

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 15TH JULY 2019.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Davison, Earley, Harris, Llewellyn, and Maclellan.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

Prior to the meeting a site inspection had been held at the Cemetery/Community Garden.

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

MINUTES

125/19 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Vincent and IW Councillor Mosdell.

126/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

127/19 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2019

On the proposition of Councillor Davison, seconded by Councillor Maclellan, it was

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2019 be approved..

128/19 COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that three nominations had been received for the vacancy and that a poll would take place on Thursday 8th August.

129/19 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports for June 2019.

130/19 IW COUNCILLORS REPORT

Apologies for absence had been received from IW Councillor Mosdell. Councillor Bevan gave an update on works currently being undertaken by IW Councillor Mosdell

131/19 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Councillor Maclellan reported that the agreed waste bin had been installed at Alverstone, unfortunately it had received inappropriate usage which was hoped to be a one off occurrence.

Councillor Harris reported that the overgrowth in Palmers Lane had been cut back.

Councillor Davison reported that a parishioner had contacted her regarding the red car 'abandoned' at Queen Bower, the Chairman had contacted IW Council regarding such and the Clerk had asked DVLA re the identity of the registered keeper. She also reported on the IWALC meeting where a presentation was given on the work of the CAB and in particular its reliance on volunteers whose expenses needed to be met. It was noted that a contract had been secured with the IW Council to secure funding in the immediate future. She also reported on training opportunities, proposed housing targets the potential use of Section 106 Planning sums and the need to strengthen/fix a post at the car park (the Clerk would arrange).

Councillor Bevan reported on the number of rubbish bags that needed to be taken from the Parish Hall and it was agreed to advise users that they should remove any rubbish arising from their activity. He also advised that the Post Office operation would continue in Newchurch and that he would attend to a tree that had been the subject of a complaint due to it overhanging the car park.

Arising from the earlier site visit, the following works were identified and agreed =

- a) Removal of bamboo, bindweed, brambles and sycamore in the Community Garden.
- b) Infilling of deep rabbit burrowing in area of the War Memorial.
- c) Repair to brickwork at damaged wall.
- d) Contact Nigel Earley for advice on any tree surgery that may be appropriate.

RESOLVED: That the reports be noted and the agreed actions above be taken.

132/19 CLERKS REPORT

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

1. Electoral packs as requested – nominations now closed and posted on website and noticeboards.
2. Investigate vehicle left at Queen Bower car park – IW Council advised and owner details requested from DVLA.
3. Bier Hut quotations – Two quotes to be received following site visits.
4. Removal and treatment of weeds at Parish Hall – completed by Mr Read.
5. Follow up on Island Roads re bin at Alverstone – Bin now installed on site.
6. Circulate Standing Order Templates for consideration – Circulated two versions.

133/19 CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the IW Council was undertaking a review of polling stations and it was agreed to support a case for the Newchurch area polling station to be located at the Watery Lane Pavillion.

134/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Proposed conversion of Restaurant to four holiday apartments The Aviator Scotchells Brook Lane Sandown. Ref. No: 19/00443/FUL.
2. Proposed all weather turnout Mersley Gardens Mersley Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 19/00408/FUL.
3. Proposed rear extension; alterations and patio area 61 Forest Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 19/00403/HOU.

RESOLVED: 1. To object to application 1 above on the following grounds –

- (i) The Parish Council has major concern regarding traffic movement and highway safety and would therefore fully support the conditions being put forward by Island Roads.
- (ii) There is no need for any further holiday accommodation in this area, which already contains an abundance of holiday accommodation together with existing planning permissions yet to be effected.

2. That no objection be made applications 2 & 3 above.

It was also agreed to again express to the IW Council dissatisfaction with the new Planning Section of its website.

135/19 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions had been circulated –

1. Reference: 19/00270/DIS: Land Adjacent Thornbury Newport Road Apse Heath. Condition compliance application on P/00427/18 for conditions 7, 8 and 9. Decision: Condition Discharged.
2. Reference 19/00157/CLPUD | Lawful Development Certificate for proposed conservatory | Harts Ash Farm, Knighton Shute. Newchurch. Decision: Granted.
3. Reference 19/00103/DIS: Land Adjacent Cheverton Copse Holiday Park Scotchells Brook Lane Lake. Condition compliance application on P/00407/16 for Condition. Decision: Condition Discharged
4. Reference 19/00102/HOU: Lansdown Burnt House Lane Newchurch. Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey extension (revised plan). Decision: Granted

RESOLVED: That the decisions be noted.

136/19 STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the Standing Orders from two neighbouring parishes. It was agreed to follow the template as used by Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council, subject to the inclusion of an expenditure limit of £1,000 on the ordering of works before it became necessary to seek three quotations. Emergency works would be exempt from this limit and could be authorised by the Chair and Vice Chair, or in one or both of their absences by any other two Councillors who were available.

137/19 IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH HALL

The Clerk reported that DARES Ltd had been instructed to commence the agreed drainage works and this was expected to start soon. The side gate to the hall needed replacement and the Clerk would ask a carpenter to carry out the work. Regarding the land at the rear of the hall it was agreed to obtain a Current Title Plan from KM Land Registry in respect of Sunnyside in order to establish its boundary with the Parish Hall.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

138/19 PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

A site visit would take place with IW Council Officers on 30th July when all costings and options would be considered.

139/19 HIGHWAY WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS & SPEED LIMITS

There was no further information to consider on this item, the introduction of new speed signs was imminent.

140/19 LANDFILL AT KNIGHTON

No further information had been received from the IW Council.

141/19 RESTORATION OF BIER/BIER HUT

The Clerk reported that had met on site with two carpenters who would both be giving quotations for the replacement of the Bier Hut doors.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

142/19 PROPOSED FESTIVAL AT LANGBRIDGE

IW Councillor Mosdell had requested that an updated Transport Plan be provided, it was understood that work was currently being undertaken on the plan.

143/19 REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It was agreed to make no contribution in respect of the two requests that had been received.

144/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 19th August 2019 in the Parish Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm

**CHAIRMAN
19TH AUGUST 2019**