

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 13TH JULY 2026. PRIOR TO THE MEETING A SITE MEETING HAD TAKEN PLACE AT THE CEMETERY & COMMUNITY GARDEN.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Jewell, Rajesh Patel, Prinal Patel and Blezzard

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

MINUTES

89/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors Cripps, Davison and West.

90/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Blezzard and Rajesh Patel confirmed their previous interests.

91/26 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15TH JUNE 2026.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2026.

92/26 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

On the proposition of Councillor Blezzard, seconded by Councillor Prinal Patel, it was -

RESOLVED: To approve the reports.

93/26 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

IW Councillor Barry reported on the Isle of Wight Council meeting with Southern Water and the work being committed by Southern Water to develop an Action Plan to address current service shortfalls. A no confidence motion against Southern Water was also a possible outcome. Councillor Barry had also undertaken a site visit to the Branstone Development and to the site of a tree dispute at Palmers Lane. He had also been investigating the use of pesticides on highways and park sites.

94/26 PARISH COUNCILLORS REPORTS.

Councillor Blezzard gave an update on his efforts to make contact with residents of Villainville with whom Newchurch was twinned. He reported on the IWALC Annual General Meeting and confirmed that he had been appointed as the representative for NALC. It was agreed to nominate Councillor Blezzard as representative to the Hants & IW LGA.

Councillor Jewell reported on a traffic management situation at Apse Manor Road and thanked IW Councillor Barry for his assistance in that matter. The road closure at Whitely Bank was to last another five weeks and action was required to prevent congestion caused by parking at Ventnor Road, he felt that the IW Council was failing in its duty to provide effective traffic management. The Clerk would write to Highways and Island Roads. He also advised on poor road surface condition in Forest Road

and suggested that IW Council and Island Roads be invited to a future meeting to explain their policy and procedure for prioritising necessary highway works. Improvements at Paddocks and The Chase at Winford and in Alverstone were noted.

Councillor Bevan reported that he had attended to the dislodged bench fitting at the churchyard.

95/26 CLERK'S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG.

The Clerk had circulated the following report –

1. Tipping at Knighton – IW Councillor Barry has advised that Russell Chick has undertaken a site inspection, no communication received from Mr Chick to the Parish Council.
2. Bin Emptying – Bin relocated to Parkway site.
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, requesting confirmation that works are programmed, no response.
5. Letter to Police and Crime Commissioner – latest response circulated but nothing from unit of whom questions were asked.
6. Community Bus - Ian Ward e mail to Councillor Rajesh Patel re Southern Vectis regarding an additional bus trip to Newchurch for scheduling in winter timetable
7. Renewed parking bay lineage outside Parish Hall – completed.

The Clerk would provide IW Councillor Barry with information in order that he could assist with item 4 above.

With regard to item 5 above it was agreed to invite a representative from the Police & Crime Commissioner to the September meeting.

The following items were agreed arising from the earlier site visit –

- (i) Removal of bamboo from the Community Garden.
- (ii) Purchase of gravel for the Community Garden – Councillor Jewell to arrange.
- (iii) Obtain quotation for fencing of unfenced area at the north boundary of the cemetery.
- (iv) Attention to overhanging trees in the cemetery.
- (v) Removal of Sycamore from grave space – the Clerk to attempt to identify the owner of the grave space.

96/26 CORRESPONDENCE –

The following had been received and circulated –

- (i) E Mail from Mr Sam Cane regarding highway and pedestrian safety, the Clerk to respond.
- (ii) E Mail from Emily at Police & Crime Commissioner Office enquiring as to whether we have received a response to our letter from the Road Safety Unit, it was confirmed that no communication had been received in response to our letter.

97/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The following application was considered –

26/00886/DIS. Condition compliance application on 22/01968/FUL relating to condition 3 (Sewer Diversion) Winford House Winford Road Newchurch.

RESOLVED: To make no comment on the application.

98/26 PLANNING DECISION.

The following decision had been taken –

1. 26/00596/LBC. Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement of front and rear windows. Old Princelett Farmhouse Princelett Shute Newchurch Sandown. Decision: Granted

IW Councillor Barry advised as to a new application from Southern Water being under consideration in relation to the new treatment Plant in Sandown. It was agreed to hold a Planning Meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 27th July in order that the proposal and its impact on Newchurch Parish could be more fully considered.

99/26 NEWCHURCH NEWSLETTER

It was confirmed that the Parish Council would continue the current arrangements for the production of future newsletters, expenditure & income for which would form part of the budget process for the 2027-28 financial year. IW Councillor Barry was contributing a written report for the next edition.

100/26 ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Councillor Blezzard advised on the structure of the consultation and highlighted a number of areas where the proposed Modifications appeared somewhat confusing

It was noted that all Councillors were entitled to make an individual submission and it was agreed that Newchurch Parish Council would not make a submission.

101/26 LOCAL BUS SERVICES

1. Councillor Rajesh Patel provided an update regarding the operation of the Community Bus (No. 22), a proposal was being made to introduce an additional journey to the existing schedule with a departure time of 11pm from Newchurch on the same days as the present service.
2. It was agreed to write to the IW Council (copy to Southern Vectis) requesting that they give consideration to a re- routing of the no 8 Southern Vectis service in order to incorporate a stop for the Branstone Development location.

102/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Parish Council would take place at 7pm on Monday 17th August and a Planning Meeting would take place at 7pm on Monday 27th July.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm

CHAIRMAN

27th July 2026