NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL
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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH, AT 7PM ON TUESDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2022.

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

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

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

Two members of the public (residents of the Shute) expressed their ongoing concern and despair in respect of both speeding and heavy traffic passing through the village. This matter was discussed at Agenda item 141/22 below.

MINUTES

125/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
Councillor's Blezzard and Harris.

126/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
None

127/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH AUGUST 2022

On the proposition of Councillor Davison seconded by Councillor Earley, it was -
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RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th August 2022.

128/12 HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
The Parish Council expressed its condolence and sadness at the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who had passed away on Thursday 8th September 2022**.**

129/12 PROCLAMATION
The proclamation of the reign of King Charles III had been received and recorded.

130/22 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS
On the proposition of Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor Messing, it was –

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

131/22 IW COUNCILLOR REPORT

IW Councillor Mosdell reported on flooding on Forest Road arising from works undertaken by Island Roads who were to put in place measures to rectify the situation. An Extraordinary Meeting of the Isle of Wight Council had been called which would consider the 'Draft Island Planning Strategy'. Councillor Mosdell would support the document but also make a statement against its inclusion of Sandown Airport. Comments on the content of the agreed Plan would be considered at the October Parish Council meeting.

132/22 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Earley reported on traffic difficulty arising from caravans using Harbors Lake Lane.

Councillor Messing also reported on traffic problems involving vehicles travelling to and from Southland Holiday Park. It was agreed that greater use of brown signage may assist in easing traffic problems. The Clerk would write to Southland Head Office regarding this as the use of SatNav by visitors was worsening the situation.GH Councillor Messing also reported on a number of community initiatives to assist the more vulnerable during the cost of living crisis, the Clerk would contact Shirley Bradshaw regarding the initiatives.GH The use of the website, noticeboards and newsletters (including that of the school and PCC) could be used to promote the initiatives.

Councillor Davison had received and reported detail of a flooding culvert at Winford Road which the Clerk had reported to Island Roads. She had spoken with a local resident regarding a future handyman service. Attention was needed to the fire door in the village hall, the Clerk would contact Wight Fire & Security. GH She reported that work was also needed at the Community Garden, this would be carried out in the spring.

Councillor Bevan reported on the Branstone Opening Day and the high standard of housing being provided. It was however felt that the area of outdoor space could be improved together with the introduction of some fencing. The Clerk would write to Chris Ashman at IW Council (copy to Martin Pearl of Vectis Housing) GH. Councillor Bevan advised that Sandown Airport operations were Largely unregulated and also expressed thanks to Councillor Blezzard for his communications regarding Council Tax Reduction and Vectis Housing AGM.

Councillor Mosdell gave an update on the planning situation at Hill Farm.

Councillor West reported on the completion of work at Hairpin Bend and on a repair that was needed on the Forest Way noticeboard which had become warped and difficult to close GH.

133/22 CLERKS REPORT & PROGRESS LOG

The Clerk had circulated the following report -

1.Matters raised with Island Roads

(i) Surface of Youngwoods Way

(ii) Pathway at Hairpin Bend.
(iii) Parking on verge at Watery Lane junction.
(iv) Road surface opposite Palmers Lane.

Work had been completed at Hairpin Bend, Councillor West was thanked for her involvement of Island Roads.

2. Wackland Notices – Checked by GH & JE. List of notices compiled by Chairman. Clerk would collate and deliver to County Hall.GH
3.Electric Car chargers – Permission from electricity provider sought, quotations for installation of two charging points were awaited from supplier.
4. Parish Hall Improvements – Exterior painting to be undertaken in September, Quotation received and accepted.
5. Community Garden steps and coping stones in cemetery wall. – Coping stones on cemetery wall completed.
6. Pedestrian Bridge – Completed and open. Opening ceremony postponed.
7. Planning Enforcement – New 'Community' at Hill Farm reported to Planning, response received, an enforcement case had already been opened. Case ongoing Planning seeking to contact the owner of the site.
8.Parking of minibus vehicles at car park. Current parking contrary to the permission that has been granted. E mails sent to County Hall and School regarding such. E Mail apology received from the school,
Situation ongoing, Clerk and Councillor Davison would contact School & Education department.
9.Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II – Notices placed on noticeboards and website.

134/22 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence is covered elsewhere on the agenda.

