

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison, S Biles, J Boileau Goad (Chairman), A Logan, J A Stotesbury, A E Watts and J C Young

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor D Stewart (Isle of Wight Council) and Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council)

APOLOGIES: Councillors P K G Fradgley, M A Innes and C R Peach

The Chairman welcomed Mr Andrew White, Planning Consultant, who outlined the proposed scheme to develop the Niton Fields Nursery site.

M01/02/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

M02/02/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd January 2017 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M03/02/17 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £10,406.80 in the General Funds, £25,017.10 in the Public Sector Deposit Fund and £6,191.32 in the Bequest Account. A schedule of accounts for payment was also before the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement to 20th February 2017 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1421	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – February 2017	540.29
1422	IWALC	Subscription Fee 2017/18 including NALC affiliation fee	379.02
1423	Lesley A Kemp	Legal fees in connection with Niton Football Club lease	3,000.00
1424	The Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration renewal	35.00
1425	SSE	Electricity for Niton public toilets	42.30
1426	Tania M ^c Allister	Bert Sprake Memorial Garden Maintenance 2016	312.00
		Total	4,308.61

RESOLVED: that the Parish accounts as listed above be approved for payment with the exception of the legal fees in connection with the Niton Football Club lease.

RESOLVED: that Wilks, Price Hounslow Solicitors, into which Mrs Kemp's company has now been incorporated, be asked to complete the Niton Football Club lease at a cost of no more than £250.

RESOLVED: that a letter is written to Mrs Kemp stating that the Parish Council is disappointed with the level of charges invoiced for the Niton Football Club lease and asking for a detailed breakdown.

M04/02/17 WORKPLACE PENSION

The Clerk had received a letter from the Pensions Regulator reminding the Parish Council of the approaching staging date and the requirement to comply with its statutory duty as an employer.

M05/02/17 PLANNING APPLICATION

Members had before them one Niton planning application.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be asked to submit to the Isle of Wight Council the comments set out in the Appendix which forms part of these minutes.

Councillor Addison requested that it be noted that he abstained from voting on the planning application.

M06/02/17 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/01605/16 – TCP/13825/F – Alterations and conversion of barn to form two units of holiday accommodation at Southford Farm, Godshill Road, Whitwell: **GRANTED**
2. P/01653/16 – TCP/32905 – Householder Application – Retention and completion of garage conversion rear/side extension and associated works at 5, Verlands Close, Niton: **GRANTED**
3. P/01659/16 – TCP/10327/E – Householder Application – Proposed single storey extension with accommodation within roofspace at Popes Orchard, Ashknowle Lane, Whitwell: **GRANTED**
4. P/01380/14 – TCP/04949/G – Removal of existing portakabin changing rooms; proposed single storey building to provide changing rooms/clubhouse facilities; 2 pairs of semi-detached houses with parking; alterations to vehicular access and provision of car parking for football club at Niton Football Club, Blackgang Road, Niton: **GRANTED**
5. P/01675/16 – TCP/13076/C – Proposed telecommunications tower to include 2x 600mm dishes 2x antenna and associated equipment cabinets at Niton Radio Station, Whitwell Road, Ventnor: **GRANTED**
6. P/01561/16 – TCP/07635/F – Householder Application – Proposed single and two storey extension at Haven Sands, Castlehaven Lane, Niton Undercliff: **GRANTED**

M07/02/17 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Addison expressed his thanks to Councillor Stewart for addressing the problem of the closure of Undercliff Drive and also to Mr Graham Melville for acquiring a community defibrillator for Whitwell.

The poor condition of the public bridleway between Kemming Road and Ashknowle Lane, running alongside the old Vicarage, was raised.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contacts the Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way department to ask if any improvements are possible.

M08/02/17 COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE

The Chairman gave an update on the Southern Vectis number 6 bus service situation.

RESOLVED: that a working group be established in conjunction with Chale and Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Councils and that the Chairman, Councillor Young and the Clerk be nominated as Niton and Whitwell representatives.

RESOLVED: that a request for concessionary passes to be accepted on the Coaster service, at least between Ventnor and Chale, be made in conjunction with other town and parish councils.

M09/02/17 NITON RECREATION GROUND PLAY EQUIPMENT SAFETY INSPECTION

RESOLVED: that the contract for the 2016 safety inspection is awarded to the Play Inspection Company.

M10/02/17 AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES REPORT

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be asked to express the Parish Council's thanks to Mrs Lisa Toyne for an excellent report.

RESOLVED: that the report is adopted subject to amendment of the second Executive Overview recommendation (page 2) to read:

- *To monitor and maintain the No. 6 bus service in collaboration with neighbouring Parish Councils and other stakeholders.*

M11/02/17 UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

RESOLVED: that Councillor Innes be nominated as Parish Council representative for the Niton Primary School RRSA steering group, pending her agreement.

M12/02/17 PARISH TIDY UP

The Clerk informed members that she had received a request for litter picking equipment from a group of parishioners. Amey had kindly agreed to provide gloves and rubbish bags and Island Roads had been asked to provide the other equipment but had so far given no response.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £100 be awarded for litter picking equipment, if required.

RESOLVED: that, in view of the escalating problem of dog waste in public areas, the Clerk produces posters offering £100 reward for information leading to prosecution of persons allowing their dog to foul.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:45 pm

Signed..... Date.....

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

1. P/00028/17 – TCP/05869/W – Proposed woodmans craft/workshop/log store on land adjacent to Graytiles, Saint Catherines Road, Niton Undercliff: **Recommend approval** subject to the imposition of a condition to limit any noise pollution.