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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CALBOURNE, NEWTOWN AND PORCHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

**THAT WAS HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH MARCH 2022 AT 16.45HRS AT THE VISITORS CENTRE (IN THE CAR PARK) AT NEWTOWN NATURE RESERVE.**

**8 Local Residents were present at the meeting.**

**TO WELCOME NEWLY CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR FOR THE PORCHFIELD WARD.**Mr Richard Rann was welcomed as the newly co-opted Councillor for the Porchfield Ward of Calbourne Parish Council. He duly read out and signed the declaration of Acceptance of Office prior to taking his seat.

**MEMBERS PRESENT :-** Cllr P. Pike (Chairman), Cllr Chaucer, Cllr L. Pike, and Cllr R Rann.   
 Cllr Hastings of IWC was also present.

**532/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**Cllr Weeks

**533/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**534/21 TO WELCOME CLLR FULLER CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FOR THE I W COUNCIL**

Cllr Fuller was welcomed to the meeting by the Chairman. Cllr Fuller reported he was asking Town and Parish Councils what were the problems Councils were experiencing?

The struggle for people to have access to buses was discussed especially for people to get from Calbourne to Thorness and no buses in Porchfield. He reported he was gathering a body of evidence with a question of having rural bus services. Problems with Southern Vectis were raised about later timed bus services were not available. It was pointed out that it was only thanks to the lobbying of Calbourne Parish Council that there is a bus going through Calbourne. Buses need to be frequent as issues with busses are ongoing. He was told our residents need a minibus as people want to go from the Parish to either Newport or Cowes. The bus time table needs to get into the real world.

Cllr Fuller raised the problem with Thorness Holiday Centre as there are no buses and people on holiday need to have this facility as well as the elderly who live in the Parish who don’t want to live in a town.

He was informed that taxis would not come out as far as Calbourne to pick fares up.

Access to the Countryside was raised and the round the Island Coastal Path which is not well supported this especially going through the Nature Reserve of Newtown or the fact they want to replace the gates with a style that cattle can open causing problems/danger to the public. Not using the old railway track for the path was raised and how could it be called a coastal path when a lot of it was on the road. The lack of any

parking to access it was raised as there are no parking places in Porchfield and few in Newtown which has caused great problems for Residents.

The Commercialisation of the Nature Reserve was raised regarding the proposal to put in coffee machines and a picnic area and a question of planning permission was queried. It was suggested that the Parish Council take up Membership of the National Trust. He was questioned why speed checks were done in January the quietest time of the year. Cllr Fuller handed out questionnaires that were being circulated and asked as many residents to fill them in as their views matter.

**535/21 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 17TH FEBRUARY 2022**

**RESOLVED:-**

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th February 22 were approved and duly signed.

**536/21 TO WELCOME AND RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM CLLR HASTINGS** Cllr Hastings was welcomed to the meeting and reported that £40 million has been added to the budget for affordable housing. More funds have been allocated for enforcement and £500,000 for tree planting. The funding for the call centre has been maintained.

There has been a successful prosecution for fly tipping. It has been suggested that cameras are put in known places to stop this practise happening.

There is to be a big litter pick on the Island co-ordinated by the IW Council. Fly tipping can now be reported direct to Island Roads on their website and they are reacting quite fast to information they receive and are removing the litter.

**537/21 TO COMMENT ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION.**

**22/00408/FUL** Old Clamerkins Farmhouse Porchfield PO304PD Two storey extension and swimming pool.

**RESOLVED:-**

That Calbourne Parish Council have no objections to this planning applications. The Council would

like to ensure that any lighting of the pool complies with a dark skies policy and should be part of the

planning condition.

**22/00275/HOU** West View, Old Vicarage Lane Porchfield PO304NY Demolition of garage and side

extension. Proposed single storey replacement extension.

**RESOLVED:-**

That Calbourne Parish Council have no objections to this planning application.

**538/21 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE FINANCIAL REPORTS.**   
 **a.** To approve and the list of payment for February 22 and note the February Bank Statement.

**RESOLVED :-**

That the list of payment for February 22 and note the February Bank Statement were approved.  
 **b.** To note Summary of payments and receipt for February 2022   
 The Summary of payments and receipt for February 2022 were noted.

**539/21 TO NOTE WORK HAS COMMENCED ON THE UNDERPINNING OF PORCHFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

The work on Porchfield Village Hall has commenced only to find more problems as the blockwork was

completely soft and is having to be replaced as water has got into it. This means ditch and drainage work

also needs to be done.

**540/21 OPPORTUNITY FOR COUNCILLORS TO COMMENT ON THE PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW**  No comments were made.

**541/21 CLERK TO REPORT CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND OTHER RELATED PARISH MATTERS AND DECISIONS**

**TO BE MADE.**

a.Request for litter picking equipment.

**RESOLVED :-**

That the Council agreed for the Clerk to purchase litter picking equipment for Porchfield litter

Pick and to ensure it complied with Health and Safety requirements.   
 b Taxi fare consultation

This item was discussed. Councillors pointed out problems with getting taxis to pick up from

Calbourne.

**The Council had no comment to send in regarding the fare consultation.**

c. Veterans Outreach Support Group

**This item was noted.**

d. To report on the outcome of election dated 30th March 22 for Calbourne Parish Ward.

The Clerk reported that Nick Stuart was elected unopposed for the vacancy in the Calbourne

Ward. Due to the election date being posted as the 31th March 22 he was unable to take up his

Council seat until after that date.

**This item was noted.**

**Signed**   **Date**