



Newport Parish Council

Annual Report 2017 / 2018

Parish Councillors

Geoff Brodie - Chair
Peter Whiteman - Vice-Chairman
Joanne Ballington
Jaimie Bundell
Tony Coburn
Mary Craven
Andrew Garratt
Steve Hastings
John Hobart
Richard Hollis
Julie Jones-Evans
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Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday - 10am to 12pm
Wednesday - 10am to 12pm
Thursday - 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Chair's Report

This has been the 10th anniversary year of the formation of Newport Parish Council. I was delighted to be elected by my colleagues as Chair for the anniversary year, having been the first Chair back in 2008.

The difference since 2008 has been most notable. The main difference being when we realised that if some Isle of Wight Council services were to continue then we would have to step into the breach and take them on. We did this in 2014 and have continued to grow ever since.

The last year has seen an increasing awareness that we need to work with others to regenerate and rejuvenate our parish. Hopefully you will have heard about and participated in the **Shaping Newport** consultation, which is due to report around now. This is a piece of work funded by the Parish Council along with local business and the Isle of Wight Council to see how we can make our County town, and its neighbourhoods, a better place to live, visit, shop and relax in. I know that many of us are looking forward to the report. The Parish Council will be ready to participate in the recommendations.

The newly elected Council from last May saw three new councillors and then a co-option in September to our one vacancy. I believe we all work pretty well together. I believe an additional strength is that we have seven Isle of Wight councillors who are also on the Parish Council, giving us information and influence we may not otherwise have.

Finally, we appointed a new Clerk in January. Danny Faulkner has stepped confidently into his esteemed predecessor's shoes. Maxine Yule was a great asset for nearly 10-years, but I believe we have the right successor.

My thanks for the past year to the rest of our staff and to all colleague councillors.

Geoff Brodie, Newport East

Parish Council Accounts

The table below follows the receipts and payments for the financial year 2017/18. These are the provisional accounts that have not been audited. Local electors will have the opportunity to question the auditor about them and full details on how this can be done will be posted on the Newport Parish Council website. The Parish Council's Council Tax precept for 2018/19 is £369,641 (£364,570 net of grant), which equates to £24.30 per household at Band D for the year or 47p per week. Any questions regarding the accounts can be directed to me by telephone at the Parish Office on 01983 559119 or email to clerk@newportwight.org.uk.

Danny Faulkner, Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

31st March 2017 - £	Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March 2018	31st March 2018 - £
Receipts		
284,395	Precept	288,628
11,903	Grants	7,670
3,583	Repayments/contributions to works/other income	5,973
7,930	Allotments	9,177
7,744	Event income	7,457
1,422	Recreation grounds	1,444
20,224	Net VAT refund	19,227
0	VAT received on sales	1,312
662	Bank interest	394
337,863	Total Receipts	341,282
Payments		
77,567	General administration incl. Salaries, training and audit	90,468
3,173	Communications	3,774
6,387	Maintenance	8,538
13,742	Allotments	24,449
85,023	Projects	64,534
56,381	Toilets	50,002
62,641	Other devolved services incl. recreation grounds, Environment Officer	75,194
5,444	Meeting room hire and office rent	6,159
17,663	Community donations	21,388
0	Elections	6,797
328,021	Total Payments	351,303
Year End Totals		
203,835	Balance at 1st April 2017	213,677
337,863	Add total receipts	341,282
328,021	Deduct total payments	351,303
213,677	BALANCE AT 31st MARCH 2018	203,656

Meetings

Full Council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month except August, when no meeting is held. We rotate the locations around the wards and meetings begin at 6.45pm. Members of the public are able to participate during the 15-minute public session at the beginning of each meeting, where questions can be raised relating to business not included on the agenda.

The Planning & Licensing Committee meets every fortnight on a Thursday evening beginning at 6.30pm at The Riverside Centre. The Devolved Services Committee meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6.30pm at the Riverside Centre. Full details of all meetings can be found on our website. Members of the press and public are welcome to all parish meetings.

Councillor Attendance at Meetings

Between 1st April 2017 and 31st March 2018 the Parish Council held 10 scheduled Full Council meetings and three additional Special meetings (13 in total). Councillor attendance was as follows:

Joanne Ballington – 8	John Hobart – 7
Geoff Brodie – 11	Richard Hollis – 6
Jaimie Bundell* – 7	Julie Jones-Evans – 9
Tony Coburn – 9	Terry Martin – 13
Mary Craven – 11	Matthew Price – 5
Andrew Garratt – 10	Shirley Smart – 10
Steve Hastings – 12	Peter Whiteman – 12

*Cllr Bundell became a co-opted member at the September meeting.

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