

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD VIA ZOOM AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020.

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

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

There were two members of the public present and the following comments were presented –

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak at this venue.

Speeding problem down at The Shute. My house (Kern View) is in between the church and the bridge just before the road goes uphill if you're coming from the bridge.

Here are my observations after 2 years living here:

- Almost nobody sticks to 20mph. When 30mph was on drivers were speeding at 40mph. Now the limit is down to 20, drivers are driving even faster than 40
- Rural village? Maybe a long time ago. Now, especially at weekends, it seems like a motorway with vehicles passing through constantly. This is like a torture in the head.
- Signage isn't enough and is too little
- There is a sign just before entering the village saying Traffic calmed area. Really? I think the noisiest engines on the Island are passing through here regularly. Tractors, noisy old diesel vans, tuned and probably not even approved exhausts and engines, very loud motorbikes, anything you can imagine
- The house vibrates when something big and loud passes through
- Some noisy vehicles are very big and heavy too. Are we sure they're allowed to go past the bridge?
- Speeding at night (between 11pm to 6am) takes it to an even worse level. Vehicles passing at this time are few but even more dangerous, some of them going over 50mph. Sometimes passing at regular times, but not always the case.
- The limits have been recently lowered to 20 mph. Have speed checks ever been performed and enforced? What's the point on spending public money to change the signage and then nobody respects it? Don't you feel you're being mocked? At this point any limit can be put on, even 0 mph, nobody cares anyway.

Proposals (which I would like to have all commented singularly at next meeting):

- The main question before considering anything else: Why is general traffic needed to go through the village? Because it attracts people to businesses? Which business? If it's because of the pub, a dedicated access system can be created. If it's because of the industrial estate all vehicles can reach it from one side of the village entrance. Stopping general traffic (at least at weekends?) is an idea to consider seriously. **Please give a reason why non-residents need to pass through the village.**
- More signs are needed. Live speed signs are also needed so hopefully some drivers can get ashamed of the speed they're driving at.
- The road at night is pitch black. 1 Lamp post at least would be nice to increase safety
- Any plan B in place if the speed check cameras won't take place? Can ramps still be considered? Some members are opposing this, but correct dimensions can be found in my opinion in order not to increase pollution (every 30 feet all along The Shute, they need to be tall and long enough in a way not to make vehicles to constantly break but just maintain a constant slow motion.)

The Chairman gave the thanks of the Parish Council for the comments put forward.

MINUTES

78/20 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Arblaster, Llewellyn and Vincent.

79/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

80/20 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH AUGUST 2020

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th August 2020.

81/20 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 August.
- b) Approve payment of cheques for September.

82/20 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Mosdell reported on numerous complaint by residents regarding noise from events at Sandown Airport. The Parish Council agreed to give support and assistance to residents affected by the noise. The IW Council had been contacted by the government regarding assistance with Covid and testing. Current arrangements with people coming across the Solent for testing were considered shambolic and it was felt that testing on the Island should be for IW postcodes only. She advised that she did not think that Community Speedwatch was the answer to the Islands speeding problems, although it seemed that this was the only approach being pursued by the police authority. She is to propose that investment is made in speed cameras and that the IWC be delegated powers to enable their use. It was felt that monetary fines and points on a driving licence were the only effective ways of enforcing speed limite, speed bumps being seen as cumbersome and poor for the environment. On the proposition of Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor Earley, it was –

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council gives its full support to IW Councillor Mosdell's proposition to the IW Council re Speed Camera purchase and usage.

83/20 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Davison reported the following –

- (i) That the camper van had now been removed from the car park.
- (ii) The IWALC AGM had been cancelled due to social distancing.
- (iii) The uncompleted road surfacing on the High Street – the Clerk would again write to Island Roads.
- (iv) Arreton Parish Council had undertaken a hybrid meeting. Councillor Mosdell offered to help facilitate this for the next Newchurch Parish Council meeting.
- (v) She would order the wreath for Remembrance Sunday and speak with the vicar regarding arrangements for the day.
- (vi) Road Safety at the school, chaotic and hazardous scenes at the car park associated with the blocking of the road by parents cars and children running in the road. The Clerk would write to the Headteacher.

Councillor Harris reported on the poor condition of the highway at Youngwoods Way and the blocking of pathway NC 12 with logs to enable passage. The Clerk would contact Island Roads and Rights of Way respectively.

84/20 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk had nothing to report since the last meeting.

85/20 CORRESPONDENCE

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

86/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Cheverton Copse Holiday Park Scotchells Brook Lane Lake. Proposal Condition compliance application on P/00407/16 relating to condition 7 - Road details
2. The Orchard Alverstone Road Newchurch. Proposed alterations; new roof to provide accommodation at 1st floor level including balcony on front and rear elevation; rear extension; detached garage; formation of new additional vehicular access (revised scheme).
3. Station House Main Road Alverstone. Proposed replacement sun lounge
4. Land Adjacent Cheverton Copse Holiday Park Scotchells Brook Lane Lake. Approval of reserved matters on P/00407/16 for appearance, landscaping and scale for bunk barn, wardens accommodation, play barn and amenity block

RESOLVED: (i) To support the comments made by Island Roads re application 1 above.
(ii) To make no objection to application 2 above.
(iii) To support application 3 above.
(iv) To support the comments from the Archaeological Officer.

87/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decision had been circulated –

1. 20/01086/HOU | Installation of replacement enlarged window on south east elevation | The Barn Bachelors Farm Canteen Road Whitely Bank. Refused
2. 20/01030/CLEUD | Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of caravan as residential | Rosebank Canteen Road Newchurch. Granted
3. 20/01028/HOU | Demolition of garage and porch; proposed single storey extension and alterations | 34 Woods Drive Winford Newchurch. Granted
4. 20/01003/HOU | Proposed alterations and extensions to re-design bungalow to form chalet bungalow with juliet balcony (Revised and amended design) | 7 - 9 Forest Road Newchurch. Granted
5. 20/00989/RVC | Removal of condition 4 on 19/00443/FUL to allow four holiday apartments to be used for residential use | The Aviator Scotchells Brook Lane Lake. Refused

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

88/20 IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH HALL

Replacement windows and associated works were scheduled to take place in October.

89/20 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Councillor Bevan reported that he had heard nothing further regarding any revised costings, he would contact the contractor and Rights of Way for an update.

90/20 ROAD SAFETY AND SPEED LIMITS

This item was brought forward to form part of the report of IW Councillor Mosdell, see minute 82/20 above.

91/20 LANDFILL AT KNIGHTON

No further information had been received from the IW Council.

92/20 PARISH CLERK – PAY AWARD & ALLOWANCES

The Clerk advised on the National Pay Award to be effected from 1st April 2020 and the allowance payable for home working.

RESOLVED: That the pay award be approved and that a contribution be made in respect of home working.

93/20 LOCAL TRANSPORT PROVISION

Councillor Mosdell reported that there was now no bus service to Alverstone Garden Village. She advised that Chale Parish Council were contributing to Southern Vectis maintaining a service to their parish. It was agreed to contact Southern Vectis to explore a way of restoring the service to Alverstone Garden Village

94/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 19th October 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

**CHAIRMAN
19 OCTOBER 2020**