

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH, AT 7PM ON MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2022.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

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

MINUTES

163/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Councillor Mosdell.

164/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Blezzard declared his previously recorded interests.

Councillor's Bevan and Earley declared an interest in planning application 22/01548 below.

165/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2022

On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard seconded by Councillor Messing, it was

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th October 2022, subject to two agreed amendments.

166/22 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports subject to the addition of the following payments under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 –

All Saints PCC	£42 Donation Church Tower.
Royal British Legion	£100 Donation Wreath.

167/22 IW COUNCILLOR REPORT

Disappointment was expressed that no report had been received from IW Councillor Mosdell.

168/22 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Davison advised that she and three other Councillors had attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at All Saints. She reported on new potholes at Knighton Lane and some repaired potholes which were already in need of further attention. It was agreed to write to Island Roads regarding new potholes and the inadequacy of already undertaken repairs. **GH** She felt the Road Safety item held at the recent IWALC meeting could have been more comprehensive in its content. The Cost of Living crisis would be discussed at the next IWALC meeting when a presentation organised by Ventnor Town Council would be received. She also advised that the IW Council was expecting Town & Parish Councils to increase funding of voluntary organisations as IW Council funding for such was diminishing due to its budget pressures, this subject would form an agenda item as part of the Parish Council budgetary process for the 2023-24 financial year. Planning enforcement would also form an item for discussion by IWALC.

Councillor Harris reported on two loose manhole covers at Apse Heath in the area of the mini roundabout. Clerk to advise Island Roads. **GH**

Councillor Earley reported on two outstanding enforcement issues which had yet to be resolved by planning, these related to the use of two sites for tourism accommodation which had no planning approval for such, the Clerk would write to the Enforcement Team to seek an update in respect of both sites. **GH**

Councillor Messing gave an update on Beating the Bounds, a review currently being undertaken on the island provision of NHS Dentistry and on the next stage of Wightfibre works in Newchurch. It was agreed to ask Wightfibre/Island Roads as to what steps were being proposed to alleviate highway congestion (especially during 'school run' times) during the forthcoming period of works. **GH**

169/22 CLERKS REPORT & PROGRESS LOG

The Clerk had circulated the following report -

1. Matters raised with Island Roads
 - (i) Surface of Youngwoods Way
 - (ii) Parking on verge at Watery Lane junction.
 - (iii) Road surface opposite Palmers Lane
2. Wackland Notices – Application made and questionnaires delivered, more can follow while application process takes place.
3. Electric Car chargers – Costings are a November agenda item.
4. Parish Hall Improvements – Exterior painting agreed to be undertaken in the spring.
5. Planning Enforcement – New 'Community' at Hill Farm reported to Planning, response received, an enforcement case had already been opened. No further information received.
8. Letter to Southland Holiday Park – Sent.
9. Vectis Fire & Security – contacted again re Fire Door, no response received to date. Fire Service to be asked re assistance. **GH**
10. Noticeboard at Forest Way – Repair completed.
11. Letter to Malcom Smith re Speeding Enforcement. Draft Letter

circulated prior to October meeting, comments from Parish Councillors awaited. Letter to be sent as previously presented. GH

12. letter to IWC re Strategic Plan implementation – sent.
13. letter to Island Roads re no caravan signage – sent, response received, ongoing.
14. letter to Southern Housing re cost of living information – sent, response received, The Clerk had also received contact details for advice from the IW Council, which would be placed on the website and noticeboards. GH
15. Items for website – Newchurch Network and November Bulletin now on website. Update at November meeting.

170/22 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is covered elsewhere on the agenda.

171/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey infill extension and orangery/conservatory.
1 Hollowood Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 22/01923/HOU |
2. Proposed two holiday lodges with vehicular access and parking. Land to North of Palmers Lane and Skinners Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 22/01850/FUL
3. Proposed construction of three detached bungalows with detached garages and parking and associated service road. Land Between Bobtail Cottage And White Dymes, (part Of Westmeath) Winford Road, Newchurch/ Ref. No: 22/01548/FUL/
4. Demolition of garage; Proposed single storey side extension
40 Forest Road Newchurch. Ref. No. 22/02045/HOU |
5. Proposed external platform lift, retaining wall, railings, landscaping.
8 Ventnor Road Newchurch Sandown Ref. No: 22/01841/HOU |

RESOLVED: (i) To make no objection to application 1 above.

(ii) To object to application 2 above and support the comments of Island Roads. This site is also considered to be satisfactory agricultural land and that a change of use to a tourism site should not be permitted.

(iii) Councillor's Bevan and Earley declared an interest in application 3 above, and left the meeting and took no part in the consideration of the application. Councillor Davison was appointed Chairman for this item and after due consideration it was resolved to object to the application on the following grounds –

- (a) Highway Safety and to support the comments of Island Roads.
- (b) Detrimental to the amenity of neighbouring property.
- © Insufficient local infrastructure to support further

- development.
- (d) Out of character with surrounding area.

Councillor's Bevan and Earley returned to the meeting after consideration of this application had been completed.

- (iv) To make no objection to application 4 above.
- (v) To make no objection to application 5 above subject to the resolution of any safety concerns that may be identified arising from the proposed works.

172/22 PLANNING DECISION

The following decision was noted –

22/01573/RVC | Variation of condition 2 on 19/00984/HOU to allow alterations to the size/depth of the single storey extension | 1 Mersley Farm Cottages Mersley Lane Newchurch. Approved

173/22 ELECTRONIC CAR CHARGING POINTS

The Clerk had been in contact with suppliers of charging units and companies who offered a management service for their operation, information regarding which had been circulated to Councillor's. Councillor Messing also gave advice from her personal experience as an owner of an electric vehicle. There were many firms now operating in this market and having regard to the cost of acquisition of charging units, the announcement of car tax changes on electric vehicles and the current instability of fuel prices it was –

RESOLVED: To defer further consideration until the next financial year.

174/22 COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor Messing gave an update on the Newchurch Network and Newchurch Newsletter documents which were now contained on the website and noticeboards. Councillor Messing had also arranged for delivery of paper versions to a number of local organisations and premises. She had encountered a difficulty with the operation of the website, which would be investigated with the Clerk.

The potential for holding Parish Council hosted coffee mornings was discussed and Councillor Messing would investigate the Pavilion at Watery Lane as a potential venue. **RM**. She also advised that she understood that all Parish Council Agenda should be signed by the Clerk.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked Councillor Messing for her works.

175/22 REPORT ON BRANSTONE STAKEHOLDERS MEETING

Councillor Blezzard had circulated his report on the recent meeting which had been attended by himself and Councillor Messing. It was reported that a quiz night was to be held to assist raising funds for a defibrillator. A number of possible site enhancements had also been identified and these would be discussed further at

the next Stakeholder Meeting scheduled for February. The Clerk would investigate the current commitment against Section 106 monies in respect of this development.

176/22 PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW PROPOSALS

Councillor Blezzard gave an update on the latest proposals and associated boundaries based on an East/West geographic division.

RESOLVED: That the current proposals be supported and Councillor Blezzard write to advise the review in support of the proposals. **BB**

177/22 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council would be held at 7pm in the Parish Hall on Monday 12th December 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.44pm

**CHAIRMAN
12TH DECEMBER 2022**