

## **NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk Gareth Hughes**

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**A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH, AT 7PM ON MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2022.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Bevan, Blezzard, Earley, Mosdell, Harris, and West.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr G Hughes (Clerk).

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

### **MINUTES**

#### **178/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Councillor's Davison and Messing.

#### **179/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillor Blezzard declared his previously recorded interests.

#### **180/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2022**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022.

#### **181/22 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the financial reports.

The approved cheque payment of £100 to the Royal British Legion in respect of the provision of a Memorial Wreath was also noted and recorded.

#### **182/22 IW COUNCILLOR REPORT**

IW Councillor Mosdell advised that she had no matters requiring a report.

#### **183/22 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor Blezzard reported that he had completed a submission to the Boundary Commission on behalf of the Parish Council in response to the Boundary Review proposals. He also gave an update on a proposed defibrillator purchase for the

Branstone Development, a financial contribution to the cost of which would form an agenda item for the January meeting.

Councillor Bevan reported on his attendance at the recent IWALC meeting, which had hosted presentations by Ventnor Town Council on the cost of living crisis and by Planning Officers on the planning enforcement service. The latter continued to suffer staff shortages arising from difficulty in recruiting sufficiently qualified persons.

## **184/22 CLERKS REPORT & PROGRESS LOG**

The Clerk had circulated the following report -

1. Matters raised with Island Roads

- (i) Potholes and standard of repair at Knighton Lane.
- (ii) Loose manhole covers at Apse Heath.
- (iii) Arrangements for proposed Wightfibre works at Winford Road.

E Mail had been sent raising each of the above

- 2. Planning Enforcement – New ‘Community’ at Hill Farm reported to Planning, response received, an enforcement case had already been opened. No further information received.
- 3. Letter to Southland Holiday Park re highway issues – Sent , still awaiting response.
- 4. Vectis Fire & Security – contacted again re Fire Door, meeting held 6th December, quote awaited.
- 5. Letter to Malcolm Smith re Speeding Enforcement. Letter sent.
- 6. letter to Island Roads re no caravan signage – sent, response received, ongoing.
- 7. IW Council Cost of Living contact poster – on website and noticeboards.
- 8. Website – Observations received from Councillor Messing. Clerk to address.
- 9. Planning Enforcement sites 2 enquiries made on progress – new files opened, searching for original correspondence?.
- 10. Enquiry made to planning re Branstone Section 106 monies, amount and commitment to it. Russell Chick had advised that the sum of £15,000 had been available and that Darrel Clarke of Rights of Way could advise of commitments currently made against this sum.

The Clerk also reported that one of the hall gas fires was not functioning correctly and that he had arranged for its inspection by a gas engineer. The advice from the engineer was that the fire was beyond repair. Given the current cold weather and having regard to energy price increases it was agreed to use a fan heater as a temporary replacement heating source for the fire subject to checking on any safety requirements being satisfied.

## **185/22 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence is covered elsewhere on the agenda.

## **186/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered –

- 1.22/02141/FUL | Demolition of barn; proposed holiday unit, garage and gym to include solar panels | Knighton Barn, Knighton Shute Newchurch.
2. Lawful Development Certificate for conversion of garage to form additional living accommodation. 9 Forest Dell Newchurch
3. 22/02145/HOU | Proposed single storey front and side extensions | 13 Youngwoods Copse Newchurch.
4. Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear/side extension; two storey side extension; alterations. Winford House Winford Road Newchurch.

**RESOLVED:** (i) To make no objection to applications 1,2, and 3 above.  
(ii) To make no comment on application 4 above.

### **187/22 PLANNING DECISIONS**

The following decisions were noted –

- 1.22/01923/HOU | Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey infill extension and orangery/conservatory | 1 Hollowood Road Newchurch. Granted
- 2.22/01841/HOU | Proposed external platform lift, retaining wall, railings, landscaping. | 8 Ventnor Road Newchurch. Granted

### **188/22 COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE**

Councillor Messing had supplied the Clerk and Chairman with a list of observations regarding the website content. The Clerk had actioned certain items including the update of the burial register, the code of conduct document and the link to planning applications on the IW Council website. The Clerk would discuss with Councillor Messing any further necessary changes arising from the observations.

Councillor Bevan updated on thoughts of possible coffee mornings and ‘warm space’ provision, suggested possible venues had included the Pointer Inn and the Church Hall. Councillor’s Bevan, Messing and Blezzard would continue to explore potential initiatives and would include the Church in that process.

Councillor Mosdell proposed and it was agreed to express thanks to the Alverstone Website provider for all the assistance during the year in providing information on local projects.

### **189/22 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 16th January 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.38pm

**CHAIRMAN**  
**16TH JANUARY 2023**

