

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2020.

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

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

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

The meeting was attended by three members of the public, two of whom outlined in detail their strong objection to a planning application at Ventnor Road which was to be considered on the Agenda for the this Parish Council meeting. A third member of the public spoke on highway safety matters and speeding at Newchurch Shute, which was of continuing concern to himself and to the Parish Council.

MINUTES

95/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Arblaster, Llewellyn and Vincent.

96/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

97/20 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2020.

98/20 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

On the proposition of Councillor Mosdell, seconded by Councillor Earley it was agreed to

- a) Approve the summary of payments and receipts for September..
- b) Approve payment of cheques for October.

99/20 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Mosdell reported that she was one of a small number of IW Council members who had responsibility for taking action re Covid–19. She asked how members of the Parish Council felt regarding the Governments proposed measures to curb the spread of the virus. There was a general concensus that that any lockdown measures should apply on a national basis.

The IW Council was working with the MP Bob Seeley on a strategy for Affordable Housing which would have brownfield sites as its priority.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

100/20 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Davison reported that the Disabled Parking signs in the car park were faded and needed renewal. Councillor Earley offered to attend to the matter.

Councillor Mosdell reported on the disabled spaces being used by those who were not entitled to use.

101/20 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk advised that he had written to the following organisations as previously agreed –

1. Newchurch Primary School regarding disruption in the car park by parents vehicles.
2. Island Roads regarding the road surface at Younwoods Way and also the uncompleted section of High

Street resurfacing.

3. Rights of Way regarding the condition of sections of NC12.

At the time of the meeting responses to the above were awaited.

102/20 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence received had been circulated and there were no matters arising that were not contained elsewhere on the Agenda.

103/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Lawful Development Certificate for proposed alterations and conversion of garage into kitchen/dining room Southfork Alverstone Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 20/01555/CLPUD |
2. Demolition of attached garage and construction of garage (no. 31); formation of new vehicular access; construction of 7 dwellings with garaging, parking and associated landscaping (revised scheme) Open for comment icon. 31 And Land Rear Of 21-31 Ventnor Road Apse Heath Sandown. Ref. No: 20/01535/FUL |
3. Alterations and single storey extension to existing garage to form self-contained annex (revised scheme) Open for comment icon. 5 Hollowood Road Newchurch Sandown. Ref. No: 20/01525/FUL |
4. Variation of condition 3 and removal of condition 4 on planning application TCP/2281/D to remove reference to Branstone Farm Studies Centre Open for comment icon Stockmans House Hale Common Arreton.

RESOLVED: (i) To make no objection to applications 1 & 4 above.

(ii) To object to application 3 above having regard to the protection of trees on the site.

(iii) To strongly object to application 2 above and to support all objections as placed by local residents on the IW Council website, in particular in relation to the following factors –

- (a) Highway Safety – an increased number of vehicles and pedestrians using this section of highway would be hazardous and detrimental to the safety of all road users. There being no footpath on stretches of the highway and there is insufficient width of carriageway for two cars to safely pass.
- (b) This is a greenfield site which is an amenity to local residents and habitat of local wildlife.
- (c) The development would be out of character with neighbouring property and area.
- (d) Development of this site would worsen the existing drainage problem on this section of highway.
- (e) The development as proposed would represent an invasion of privacy to neighbouring property.
- (f) The proposal represented the ‘backfill’ of a site which was contrary to planning policy.

104/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decision had been circulated –

20/01269/HOU | Proposed replacement sun lounge | Station House Main Road Alverstone.
Approved

RESOLVED: That the decision be noted.

105/20 IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH HALL

It was reported that the fitting of replacement windows and associated work had commenced.

106/20 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Councillor Bevan gave an update on the current position, he had asked Island Roads and Rights of Way regarding possible contributions regarding cost. The Clerk advised that it was his understanding that the Parish Council could recover from HMRC any VAT incurred on the project cost.

107/20 ROAD SAFETY AND SPEED LIMITS

Councillor Mosdell confirmed that her motion to the IW Council re speeding and the acquisition of cameras would be going to its November meeting and that she was seeking support from fellow Councillors. The Parish Council had already agreed to support the proposed motion. Councillor's felt frustration at the lack of enforcement of the 20 mph speed limit which had received a substantial amount of public support in order to achieve its imposition. It had also been suggested that the introduction of 3D signage may be of assistance in reducing speeding.

108/20 LOCAL TRANSPORT PROVISION

The Clerk advised that he had contacted the Clerk at Chale Parish Council regarding the reinstatement of a bus service in partnership with Southern Vectis. Chale, together with two neighbouring local councils had agreed with Southern Vectis for the introduction of a Sunday service. The Clerk had e mailed Southern Vectis regarding the possibility of them working with Newchurch Parish Council in restoring a bus service to Alverstone, a response had yet to be received. The Clerk would contact Southern Vectis.

109/20 INTERNET BANKING & FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Clerk advised on the introduction of internet banking to assist the financial administration of the Parish Council. After due consideration it was –

- RESOLVED:** :: 1. The Parish Council use Internet Banking as a method of making payments from its current account with Lloyds Bank.
2 The Clerk be authorised to make payments by internet from the Lloyds Bank account.
3. All payments made each month be reported to the monthly meeting of the Parish Council.
4. That Financial Regulations be updated to provide for the above.

110/20 REMEMBRANCE DAY – TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS

Councillor Davison had been in contact with the vicar regarding arrangements and restrictions arising from social distancing measures. The Church Warden would advise re attendees and Councillor Earley would place a wreath from the Parish Council

111/20 REMEMBRANCE WREATH – TO CONSIDER A DONATION UNDER SECTION 137.

RESOLVED: To make a donation of £60.

: 112/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 16th November 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

CHAIRMAN

16 NOVEMBER 2020