor Bevan referred to the site visit which had taken place at the cemetery and community garden prior to the meeting. Brambles need removing from the community garden and Rights of Way at County Hall need to be asked to attend to the steps which are in need of maintenance. In the cemetery ivy needs to be removed, coping stones replaced and sycamore trees and brambles cut back. Trimming of the southern boundary should be delayed until after the bird nesting season. **GH**

### **103/21 CLERK'S REPORT**

1. Quotations for fencing at cemetery: three circulated
2. Drain at Palmers Lane: email to Island Roads
3. Instruct Eddie Read re front of Parish Hall. Work completed.
4. Hilltop Farm, use for holiday accommodation, refurbished stables. Enforcement Team advised.
5. Website updates: To commence in July. **GH**
6. Electricity reading at Parish Hall: Undertaken.
7. Council Tax Support Grant: email sent to IW Councillor Jarman.
8. Letter to Police and Crime Commissioner: Chairman circulated a draft. **RB**
9. Email of thanks to Sue Nye re litter collection: Completed and sent.
10. Concrete crushing machine at Longlands Lane: Enforcement Team advised.
11. Laurel Cottage use for holiday accommodation: enforcement Team advised.

It was noted that painting of the woodwork at the front of the Parish Hall was missed off. Councillor Harris will deal with this **RH**

### **104/21 CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence that was not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

## **105/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following application was considered:

Demolition of conservatory; Proposed single/two storey extension; alterations: Queen Bower Farm, Alverstone Road, Newchurch. Ref. No 21/01248/HOU

**RESOLVED:** To make no objection to this application.

## **106/21 PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted the following planning decisions:

1. 21/00827/HOU: Proposed porch including WC, 1 Woods Drive, Winford, Newchurch: Granted
2. 21/00803/HOU: Proposed single storey extension, St Mary's Cottage, Alverstone Road, Newchurch: Granted
3. 21/00723/HOU: Proposed alterations and change of use of garage and store, Laurel Cottage, Dyers Lane, Newchurch. Refused.

## **107/21 PLANNING APPEAL**

Proposed development at Ventnor Road, Apse Heath.

Public concern had been expressed that the applicant in his submission to the Planning Inspectorate had failed to properly address the concerns of objectors.

**RESOLVED:** That a letter be sent to the Planning Inspectorate drawing attention to public concern about the applicant's failure to address the concerns of objectors in his appeal submission. **GH**

## **108/21 IWALC NOMINATIONS**

Members were advised that the IWALC AGM will take place shortly and it is open to the Parish Council to submit nominations for officer posts and appointments to outside bodies.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council submits the following nominations for consideration at the 2021 IWALC AGM:

Chair: Councillor Diana Conyers (Fishbourne Parish Council)

Vice Chair: Councillor Mick Lyons (Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council)

Treasurer: Councillor Sue Hardy (Lake Parish Council)

NALC National Assembly Representative: Councillor Bob Blezzard (Newchurch and Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council). and to appoint Councillor Blezzard as the Parish Council's Deputy IWALC representative. **BB**

## **109/21 QUOTATIONS FOR FENCING WORK AT CEMETERY**

Members had before them the following three quotes for carrying out fencing works at the cemetery:

RB and SJ Cheek: £1,200

County Fencing: £1,371

JR Fencing and Sons Ltd: £1,998 exc. VAT

It was noted that the three quotes appeared to have varying specifications and a proposal to defer consideration to the next meeting to allow a standard specification to be produced fell.

**RESOLVED:** that the quotation by J R Fencing and Sons Ltd in the sum of £1,998 excluding VAT to carry out fencing works at the cemetery be accepted. **GH**

## **110/21 PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Members had before them a submission to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) by Havenstreet and Ashey Parish Council which proposed an amendment to the BCE proposal for the boundary between the two Isle of Wight constituencies which will be created as part of the 2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review. Under the BCE proposal Newchurch will be detached from the Bay and included in the West Isle of Wight constituency whereas under the Havenstreet and Ashey proposal Newchurch will be in the East Isle of Wight constituency along with The Bay.

**RESOLVED:** That Newchurch Parish Council supports the proposed Parliamentary boundary split in the Havenstreet and Ashey submission and uses the submission as a template for the Parish Council's own submission to the Boundary Commission for England. **BB/GH**

## **111/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2021

**The meeting closed at 8.42pm**

**CHAIRMAN**

**16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2021**

