



## Chairman's Report April 2011/March 2012

This is my second year as Chairman since being elected to the new parish council in 2010 and it has been an extremely busy year. Sadly, I am coming to the end of my last year as Chairman, but I wish the next Chairman a good year and this will take us to elections in May 2013.

As you are aware we have achieved *Quality Status* and this is something we must continue to maintain and I know that our clerk, Mrs Maxine Yule, will work hard with our members to try and keep this for years to come, and I thank her for her outstanding contribution to our council. We have now taken over from the IW Council all the allotments in Newport wards which are looked after by our Caretaker Mr Alan Tombleson. Alan has worked tirelessly throughout the year with tenants to resolve any problems and my thanks to him for his continued hard work.

We continue to use the Newport Beacon as our monthly newsletter which is delivered to all parish households, and we have now upgraded our Web site. We are also on Twitter, Facebook and have a new Blog. I would urge people to use them if you can, we value any input. You can also share your comments with the Clerk in the parish office at the Riverside Centre.

We continue to meet each month at different venues within the wards. Our meetings are always very business-like, but we would like to see more members of the public to attend and give their views. We are always pleased to see a member of the press and a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team. In October, we were delighted to welcome Samuel Hughes, as a nonvoting youth member, he is a valuable addition to the council.

The Planning Committee meet fortnightly and we remain the main IW Council consultee on all planning applications within our wards. They are always discussed at length in a very professional manner with the help of the Chair Shirley Smart and excellent advice from our Assistant Clerk Mr Chris Hougham, thanks go to all.

It was very important to us this year, due to the economical situation of the country, that we set out the budget wisely, therefore we have set a -0.5% budget for 2012/2013 giving you all a small reduction. We did not take up the offer from IW Council for the Economic Development Fund because all our bids were rejected, as they did not fit their criteria. I am very disappointed that our major bid was rejected, which was for external redecoration and repairs to the Guildhall. We intended to use a local contractor who would have been able to teach apprentices the old methods of construction on a Grade 2 Listed Building which has been sadly neglected by the IW Council.

For the first time this year we held a Firework Display and bonfire on the old training field by Newport Football Club in conjunction with IOW Radio. I am pleased to say this was a major success and my thanks go to our clerk and members who helped with this and it will be held this year with a venue yet to be agreed. We did I think, improve on the Christmas Fair in 2011, this seems to go from strength to strength. We have joined with Newport Minster, Newport Carnival and IW Radio to make it a full day event with the evening light switch on and Carnival. We will be continuing to improve the Christmas lighting, but may change the format for the Christmas Poster Competition that we display in an empty shop.

We have given nearly £2,500 of donations to various worthy causes and this year gave a major donation to Newport Food bank.

Finally many thanks to all members of the Parish Council over the last year for their support, understanding and good sense of humour, in my last year as chairman. But I must say a special thanks to clerk Maxine Yule who has helped me with all tasks during the year.

**Cllr Peter Whiteman, Chair of the Parish Council, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

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## PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The table below follows the receipts and payments for 2011/12 financial year; these are provisional accounts that have not been audited. Local electors will have the opportunity to question the auditor about them and full details of how this can be done will be posted on the parish council website.

The Council Tax precept for 2012/13 is £126,678 which equates to £15.70 per household at Band D for the year or just 30p per week.

Any questions regarding the accounts can be directed to me by telephone on 201115 or at the parish office on 559119 or email [maxyule@gmail.com](mailto:maxyule@gmail.com)  
**Maxine Yule, Clerk and Responsible Financial officer**

<b>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2012</b>		
31 March 2011		Current Year end 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2012
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		£
127,257	Precept	127,245
100	Grants	0
383	Repayments	190
7,708	Allotments	7032
145	Market stalls at Christmas Fair	110
0	Ticket sales and stalls at the Firework Event	4476
6,577	VAT Refund	6,950
692	Bank Interest	848
<b>142,862</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>146,851</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
60,483	General Administration incl. Salaries, training and audit	62,521
4,731	Communications	2,285
29,276	Maintenance of Dog Bins, Xmas Lights, and Summer Flowers	25,108
4,723	Allotments	10,850
22,876	Projects	30,615
889	Meeting Room Hire and Parish Office	4,138
4,520	Donations to Community Activities	2,375
11,577	Elections	0
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<b>139,075</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>137,912</b>
<b>YEAR END TOTALS</b>		
69,530	Balance at 1 April 11	73,317
142,862	Add total receipts	146,851
139,075	Deduct total payments	137,913
<b>73,317</b>	<b>BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2012</b>	<b>82,255</b>

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Website - [www.newportwight.org.uk](http://www.newportwight.org.uk)

### Parish Councillors:

<b>Peter Whiteman (Chairman)</b>	<b>537215</b>
<b>Mary Craven (Vice Chair)</b>	<b>521686</b>
Tony Coburn	524076
Debbie Dixcey	526508
Steven Falla	07989684213
Terry Goldstone	527457
John Hobart	07717716663
Richard Hollis	200986
Julie Jones-Evans	521068
Geoff Lumley	521686
Lois Prior	07890115547
Shirley Smart	523793
John Ward	07846809213
David Whittaker	526760

### Contact:

### Officers:

**Maxine Yule, Parish Clerk – 201115**  
Chris Hougham, Assistant Clerk - 525781  
Alan Tombleson, Allotments - 07580032216  
Parish Office - 559119

## MEETINGS

The full Parish Council meet on the second Monday of the month, in every month except August, when no meeting is held. We rotate the locations around the wards and start at 6.45pm. Members of the public are able to participate in meetings and there is 15 minutes public question time at the start of every meeting, where issues can be raised that are not on the agenda.

The Planning Committee meet once a fortnight on a Thursday at 6.30pm at the Riverside Centre. Members of the public and press are welcome at all meetings.

## PARISH COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Of the 11 scheduled full council meetings held between 1<sup>st</sup> April 11 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 12 Parish Councillor attendance was as follows:

### Current Councillors:

**Tony Coburn -10; Mary Craven - 9; Debbie Dixcey – 9;**  
**Steven Falla -10; Terry Goldstone – 8; John Hobart – 11;**  
**Richard Hollis – 7; Julie Jones-Evans - 11;**  
**Geoff Lumley - 10; Lois Prior – 11; Shirley Smart - 11;**  
**John Ward – 9; Peter Whiteman –11; David Whittaker - 8**

Questions relating to this report can be addressed to any of your Parish Councillors or the Parish Clerk.