

**NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL**

**Clerk: Gareth Hughes**

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**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 18TH MAY 2026.**

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

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

**MINUTES**

**61/26 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN & ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

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

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Bevan be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Councillor Bevan signed the Acceptance of Office.

**62/26 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

On the proposition of Councillor Bevan, seconded by Councillor Jewel, it was –

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor Davison be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

**63/26 APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The following appointments were agreed –

IWALC – Councillor Blezzard. It was also agreed to support Councillor Blezzards appointment as the IWALC representative on NALC and for Mrs Sue Hardy to continue as IWALC Treasurer.

Newchurch Parish Sports & Community Association – Councillor Jewell.

IW Beaver Recovery Project – Councillor Davison.

Winford Park Residents Association – Councillor Jewell.

**64/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Cripps.

**65/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Blezzard and Rajesh Patel confirmed their previous interests.

**66/26 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2026.**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

**67/26 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.**

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

**RESOLVED:** To approve the reports.

## **68/26 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

IW Councillor Barry reported on his election and a general spirit of cooperation in the new IW Council to address local issues. All Councillors had been busy with induction processes and the newly elected IW Council would hold its first meeting in the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> May. He welcomed the opportunity to represent the ward of Newchurch, Havenstreet and Ashey.

## **69/26 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS.**

Councillor Blezzard suggested a revised bus route for the No. 8 service which would better serve the residents of Branstone. It was agreed that bus services would for an agenda item for the June meeting of the Parish Council.

Councillor Prinal Patel reported on two traffic incidents at Apse Heath, the first involving a works vehicle blocking the road and the second foul smelling spillage from a works vehicle.

Councillor Jewel would be attending the Annual General Meeting of the Winford Residents Association, he also reported on delays in completing roadworks by Island Roads including a large pothole at Queen Bower.

Councillor West asked regarding lack of progress with the relocation of the bin at Alverstone Road, the Clerk reported that he had accepted the quotation but had now to complete a registration form to become a customer on the Island Roads database before the work was undertaken.

Councillor Davison reported on continued parking on double yellow lines in School Lane, she suggested that a concealed presence of the PCSO may be more effective in catching offenders.

She reported the problem of loose dogs in the Nature Reserve and its effect on wildlife, she will draft a notice for placement. Councillor Davison also gave an update on the project for the introduction of beavers in the Yar.

County Hall had in the past provided a detailed list of organisation contact points for local councils and residents to contact when necessary. Former IW Council leader, Councillor Phil Jordan, had advised that a 'New Deal' for assisting local councils was being prepared.

Councillor Bevan reported on two instances of development that did not seem to have received planning permission, Councillor Jewel had also witnessed the formation of a swimming pool which would require planning permission. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Enforcement Officer detailing all three developments.

## **70/26 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'. Awaiting a response.
2. Bin Emptying - Quotation received and accepted.
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 had advised that he would hopefully have some options for presentation at the June meeting.
7. I have received a request from Wight Nature Fund to make a presentation of their work at a future meeting as they have a local volunteer who would be

interested in performing the role in Newchurch. For information Wight Nature Fund are recognised as a tree warden supporting organisation by the National Tree Council. At the Parish Council meeting on 15 December 2025 consideration was given to engaging a tree warden service and it was resolved not to appoint a tree warden.

The report was noted, with regard to item 7 above it was agreed not to pursue the possible appointment of a tree warden at this time.

#### **71/26 CORRESPONDENCE**

All correspondence was covered elsewhere on the agenda.

#### **72/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.**

There had been no new applications since the April meeting.

#### **73/26 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.

#### **74/26 MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL DEFIBRILLATORS**

It was agreed that requests for financial contributions towards defibrillator costs would be considered on an individual basis.

**RESOLVED:** That a contribution of £85 be agreed to the recent request regarding replacement battery costs.

#### **75/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council would take place at 7pm on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

**The meeting closed at 8.32pm**

**CHAIRMAN**

**15<sup>th</sup> June 2026**