



**Office Opening Times**  
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# Newport Parish Council

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We hope that you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Should you have any comments or wish to discuss any parish matter further, please contact the Clerk or any of the councillors.

### Worsley Road Playing Field Parkhurst

The Parish Council are currently negotiating with Newport Grammar School Trust to secure a 15 year lease for Worsley Road Playing field. Residents will be consulted in the near future about possible uses and improvements.

### Toilets

Discussions are currently underway with the Isle of Wight Council to take over the running of the four toilet blocks located in Newport (Seaclose, South Street, Post Office Lane and Carisbrooke Car Park). It is anticipated that this will be completed by April 2016. Budget provision has been made for 2016/17 based on the current information from the Isle of Wight council, although this may result in a substantial increase in the precept the Parish Council feel that toilet provision should be maintained.

### Planning and your Parish Council

People don't always appreciate the role of their local Parish or Town Council as part of the planning process. Planning is probably best described as a technical and political process concerned with the use of land, protection and use of the environment, public welfare and the design of the urban or rural environment. In our country, the modern pioneers of a form of planning control, it breaks down into two fundamental elements; specifically planning policy and development control through the submission of planning applications, determinations, monitoring of ongoing development and, when necessary, enforcement.

For the last fifty years every effort has been made to make this an open and transparent approach through extensive public consultation, notifications and press advertisements. Everyone has the opportunity to comment on proposed planning policy and planning applications when they are submitted. It sounds quite straightforward but over the years it has become an extremely complicated process.

An important rule of modern planning control is to understand that local opposition to a development is not a reason in itself to refuse planning permission, in

the same way that public support cannot be the sole reason for granting permission. Here on the Island the Local Authority for the determination of all planning applications is the Isle of Wight Council. Your Parish Council, as an elected body, is an important consultee. We are consulted on all matters of policy and planning applications and related submissions. In terms of the latter we're required to comment within just 21 days of the date when the application is formally advertised.

The Parish Council have a Committee that considers and comments on all applications. In the vast majority of cases, our eventual comments will indicate whether we wish to object or not object to a proposed development giving detailed reasons of how we reached that decision.

Any comment must relate to national and local planning policies and the numerous material considerations as well as, wherever possible, reflecting local opinion and the best interests of the people of Newport, Carisbrooke, Gunville and Parkhurst.

### **Chairman Julie Jones-Evans**

There can be no doubt that Newport is stepping up to the plate regarding taking on areas that the IW Council can no longer afford. We have taken over Victoria and Clatterford Recreation Grounds and have just agreed to take over the running of the public toilets. I believe that this is the right thing to do and that we can improve on these services. Although this does mean a modest rise in the precept that residents pay to the Council, we will continue to have value for money as a key element of any service we provide.

### **Update on Victoria Recreation Ground and Clubhouse**

The Parish Council has now completed and signed the 99 year lease with the IW Council and has negotiated a sub-lease with Victoria Sports and Social Club which will be signed shortly.

A number of works have been completed, including redecoration to the exterior of the tractor shed (old toilet block), a new gate installed to the playing field and the fencing renewed along the boundary in the children's play area.

As part of the ongoing improvements to the clubhouse, security lighting, and CCTV will be installed in the next few weeks as well as the reinstatement of the exterior clock. Some essential works to the surface of the car park are also scheduled.

The amount of litter in the Recreation Ground has been of concern to some residents, so a new waste bin will be installed by the car park entrance.



### **Upcoming Meetings**

Our Full Council meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 6:45pm. The scheduled meetings for the next three months are:

- 14th March 2016 at The Riverside Centre
- 11th April 2016 as well as the Annual Parish Meeting at The Riverside Centre
- 9th May 2016 as well as the Annual Meeting at The Riverside Centre

The Planning and Licensing Committee meet every fortnight at the Riverside Centre starting at 6:30pm. The meetings in March will be on 3rd, 17th and 31st, April will be on 14th and 28th and May will be on 12th and 26th.

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

### **Emergency Warden Scheme**

The Parish Council has been successful in securing funding of £8,645 from Scottish and Southern Energy Resilient Communities Fund to train and equip voluntary emergency wardens for Newport.

The 36 Emergency Wardens will cover the 6 areas in Newport that are most vulnerable to flooding. Six of the trained Wardens will be lead Wardens. The wardens will also be trained for wider emergencies to include extreme weather and utility failure.

The Parish Council will work with The Footprint Trust, Newport Rivers Group, the Environment Agency and the IW Council Community Resilience Team to create a comprehensive plan for Newport.

The trained Emergency Wardens will act as local contacts, working in ward-based groups, giving guidance and assistance to their neighbours. They will also be loaned simple equipment enabling them to offer immediate assistance ahead of any requirement for the emergency services.

Local community meetings will be arranged in the near future. Please look out for posters and information on our website, Facebook page or contact our Clerk.

### **Communications**

Newport Parish Council are keen to communicate with all residents and to aid this have launched a Facebook page, please 'like' us and visit us regularly for the latest updates on what's going on. [www.facebook.com/newportwright](http://www.facebook.com/newportwright) Or follow us on Twitter - @newportIWPC.

The Full Council meetings are also recorded and uploaded to the website so you don't need to miss a thing!

