

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 21ST OCTOBER 2019.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison, Earley, Llewellyn and Mosdell.

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

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

A resident asked regarding the Island Strategic Planning process, in particular regarding to a planning application that was on the agenda for the meeting. He also enquired as to what action the Parish Council was going to undertake regarding the energy scheme being proposed at Arreton. Numerous other questions were raised by residents concerning the planning application in respect of land at Apse Heath.

The Chairman gave appropriate responses and invited those present to stay and listen to the deliberations of the Parish Council meeting.

MINUTES

181/19 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Harris and Vincent.

182/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

183/19 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16TH SEPTEMBER 2019

On the proposition of Councillor Earley, seconded by Councillor Llewellyn it was -

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019 be approved.

184/19 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports for September 2019.

185/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Having regard to the number of members of the public present it was unanimously agreed to bring this item forward on the agenda from that advertised. The following applications were considered –

1. Demolition of attached garage; creation of garage (no. 31); formation of new vehicular access; construction of 9 dwellings with garaging, parking and associated landscaping. 31 Ventnor Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 19/01090/FUL.
2. Retention of additional car parking area (revised scheme). Land Opposite ICR (IOW) Ltd Sandown Airport Embassy Way Lake. Ref. No: 19/01172/FUL.
3. Proposed single storey rear extension. 62 Forest Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 19/01091/HOU |

RESOLVED:

1. It was unanimously agreed to object strongly to application 1 above on the grounds of highway safety, insufficient infrastructure to support such development, out of character with existing village ambience etc. It was agreed to fully support the comments on the application that had been submitted by Mrs Charlotte Howlett on 16th October 2019.
2. Not to object to application 2 above subject to all of the conditions put forward by Island Roads being met.
3. To make no objection to application 3 above.

186/19 PLANNING DECISIONS

No decisions had been received since the September meeting.

187/19 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Mosdell reported that there had been no children in Bed & Breakfast accommodation for over six weeks. IW Shelter was also receiving government funding.

With regard to traffic passing Princelett Cottage she was seeking width restriction signage at both ends of the stretch of highway. Action was also being taken to end the dumping of rubbish adjacent to the school which was a potential attraction for vermin. An invitation would be sought for Councillor Bevan to attend a meeting regarding speed and weight restriction of traffic. She would provide updates on planning enforcement at Mersley Lane and on traffic problems at Ventnor Road, Apse Heath.

..188/19 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Earley reported on his success in getting Island Roads to provide certain road bollards. He also reported on the planning issue at Longlands Lane, for which a planning application had yet to be received.

Councillor Davison reported on a traffic congestion incident in School Lane caused by a parked car. She advised that the Refuse Freighter was now visiting the village at 3pm on Thursdays coinciding with school leaving traffic - Councillor Mosdell would contact the appropriate IW Council officer. Councillor Davison also updated on the recent IWALC meeting where the effect of 5G on health was considered.

Councillor Bevan advised on the planning consent that had been granted by officers of IW Council re Popes Farm access. He reported on illegal shooting of rabbits on public land and would supply the Clerk with the necessary details to inform the police authority. Councillor Bevan also reported on the following matters –

1. That Parish Reports were now being put on the website but would continue to be also be contained in the magazine.
2. That the meeting re ‘fracking’ would be held at 7.40pm in the Parish Hall on Monday 28th October, a further meeting would be arranged with the proposed developer so as to gather all relevant information regarding the proposed scheme at Arreton.
3. The need for the owners of property in Palmers Lane to remove debris from hedgecutting, the Clerk would ask Island Roads to contact the owners.

189/19 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported on the following items from the August Action List –

1. Clerk to meet Nigel Earley for advice on tree pruning in cemetery.
2. Write to Clare expressing thanks for all her work – letter sent.
3. Update Standing Orders – updated and circulated.
4. Investigate Parish Magazine link to website.- Parish newsletters being placed on website.
5. Instruct Mr Read and Groundsell re work required at Community Garden – instructed.
6. Land Registry – commence to register Parish Hall – to proceed in October.
7. Presentation with Godshill Parish Council re Arreton Energy Scheme – to take place on Monday 28th October
9. Contact IW Council and other Agencies re proposed festival at Sandown Airport – Responses of IW Council and Island Roads had been circulated. It was agreed to ask Island Roads to issue a statement regarding highway safety issues raised by the use of this site for large gatherings.
10. Contact Dares re drainage works at Parish Hall – work completed.
11. Arrange presentation re pending Branstone planning application – to take place on 28th October.

190/19 CORRESPONDENCE

1. An Age Friendly Champions meeting was to be held on the 6th November at the Riverside Centre. A volunteer was to attend on the Parish Councils behalf and feedback on activity would be received.
2. Sandown Festival responses from IW Council & Island Roads – see minute 189/19 item 9.
3. Voluntary Transport Drivers required for local vulnerable people.
4. Health & Well Being Forum – representative to be a November agenda item.
5. E mail regarding flooding at Playing Field and location of dogbin – the Clerk would respond and refer to Newchurch Parish Sport & Community Association who owned the flooding area.

191/19 DONATION FOR MEMORIAL WREATH

It was agreed to make a donation of £50 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

192/19 RESTORATION OF BIER HUT

It was reported that the new doors to the hut had now been fitted, and that they were of a good standard.

193/19 IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH HALL

It was reported that the drainage works had been completed as per the quotation and an invoice for the works would be forthcoming in due course.

194/19 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The Chairman had met with Island Roads and a representative from a potential supplier of a bridge, and a quotation had been supplied for the provision and installation of a Fibre Reinforced Footbridge..The cost of such a structure exceeded the originally anticipated budget and discussion took place on the future maintenance cost and lifespan of such a structure compared to those of a wooden structure.

RESOLVED: To accept the quotation and seek funding from grants, contributions from local residents and organisations, and fund raising to help secure the necessary finance.

195/19 SPEED LIMITS AND WEIGHT RESTRICTION

It was agreed to contact Island Roads to ask regarding all items that had been discussed with them at the recent site meeting, to ascertain when the proposed signage changes would be implemented

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196/19 LANDFILL AT KNIGHTON

No further information had been received from the IW Council.

197/19 COOPTION OF COUNCILLOR

It was reported that there had been one application for cooption, it was agreed that the candidate be invited for interview at 6.40pm on Monday 28th October at the Parish Hall. The Interview Panel would be the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk.

180/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 18th November 2019 in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

**CHAIRMAN
18TH NOVEMBER 2019**