

NEWCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

*MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7 PM ON MONDAY 7 MAY 2018 IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM AT NEWCHURCH VILLAGE HALL*

1. Persons PRESENT

Chairman Cllr Trevor Apps
Vice Chair Cllr Andrew Cragg
Cllr Brian Sneyd
Cllr Neale Waters
Mrs Valerie Denby
Mr Michael Barclay
Mr Peter Dunning
Mrs Diana Dunning
Mr Michael Sharpe (minutes)

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. Received from Mrs Gillian Apps, Cllr Roger Wilkins (Folkestone & Hythe District Council), Kent Police representatives, Damian Collins MP

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

The Chairman then vacated the chair and Cllr Cragg conducted the election for the appointment of Chairman. Cllr Apps was duly re-elected unopposed as Chairman - proposed by Cllr Waters and seconded by Cllr Sneyd.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN Cllr Cragg was re-elected unopposed as Vice Chairman proposed by Cllr Apps and seconded by Cllr Waters.

5. SIGNATURE OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FORMS FOR CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr Apps proposed to defer signing these forms until the close of the meeting, and this was done.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL MEETING May 2017

There were two amendments to the minutes, being a typo in paragraph 4 of “&” for “7”, and the date of the next meeting was changed to reflect the change of date of the present meeting from 14th May 2018 to 7th May 2018. These changes being made, the proposal for the substantive minutes to be accepted was made by Mr Peter Dunning, seconded by Mrs Diana Dunning, and the Meeting resolved to accept by general acclamation. The final version of these minutes will be available on the website and in the blue ‘signed papers’ folder kept by the Clerk.

7. MATTERS ARISING - none

8. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT -

The Chairman gave a full and interesting report of 2017/18 which will be available to view on newchurchvillage.org under ‘Parish Council’ – ‘Meetings and Documents’. He announced the resignation from office of Kevin Shaw, for personal reasons, and offered his thanks for the time and effort Cllr Shaw had dedicated to Parish Council matters over the past years. The highlight of the year had been the Airfield Memorial Unveiling Event in September 2017. He thanked a number of individu-

als who had been involved in this and other Parish Council activities for their hard work and continuing commitment to improving the quality of life for Newchurch residents in many ways.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT Mrs Valerie Denby gave her report for the Financial Year April 2017 to March 2018, recently subject to internal audit. She distributed a printed Statement of Accounts to the meeting, and she and Cllr Cragg explained the headings and entries. They invited questions from those present, and there were none. Cllr Waters then proposed the Meeting approve the report, seconded by Cllr Apps, and this was resolved by all present voting in favour.

10. COMMUNITY CLUB REPORTS:

Newchurch Village Hall Management Committee

Newchurch Parochial Church Council

Short Mat Bowls Club

Newchurch Social Club

All reports are available to view on newchurchvillage.org

11. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2018-19

The internal auditor for 2017-2018, Lesley Bruce of Ham Street, was proposed by Mrs Denby, seconded by Cllr Apps. For information, external audit is subject to Government requirements, which have changed again this year, but will have the continuing involvement of PKF Littlejohn Accountants and Business Advisors of Canary Wharf London.

12. WEBSITE Newchurchvillage.org Cllr Cragg reported steady progress, especially on the content of the History pages. There are some changes linked to the new GDPR data protection regime on the way. One of those present queried the impact of the changes on those placing 'adverts' on the website, since these by their very nature disclose personal data. This individual also expressed a wish to thank the webmaster for the speed and competence of her response recently.

13. PUBLIC QUESTIONS An attendee asked "On the subject of Wireless Internet Access and 5G mobile phone technology, companies are seeking to place new aerials - is this generally a good thing?"

Some discussion then ensued. A proposal arose for the website to carry information for new parish residents about the local experience of the competing network providers, including broadband as well as mobile phones. The feeling of the meeting was that local coverage and reception are not as strong or resilient as they should be.

12. DATE AND TIME OF 2018 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - Monday 13th May 2019 7pm, in the Community Room, Village Hall, if available.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance, especially on a Bank Holiday, and declared the meeting closed at 7.38pm.

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