135/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Formation of vehicular access onto Knighton Lane, Mersley Paddocks Mersley Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 22/01551/FUL |
2. Retention of 2 portacabins to provide cattery units and office, Evergreen Longlands Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 22/01516/FUL |
3. Variation of condition 2 on 19/00984/HOU to allow alterations to the size/depth of the single storeyextension.1 Mersley Farm Cottages Mersley Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 22/01573/RVC |
4. Proposed detached chalet bungalow; formation of vehicular access Land Adjacent Sappers Newport Road Apse Heath. Ref. No: 22/01224/FUL |
5. Prior approval for larger home extension - single storey rear extension to form conservatory. Romany Alverstone Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 22/01424/1APA |

RESOLVED: 1. To make no objection to applications 2, 3 & 5 above.

2. To object to application 1 above on the grounds of highway safety and to fully support the comments of Island Roads.
3. To object to application 4 above on the grounds of it being an over development of the site and it being detrimental to highway safety regarding the proposed vehicle turnaround.

136/22 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions were noted –

1. 22/01144/LBC | Listed Building Consent to strengthen the structure and associated works | Alverstone Bridge Alverstone Road Alverstone Newchurch. Granted.
2. 22/01106/LBC | Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement chimney | Alverstone Farm House Alverstone Farm Main Road Alverstone. Granted

137/22 IWALC OPEN DAY

The Parish Council had participated in the recent Open Day which was held at the Broadway Centre in Sandown. Thanks to Rosey and John for setting up the Newchurch stand and all other Councillors who had contributed to the day. Rosey was also thanked for the excellent laptop presentation.

138/22 COUNCIL TAX ON SECOND HOMES

The Clerk reported that the policy of the IW Council was to grant no discount on Council Tax for Second Homes**.**

139/22 LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

Councillor Blezzard had circulated a paper concerning the distribution of the grant received by the IW Council from the Government in respect of the cost of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme. The IW Council had issued a consultation document regarding the levels of Council Tac support given to those households on low income. After due consideration it was –

RESOLVED: To recommend to the IW Council that any changes to the level of Council Tax Support should have full regard to the impact of the change on those on low incomes and on vulnerable persons in the community. GH

140/22 WACKLANDS RIGHT OF WAY SUBMISSION

All submissions would be collected by the Clerk and delivered to the IW Council. GH

141/22 HIGHWAY SPEED CHECKS & ENFORCEMENT

This item was brought forward and considered after agenda item 130/12. Continued concern had been reported on the danger posed by speeding traffic through the village. Hampshire Constabulary had reported on successful instances of speed limit enforcement but this information was not relevant to certain locations. There were insufficient locations in the village for the operation of mobile police units. A communication had been received from Hampshire

Constabulary indicating that enforcement was not taking place in certain areas as they had not been in agreement with the introduction of new 20mph limits in those areas. Councillor Mosdell had received advice on the requirements of the police to act on speeding and highway safety matters, this would be forwarded to the Clerk who would compose a letter to be sent to Malcolm Smith of Hampshire Constabulary and copied to the MP, Police Commissioner, IW Council and other relevant agencies. GH

142/22 ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP

A communication had been received from Ventnor Town Council seeking expressions of interest in the formulation of an Environment Working Group.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council express an interest in the formulation of an Environment Working Group. GH

143/22 BEATING THE BOUNDS & PARISH DIRECTORY

Councillor Messing gave an update on both projects.

An updated Parish Directory had been completed in a spreadsheet format and the final version would be placed on the website, noticeboards, and at other local venues as selected. Councillor Messing was thanked for all the work that she had undertaken. An update was also given on Beating the Bounds which would proceed in October, Councillor Messing would keep all updated on plans for the day. RM

144/22 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

The opening ceremony planned for Saturday 10th September had been postponed to respect the mourning period following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Parish Council wishes to record its thanks and appreciation to all those individuals and organisations who had contributed to the project, both financially and otherwise.

145/22 BRIDGE STRENGTHENING AT ALVERSTONE

The Clerk had written to Island Roads and the IW Council supporting the view of IW Councillor Mosdell in that the proposed works were unnecessary and a waste of resources. A response had been received explaining the need for the work which would proceed as planned.

146/22 WIGHTFIBRE WORKS

The works in the High Street and Shute had now been completed.

147/22 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 17th October,

CHAIRMAN
17TH OCTOBER 2022