



**Newchurch Parish Council**

**Minutes** of Meeting 2019-10 held in the Old Wool Store, Brooker Farm, Newchurch TN29 ODP on Monday 4th November 2019. At 7.32 pm Chairman Cllr Apps welcomed all to the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

<i>Unique Minute No</i>	<i>Agenda Heading</i>	<i>Record</i>	<i>Action by whom and within what timescale</i>
2019-10-1	Persons Present	Councillors Trevor Apps (Chairman), Andrew Cragg, Deborah Ward, Alison Youd, 6 members of the public, Mrs Valerie Denby (Responsible Financial Officer / RFO to Newchurch Parish Council), Mr Michael Sharpe (Clerk to Newchurch Parish Council)	
2019-10-2	Apologies	None	
2019-10-3	Declarations of Interest	The Chairman reminded Councillors of their obligation to declare any interest, pecuniary or otherwise, during the course of each item as it arises.	
2019-10-4	Final Minutes of previous meeting	The printed copies of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 were examined and discussed and unanimously APPROVED. Proposed A Cragg Seconded D Ward.	<b>ACTION Clerk</b> to place signed copy of paper minutes in Minute Book straightaway, and update website by 29th November.
2019-10-5	Matters Arising	In examining the Minutes the Council noted that all action points had been addressed as appropriate. Cllr Cragg reported that he had had no reply from the alternative banker he had approached.	
2019-10-6	Public Interval	The Council having invited the two candidates for the casual vacancy election to attend, Mr Weatherhead and Mr Goode both spoke briefly on their backgrounds and their reasons for seeking election, and were able to partake in the exchange of information among Councillors, Officers and members of the public. At the close of this part of the meeting, the Council readopted Standing Orders. Four members of the public left the meeting at this point.	
2019-10-7	FINANCIAL REPORT	The Responsible Financial Officer Mrs Denby reported bank balances were £16,704.93 (current) and £0.06 (deposit). Some banking items are still outstanding. Mrs Denby informed the Council that Cllr Youd	

		<p>has been accepted as an additional signatory to the Council's cheque account. The Council then RESOLVED to make the following payments, proposed A Cragg, seconded D Ward:</p> <p>Fenland Leisure Products Ltd of Wisbech, for supply of replacement Child Swing Seat for Jubilee Field Playground £93.60 inc VAT Warren IT of Folkestone for change of webmaster £30 inc VAT <u>TOTAL £123.60 gross, £103 net of VAT</u></p> <p>Cllr Apps handed £213.30 cash to the Treasurer, being a donation towards the Playground from the recent 'Vintage Afternoon Tea' held at the Village Hall on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p><b>ACTION Clerk</b> to draft a letter of thanks to the organiser Jill Owen, and <b>T Apps</b> to sign, as soon as possible</p>
2019-10-8	Budget process for 2020/21	<p>Cllr Cragg stated the budget should be considered at the December meeting, and finalised at the January meeting, for the precept amount to be sent to Folkestone &amp; Hythe District Council (FHDC). He also reminded the Council that the bill for the election to be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> from FHDC was likely to be between £1000 and £1800.</p>	<p><b>ACTION A Cragg</b> and <b>V Denby</b> to confer and present clear proposals to the Council in December.</p>
2019-10-9	PLANNING MATTERS:	<p>The Council was able to view the entries for 'Newchurch' on the online FHDC Planning Portal, and noted nothing new.</p>	
2019-10-10	Romney Marsh Forum	<p>Cllrs Apps and Youd attended on 24<sup>th</sup> October and found the discussions of great interest, including a presentation from the Dementia-Friendly Steering Group, Natural England, and Speedwatch. Further discussions about health and crematoria had also taken place.</p>	<p><b>ACTION A Youd</b> to liaise with new Webmaster Emma to publicise call for volunteers for Speedwatch, as convenient.</p>
2019-10-11	Street Scene near Church View	<p>The Clerk reported contact with residents who lamented the unattractive appearance of the bus shelter, phone box and post box. Councillors agreed that the area has become unkempt, and that the relevant owners should be encouraged to spruce it up.</p>	<p><b>ACTION Clerk</b> to investigate further the responsibility for maintenance, and report to the December meeting.</p>
2019-10-12	Correspondence	<p>The Council considered whether to send a representative in person to the Annual General Meeting of the Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC) and decided in the negative. It agreed to help publicise the Gurkha Band Concert at Lydd Church on 16<sup>th</sup> November. It debated the motion proposed by the Power for the People campaign, namely:</p> <p>That Newchurch Parish Council (i) recognises that councils</p>	<p><b>ACTION A Cragg</b> to ask webmaster to place details on website</p>

		<p>can play a central role in creating sustainable communities, particularly through the provision of locally generated renewable electricity;</p> <p>(ii) further recognises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• that very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,</li> <li>• that making these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation would create significant opportunities for councils to be providers of locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and</li> <li>• that revenues received by councils that became local renewable electricity providers could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;</li> </ul> <p>(iii) accordingly RESOLVES to support the Local Electricity Bill, currently supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs, and which, if made law, would make the setup and running costs of selling renewable electricity to local customers proportionate by establishing a Right to Local Supply; and</p> <p>(iv) further RESOLVES to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• inform the local media of this decision,</li> <li>• write to local MPs, asking them to support the Bill, and</li> <li>• write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage,</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTION</b> Clerk to execute these actions, by 29<sup>th</sup> November</p>
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		Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support. Proposed A Cragg, seconded D Ward, all in favour. Lastly the Council RESOLVED to participate in VE Day Commemoration activities, as outlined in the Queen's Pageantmaster's Communication	
2019-10-13	Any other business	None	
2019-10-14	Date and place of next Parish Council meeting	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 7.30pm Old Wool Store Brooker Farm.	<b>ACTION</b> Clerk to prepare and circulate agendas by 29th November.

The Chairman declared the Parish Council meeting to be concluded at 8.57pm.