

## **NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Gareth Hughes**

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**A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY 15TH JUNE 2026.**

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

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

### **MINUTES**

#### **76/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

#### **77/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Blezzard and Rajesh Patel confirmed their previous interests.

#### **78/26 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18TH MAY 2026.**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

#### **79/26 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the reports.

#### **80/26 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

IW Councillor reported on the Annual Meeting of the IW Council at which he had been appointed as IW Council Vice Chairman. He reported on the IW Council report by the Care Quality Commission and the IW Council priority of providing care at home rather than residential care. He also reported on Devolution and the formation of the new Strategic Hampshire & Solent Combined Authority. He had attended the State of the Island debate and had also attended an event held at Havenstreet School on child literacy. A request he had made regarding the Alverstone Facebook Page was awaiting a response. Mr Simon Moon had been appointed as the IW Council Director of Community Services and it was hoped that this would help improve the performance of the PFI contract with Island Roads.

#### **81/26 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

Councillor Jewell expressed his satisfaction with actions by Rights of Way concerning NC12. He also reported on the spread of bamboo at the Community Garden which required eradicating. Councillor West reported on the continuing problem with the bin relocation at Alverstone Road. Councillor Prinal Patel reported on the need for hedge cutting at Alverstone Road, the responsibility for which was with Island Roads. Councillor West suggested 'Fix My Street' may be of assistance. Councillor Cripps reported on the continued tipping at Knighton and the introduction of possible

contaminated material of which he had given IW Council Planning Officer Mr Russell Chick details as to its location.

Councillor Davison expressed her continued disappointment at the failure of the IW Council to carry out highway safety improvements at Apse Heath which it had previously advised that it would undertake. Repainting of the zebra crossing lines and improved lighting would represent a start at relatively low cost.

Councillor Blezzard advised on the forthcoming IWALC Annual General Meeting which all Councillors were welcome to attend, the new IW Council Leader Councillor Jonathan Bacon had indicated that he would be in attendance. He also reported on the removal of a place on IW Council Planning Committee for IWALC. He had watched the recent IW Council Annual General Meeting and felt that it r was a total shambles. Councillor Blezzard also offered to take up work on reviving the twinning relationship with Villainville, which was welcomed by other Councillors.

Councillor Bevan asked for opinions on the creation of a Working Party for the management of future ‘picnic events’ which was approved as a welcome course of action for Newchurch Parish Council. He also reported on the increased costs of producing the Newsletter and the need to increase advertising rates if the newsletter was to have no net cost, it was agreed that advertising rates would be reviewed as part of the council budget setting process. Councillor Bevan reported on the entry to the cemetery by persons through the gap in fencing on the northern boundary, the Clerk would seek three quotations for the gap to be fenced. **GH**

## **82/26 CLERK’S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG.**

The Clerk had circulated the following report –

1. Tipping at Knighton – David advised me that tipping has ‘increased’. Further E mail sent to Russell Chick asking ‘what is going on’. Further E Mail sent out raising possible contamination, response received, inspection by Mr Chick to take place immediately.
2. Bin Emptying - Quotation received and accepted, registration sent, awaiting invoice that they advised would be sent on receipt of registration!!
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 – sent, no response received.
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. Three apparent developments reported to Island Roads – Verbal update
8. Followed up on line painting – error by Island Roads in painting yellow lines not the parking bay. New ticket now issued for the parking bay lines to be renewed.

With regard to item 7 above it was reported that the excavation at Dyers Lane was not a swimming pool and had received planning permission. The excavation at Cedar Cottage and containers at Canteen Road were still the subject of dialogue with the Planning Department.

## **83/26 CORRESPONDENCE**

Communications had been received from Mr Townsend (Bus Stop for Branstone Residents) and PCSO Keefe (Schedules for Police Surgery times and venues).

## **84/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

The following applications were considered –

- 1.Variation of condition 1 on P/00984/14 to allow for the continued extraction of sand Knighton Sandpit Off Knighton Shute Newchurch. Ref. No: 26/00602/RVC.
- 2.Listed Building Consent for proposed replacement of front and rear windows Old Princelett Farmhouse Princelett Shute Newchurch. Ref. No: 26/00596/LBC.
- 3.Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building (The Sow Shed) to flexible commercial use under Use Class R (recreational room; yoga; workouts; crafts etc) Mersley Farm Mersley Lane Newchurch. Ref. No: 26/00773/3RPA.
- 4.Retention and completion of outbuilding. The Cottage Hale Common Arreton, Ref. No: 26/00772/HOU.

The following was approved –

- (i) With regard to application 1 above to comment on the need for conditions regarding the speed limits on the associated highway sections, improvements to the current road condition and the use of the highway by heavy vehicles, which all impacted on highway and pedestrian safety.
- (ii) With regard to application 2 above, to make no objection to the application.
- (iii) With regard to application 3 above, to make no objection subject to a condition being applied that the building will not be used for personal or tourism residency purpose.
- (iv) Any comments on application 4 above to be sent to the Clerk for aggregation and submission.

## **85/26 PLANNING DECISION.**

The following decision had been taken –

Reference 26/00499/6PA: Agricultural prior notification for proposed two bay straw barn extension  
| Oaklea Dairy Farm Alverstone Road Newchurch – Granted.

## **86/26 ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

This would be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

## **87/26 LOCAL BUS SERVICES**

A communication had been received from Mr Ian Ward of the Community Bus service suggesting that an addition of a further journey each day on the current operation (No. 22 Bus) could be considered for inclusion from the introduction of the next winter timetable. A discussion also took place around the communication received from Mr Townsend and suggestions put forward regarding changes to current Southern Vectis routes covered by the No. 8 bus service. It was agreed that the logistics of all options needed careful consideration and discussion with the bus operators and the IW Council as the Transport Authority.

## **88/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place at 7pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm**

**CHAIRMAN**

**13th July 2026**

