

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7PM ON MONDAY 18th DECEMBER 2023

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

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

There were no questions from the public.

MINUTES

185/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor's Harris and Mosdell.

186/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Blezzard declared his previously reported interests.

187/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2023

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

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2023.

188/23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

189/23 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- . No report had been received.

190/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor West had retrieved the Parish Council signage from the Queen Bower car park.

Councillor Blezzard had attended a virtual meeting of IWALC and was pleased to report that East Cowes Town Councillor Cameron Palin had been nominated by NALC as Young Councillor of The Year, the Parish Councillor would record its congratulations to Councillor Palin.

Councillor Blezzard advised that he had been re elected to the NALC Management Board and on two presentations that had been made to the IWALC meeting in respect of the White Ribbon Campaign and from the Jo Cox Foundation.

Councillor Cripps reported on a meeting that had been held with the Clerk and Mr Pidgeon of Island Roads concerning the condition of the cycleway at Alverstone. Mr Pidgeon would present remedial work proposals to the Parish Council in January, it was felt that these should include for the removal of tree root and not a more temporary repair of raising surface patches.

Councillor Jewell had reported three 'dips' in Newchurch High Street to Island Roads as they had filled with an accumulation of water. He also reported a complaint from a resident regarding overgrown grass at the churchyard.

Councillor Bevan reported on the appointment of a new Environment Officer, who he was to meet in the new year. He advised on the completion of works by Hants & IW Wildlife Trust at the boundary with the cemetery and on vandalism that had occurred at Webster Way, Alverstone Garden Village. Concern was also expressed regarding cars parking at Winford Cross and the impact on highway visibility.

191/23 CLERK'S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG

The Clerk reported as follows –

- 1 Further E Mail sent to Planning re tipping at Knighton – response still awaited. **GH**
- 2 Owner detail received from DVLC re Mini Cooper in School Lane car park, letter sent and vehicle removed the following day.
- 3, E Mail sent to IWC re Queen Bower car park agreement, advising that NPC did not wish to enter a new agreement. Siobhan has removed NPC signage.
4. E Mail sent again to Island Roads concerning condition of cycleway north of Station House, Alverstone. Site Meeting held with Geoff Pidgeon on Wednesday 13th December. Geoff will produce a schedule of works that need to be undertaken Difficulties advised arising from land ownership and the involvement of other organisations including the Environment Agency.
5. Removal of gate at Cemetery – Response received from PCC who do not agree with this course of action on health & safety grounds, they suggest a more robust repair.
6. E mail IW College re Communications as a project – E Mail sent via College website, reply received advising that it had been passed to the Business Team. Nothing further received.
- 7.E mail sent to Island Roads re works in Newchurch High Street. No response yet received.
- 8.Proposed Parish Meeting, invitations sent. To date only Hants & IW Wildlife Trust have confirmed attendance.
9. Condition of sections of NC12 & NC42 pathways reported to Rights of Way.
10. Works completed by Hants & IW Wildlife Trust adjacent to the cemetery

192/23 CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence was contained elsewhere on the agenda.

193/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following planning applications were considered –

- 1.Agricultural prior notification for a barn. Land Opposite Kingsmead Pt OS Parcel 6639 Off Watery Lane Newchurch.Ref. No: 23/02150/6PA |
- 2.Proposed single storey rear extension; replacement raised roof to include dormers to form additional living accommodation at first floor level; alterations to include replacement windows; Rosemary Youngwoods Way Alverstone Garden Village Newchurch. Ref. No: 23/02063/HOU |
- 3.Proposed two storey rear extension, Hillbrook Cottage The Shute Newchurch. Ref. No: 23/02051/HOU |
- 4 Proposed alterations to roof including dormer window extension on west elevation | 10 Ventnor Road Newchurch. Ref. No: 23/02183/HOU

RESOLVED (i) That no objection be made to applications 1, 3 and 4 above.

(ii) That no objection be made to application 2 above subject to the inclusion of a cladding system that accords with the comment made by AONB.

194/23 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decision had been circulated –

Ref: 23/01872/HOU | Proposed porch | 17 Youngwoods Copse Alverstone Garden Village Newchurch. Granted

195/23 CAR PARKS

The Clerk had advised the IW Council that Newchurch Parish Council did not wish to enter a new licence for the car park at Queen Bower. The abandoned vehicle in the School Lane car park had been removed following a letter to the owner who had been identified via a request to the DVLA.

196/23 LANGBRIDGE FLOODING AND CAR PARKING

Questions on flooding would be presented to the proposed Special Parish Meeting which was now proposed to be held in February. It was agreed to await the impact of the Pedallers car park project before making any decisions in respect of car parking.

197/23 VILLAGE HALL IMPROVEMENTS

The Clerk had sought quotations from two further electrical contractors for the proposed heating system. One quotation had been received and one contractor had advised that a small gas boiler based heating system would be more cost effective. After due consideration it was –

RESOLVED: (i) To further investigate the cost of a gas boiler based heating system
(ii) To proceed with insulating the loft should the requested quotation be lower than that previously received. **GH**

198/23 INVASIVE SPECIES

A report and request for a financial contribution had been received from Natural Enterprise.

RESOLVED: That a contribution be considered as part of the budget process which would be considered at the January meeting.

199/23 PROPOSED SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk advised that only one acceptance had been received to date from those invited, partly due to commitments already made in January.

RESOLVED: To schedule a meeting for February and ask invited organisations to inform the Parish Council of dates on which they could be available to attend. **GH**

200/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 22nd January 2024.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm

CHAIRMAN

22nd JANUARY 2024

