

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

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A MEETING OF NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE PARISH HALL, NEWCHURCH AT 7PM ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Blezzard, Cripps, Davison, Harris, Jewell, Mosdell 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

172/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

173/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Blezzard declared his previously reported interests.

174/23 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2023

On the proposition of Councillor Mosdell, seconded by Councillor West, it was -

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2023

175/23 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS.

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

RESOLVED: To approve the financial reports.

176/23 IW COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

IW Councillor Mosdell advised that she had been elected as Leader of the Conservative Group of the IW Council and was backing the introduction of a Committee system in respect of the administration of the IW Council. She had set up a Facebook page for interaction with local residents and organisations, this was to be a non political forum and all were welcome to contribute to its content.

177/23 PARISH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Blezzard reported Remembrance Day, IW Council Asset Management proposals, and flood management. It was agreed that Councillor Blezzard would cast the Parish Council vote in the current elections to NALC.

Councillor Harris reported on the muddy condition on sections of NC12 which needed attention and on hedgework that was necessary on NC42 in the vicinity of Queen Bower. The Clerk would report to Rights of Way. **GH**

The IW Council had circulated a consultation regarding the introduction of yellow lines in areas of the Parish, after due consideration it was agreed that the following comments be made –

1. Main Road, Alverstone – all strongly objected to this proposal on the grounds that it was not necessary and a waste of resources. The proposal was also seen as being detrimental to highway safety.
2. Cupressus Avenue, Winford – it was agreed to support this proposal and extend it into each side of the junction to Forest Road.
3. The Shute, Newchurch – it was agreed to object to this proposal as being unnecessary.

It was noted that the consultation did not contain anything relating to speed issues and it was also felt that consideration should be given to the problem of buses negotiating the Hairpin Bend at Winford.

Councillor Cripps reported on the severe flooding at Langbridge and asked what action the Parish Council could take. It was agreed to call a Special Parish Meeting to discuss flooding, speeding and other important local issues. This would include inviting representatives of the Environment Agency, Island Roads, the Police Authority, Island Roads, and Rights of Way. **GH**

Councillor Jewell reported on speeding in Alverstone Road, the removal of the ‘Red Van’ from Alverstone Road and the continued use of Newchurch Shute by heavy vehicles.

Councillor Davison reported on potholes in the High Street and at Knighton, and proposals regarding vaping and young persons.

Councillor Bevan would attend the Branstone Residents meeting, there was strong support for a Community Allotment facility at the development. He requested that a letter be sent to Island Roads in respect of recent work in Newchurch High Street, unnecessary work had been undertaken while the other side of the highway which needed repair had been left. **GH**. He had a copy of a communication document produced by Lake Parish Council, it was agreed that Newchurch Parish Council would not adopt such a format but would continue to use a Facebook page. Councillor Bevan also expressed his concern regarding the response that had been received from the IW Council regarding their adoption of the Pedestrian Bridge, IW Councillor Mosdell will raise with the IW Council Chief Executive. **CM**

Flooding and car parking at Langbridge would form items for the December Parish Council Agenda

178/23 CLERK’S REPORT AND PROGRESS LOG

The Clerk reported as follows –

- 1.E Mail sent to Island Roads regarding provision of a waste bin at Parkway – Response that non were available at this time.
- 2 Further E Mail sent to Planning re tipping at Knighton – response awaited.
- 3 Form sent to DVLC re Mini Cooper in School Lane car park -response awaited, advised that responses are taking up to six weeks.
- 4.E Mail sent to IWC re Queen Bower car park agreement - Agenda item.
- 5.Contact point at NALC requested from IWALC in respect of provision of legal advice – awaiting advice from IWALC. Advice received from IW Council.
- 6.E Mail sent again to Island Roads concerning condition of cycleway north of Station House, Alverstone. Meeting agreed with Geoff Pidgeon Wednesday 22nd Nov at 3pm..
- 7.Removal of gate at Cemetery – letter sent to PCC, will be considered next week at PCC Meeting..
- 8.Frequency of grass cutting of verges etc – e mail sent to Rights of Way, response received confirming current twice a year cut and saying anything further we would need to fund.
- 9.Boundary works at Cemetery – update requested from H&IW Wildlife Trust, response circulated.

10. Transfer of £20k from current account to 1 year Bond, application awaiting transfer.
11. 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.

Councillor Blezzard would advise the Clerk regarding the process for obtaining legal advice from NALC. **BB**

Councillor Davison asked regarding a response to her e mail regarding the granting of a car park permit.

- RESOLVED:** 1. That the report be noted.
2. That the request for a car park permit be granted.

179 /23 CORRESPONDENCE

1. A communication had been received from Natural Enterprise regarding the programme of works removing Himalayan Balsam, financial contributions towards costs had previously been made by the Parish Council.
2. A quotation had been received in respect of the provision of new heating for the Parish Hall.

- RESOLVED:** 1. That the matter form an agenda item for the December meeting.
2. That two further quotations be sought for the specified provision of new heating. quotations to be received by the 18th December. **GH**

180/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered –

1. Proposed single storey rear extension. Oakdene Alverstone Road Queen Bower Newchurch. Ref. No: 23/01909/HOU.
2. Proposed porch 17 Youngwoods Copse Alverstone Garden Village Newchurch. Ref. No: 23/01872/HOU.
3. Replacement outbuilding including double garage, gym and garden room Open for comment icon Purbeck House Holliers Farm Hale Common Arreton. Ref. No: 23/01889/HOU |

RESOLVED: That no objection be made to the applications.

181/23 PLANNING DECISIONS

No decisions had been received since the October meeting.

182/23 CAR PARKS

The licence of the Car Park at Queen Bower had expired a period of years ago and responsibility for it now lay with the owner, the IW Council. The Parish Council had been asked by the IW Council if it wished to enter a new licence. Concern was expressed regarding future maintenance of the site, in particularly overhanging branches from adjacent land. After due consideration it was –

RESOLVED: Not to enter a new licence for the car park.

183/23 HIGHWAY VERGES AT YOUNGWOODS WAY

Correspondence had been received from three residents who had concerns regarding pedestrian and highway safety arising from the use of the verges by a number of residents. This use included for the building of a fence and the placement of rocks on the verge. They believed this is contrary to an agreement with the IW Council that these verges remain an open space to protect highway safety.

RESOLVED: To forward the correspondence to the IW Council and ask that they take any action that is required arising from its content. **GH**

184/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was confirmed to be Monday 18th December 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.29pm

CHAIRMAN

18th DECEMBER 2023