

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2026.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Cripps, Davison, Jewell, Rajesh Patel, Prinal Patel, Blezzard and West.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr G Hughes (Clerk). IW Councillor Clare Mosdell.

MINUTES

45/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

46/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor's Blezzard and Rajesh Patel confirmed their previously declared interests. Councillor Blezzard advised that he had no further interest in Newport & Carisbrooke Community Council.

47/26 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH MARCH 2026.

On the proposition of Councillor Rajesh Patel seconded by Councillor Jewell, it was -

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2026.

48/26 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the reports.

49/26 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT.

IW Councillor Mosdell was not standing in the May elections for the IW Council, and she expressed that she had enjoyed her work as an IW Councillor and in particular her membership of Newchurch Parish Council, who she felt had achieved a lot in her time as a Parish Councillor. She advised that Russell Chick was to take enforcement action in respect of continued tipping at Knighton. Councillor Bevan, on behalf of the Parish Council, expressed thanks to Councillor Mosdell for her service to the Newchurch Parish over the past nine years which was much appreciated.

50/26 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.

Councillor Blezzard reported on the recent IWALC meeting and advised of a topic meeting which was to be held on Thursday April 30th.

Councillor Cripps gave an update on continued tipping at Knighton and advised of a discussion he had held with a resident regarding the potential creation of a pedestrian footway in Knighton.

Councillor Prinal Patel reported on continuing speeding hazards.

Councillor Jewell reported on outstanding issues with Island Roads and the difficulty of getting them to implement agreed actions. An update on the outstanding bin relocation request was contained in the Clerks report in the following agenda item 51/26.

Councillor Bevan had circulated a draft letter to the Hampshire & IW Police Commissioner in response to earlier correspondence on speeding traffic and highway safety, the letter contained photographic evidence of the recent overturned car incident on the approach to Newchurch. The letter would also include a date by which the Parish Council would expect an appropriate response in advance of the Annual Parish meeting on Monday 18th May. Councillor Bevan also reported on overhanging branches at School Lane car park, the Clerk would ask Mr Read to undertake pruning works and tidy the NW corner. **GH/RB**

51/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG.

The Clerk had circulated the following report –

1. Tipping at Knighton – Councillor Cripps advised me that tipping has ‘increased’. Further E mail sent to Russell Chick asking ‘what is going on’. Awaiting a response.
2. Bin Emptying - Original E Mail sent to Scott Headey (Highways Manager) of IW Council, had resulted in subsequent response from Island Roads advising that they will provide a quotation for installation. Quotation not received so a further E mail sent asking when will the quote be received, negative response received. I have now written directly to Matthew Shaw, Operations Manager, who had previously advised that a quotation was being put together (I should have written to his E mail rather than use info@).
3. Letter from local resident concerning operation of Sandown Airport – E Mail sent to Joe Robertson MP. Referred to Dept of Transport, nothing further heard to date.
4. Highway works at Apse Heath – Further E Mail to Alan White, IWC Highways, Awaiting response.
5. Letter to Police and Crime Commissioner - update.
6. Community Bus – Financial contribution made, Ian Ward has advised that he will hopefully have some options for presentation at the May meeting.

Councillor Davison expressed her ongoing dismay at the lack of action on a number of outstanding works, in particular the failure of IW Council/Island Roads to carry out promised highway safety improvements at Apse Heath and other highway safety work. Clerk to request timings for the promised improvements to road safety especially those at Apse Heath crossing.

With regard to item 2 above a quotation had now been received and accepted, the Clerk would follow up to seek the anticipated date of relocation. A timeline would be established by the Clerk & Councillors to establish the phasing of follow up action on unresolved matters. **ALL**

52/26 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was covered elsewhere on the agenda.

53/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The following planning applications were deferred to the next meeting (the Clerk would if necessary request an extension to the advertised period for comments) –

1. Oaklea Dairy Farm Alverstone Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 26/00499/6PA |
Agricultural prior notification for proposed two bay straw barn extension.
2. Karoo, Hill Top Newchurch. Ref. No: 26/00486/HOU.
Proposed Dormer windows on front and rear elevations, proposed infill Porch extension, new roof to existing garage, new detached garage/store, internal alterations to existing bungalow.

54/26 PLANNING DECISION.

The following decision had been circulated –

Spencer House Alverstone Road Newchurch, Proposed conversion of flat roof on front elevation to form roof terrace at first floor level to include balustrade; alterations to fenestration on front elevation to include juliet balcony; replacement glazing; proposed cladding to front and rear elevations; proposed entrance gates. GRANTED

55/26 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2025-26

The final accounts for the 2025-26 financial year had been circulated and year end general reserves amounted to £46,491. On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard, seconded by Councillor Jewell, it was -

RESOLVED: That the final accounts for 2025-26 be approved.

56/26 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) 2025-26

On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard, seconded by Councillor Rajesh Patel, the following documents were approved –

- (i) Annual Internal Audit Report.
- (ii) Annual Governance Statement.
- (iii) Annual Accounting Statements.
- (iv) Conflict of Interest with BDO Statement – there was no conflict of interest.

57/26 RISK ASSESSMENT

The Parish Council are required to manage risks which may compromise their ongoing operation, an updated risk assessment had been circulated by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That the Risk Assessment be approved and details of public liability insurance would be displayed in the Parish Hall. **GH**

58/26 NEWCHURCH PARISH PICNIC

This item was brought forward and considered after agenda item 48/26 above.

Rosemary Messing gave an update on planning for the event. Councillor Bevan reported on three items that required funding as follows –

- (i) Temporary Event Notice - £21.
- (ii) Portaloos - £180 plus VAT.
- (iii) St Johns Ambulance staff attendance - £123 plus VAT

RESOLVED: (i) That the Parish Council would finance the above expenditures.

(ii) That the Newchurch Parish Sport & Community Association be invited to make a financial contribution to the event. **GH**

59/26 NEWCHURCH NEWSLETTER

This item was considered following agenda item 58/26 above which had been brought forward as minuted above. Issue 6 of the newsletter was now complete and being circulated.

60/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 18th May 2026. All clubs/organisations within the parish be invited to present a report at the Annual Parish Meeting which was to commence

at 7pm prior to the Parish Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.09pm

CHAIRMAN

18th May 2026