

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison (Chairman), S Biles, S Burridge, M A Innes, A Logan, J A Stotesbury, Janice Young and Jon Young

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Boileau Goad and P K G Fradgley

M01/09/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman welcomed Mr Graham Melville, the local NHS Community First Responder, to the meeting. Mr Melville reported that the Head of NHS Training had offered to run a defibrillator and CPR training course in Whitwell at a cost of £5 per head. The maximum number of trainees would be 40. The Chairman explained that it had not been possible for the local doctor, who had run the Niton courses free of charge, and the White Horse Inn to agree a mutually convenient time to hold a course in Whitwell.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council is supportive in principle: the matter to be included on the agenda for the October Parish Council meeting.

It was agreed that the course should be advertised as widely as possible. Mr Melville's kind offer to produce a poster was gratefully accepted.

The Chairman agreed to vary the order of business to allow Mr Andy Dorning of South Wight Area Youth Partnership, to solve a technical problem with his presentation.

M02/09/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
J A Stotesbury	Replacement of fence around the hard standing in Niton Recreation Ground	M19/09/18	Personal	Director of Wightscape known to him

M03/09/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd July 2018 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M04/09/18 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £57,471.02 in the General Funds, £25,146.20 in the Public Sector Deposit Fund and £6,220.50 in the Bequest Account. A schedule of accounts for payment was also before the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement to 17th September 2018 be received and noted.

* Already paid; for ratification only

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1525*	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – August 2018	682.22
1526*	Natural Enterprise Ltd	Castlehaven Village Green report	600.00

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1527*	SSE	Electricity for Niton public toilets	12.78
1528*	PKF Littlejohn LLP	External audit fee 2017/18	240.00
1529*	Technix Rubber and Plastics Ltd	Replacement safety matting for cable way	2,421.50
1530	John O'Conner	Mow/strim Niton Recreation Ground	106.80
1531	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – September 2018	682.22
1532	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – September 2018	47.17
1533	IOW Computer Geek	Website hosting, domain name registration and PC e-mail addresses	109.99
1534	Focus Plumbing and Heating	Legionella risk assessment for Niton public toilets	78.00
1535	Signpost Express (IW) Ltd	Niton Tunnels footpath signposts	225.60
		Total	5,206.28

RESOLVED: that the Parish accounts as listed above be approved for payment.

M05/09/18 EXTERNAL AUDIT 2017/18

The Clerk reported that an unqualified audit report had been received from PKF Littlejohn LLP.

RESOLVED: that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 be approved and accepted.

M06/09/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them two Niton planning applications.

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.

M07/09/18 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/00746/18 – TCP/14576/G – Householder Application – Proposed single storey rear extension at Kingsmede, Kemming Road, Whitwell: **GRANTED**
2. P/00828/18, TCPL/06261/P and P/00829/18, LBC/06261/N: Householder Application – Proposed piers, metal gates and wall with railings and LBC at Mount Cleves, Sandrock Road, Niton Undercliff: **GRANTED**

M08/09/18 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Stewart reported that the Isle of Wight Council Cabinet would be meeting in Ventnor on 11th October, venue to be advised. He encouraged members to attend as the implications of the Isle of Wight Council budget would be discussed.

The Network Integrity Register had been found to comprise over 4,000 requests for viable improvements to the network. Councillor Stewart said that each town and parish council would be receiving a list of requests for their town/parish and would be asked to compile a top three for action. Safety considerations would be paramount and matched funding would be considered.

M09/09/18 SOUTH WIGHT AREA YOUTH PARTNERSHIP (SWAY)

The Chairman welcomed Mr Andy Dorning of SWAY to the meeting. Mr Dorning presented a video of the trip to Wales and outlined the work of SWAY over the summer and within the community, including the role of the Family Support Worker. Councillor Stewart expressed support for SWAY's work and appreciation of Mr Dorning's dedication.

The Chairman shared his concern regarding the Parish Council's level of financial support for SWAY and the disparity compared to other parish councils. He asked that members assist in writing a justification for the funding.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Ms Kelly Quinn and/or Ms Kathy Marriot of the Isle of Wight Council to seek their views.

M10/09/18 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Logan asked Councillor Stewart why glyphosate, which has been banned in other countries, was still being used by the Isle of Wight Council; Councillor Stewart undertook to investigate.

Councillor Jon Young reported that the Clerk was in receipt of two additional signs for Niton Tunnels Footpath, in memory of ex Parish Councillor Charlie Peach. The signs would be erected shortly.

Councillor Burridge reported that she had received a complaint from a member of the public regarding a planning issue, which she had passed to the Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement Team. She also updated members on the action taken against BCM to remove the Japanese Knotweed from the development site off Chatfield Road.

It was noted that the Enforcement Order relating to the land off Barrack Shute had still not been actioned.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ask the Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement Team why the Order has not been actioned and request an update.

Councillor Biles complained about the number of advertising boards around Niton Village.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Biles send photographs of the boards to the Clerk.

Councillor Innes reported that she had received a request from a resident asking for "For Sale" notice boards to be removed promptly.

Councillor Janice Young reported that the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) would be sending a delegation to Mr Bob Seely MP asking for a £5 return ferry fare for Isle of Wight residents attending medical appointments on the mainland. She also reported that IWALC fees would be rising in accordance with the new formula developed by the working party.

The Chairman reported that he had attended the last IWALC meeting to take part in the discussion of the Parish Council's letter regarding town and parish council participation in s106 negotiations and the disputed relevance of their comments on planning applications.

M11/09/18 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that the grant application for the steam cleaning of Whitwell War Memorial had been submitted to the War Memorials Trust.

She also reported that the upgrade to Ashknowle Lane bridleway would be going ahead in early October.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council Christmas card list be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

M12/09/18 PUBLIC FOOTPATH NT46

Members acknowledged NT46 as an important element in its Village Green Development Plan.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council support the incorporation of NT46 in its entirety into the Coastal Footpath; the Clerk to inform Mr Darrel Clarke, Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way Manager.

M13/09/18 DRAFT REGENERATION STRATEGY CONSULTATION

RESOLVED: that consultation be included on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

M14/09/18 UNDERCLIFF DRIVE

Councillor Stewart reported that a paper was due to be published proposing a lawful feasibility study for the reinstatement of Undercliff Drive. The paper would be considered at the Isle of Wight Council Cabinet meeting in Ventnor. It was now accepted that the closure had had a significant economic impact on the Isle of Wight.

M15/09/18 COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I

The Chairman stated that restoration of the Whitwell War Memorial would possibly be financed by the Parish Council, pending the outcome of the War Memorials Trust grant application.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council purchase a poppy wreath for each Village War Memorial.

M16/09/18 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Following the disposal of the Community Action minibus, members were asked to consider alternative means of transport for Parish excursions

RESOLVED: that Island Minibus Service be asked to operate the forthcoming excursion to Carisbrooke Castle: cost £60.

RESOLVED: that a Southern Vectis Solo bus be hired to operate the excursion to Busy Bee Christmas World: cost £220.

RESOLVED: that a charge of £5 per head be made for the excursion to Busy Bee Christmas World.

M17/09/18 BERT SPRAKE MEMORIAL GARDEN

RESOLVED: that Island 2000 Trust be asked to consider and submit a quotation for maintenance of the garden.

M18/09/18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded for the following item and they are

instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) and Standing Order No 3d;

CM01/09/18 NITON RECREATION GROUND MAINTENANCE

Two tenders had been received for the replacement of the wooden and wire fence around two sides of the hardstanding at Niton Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: that the tender from Wightscape, incorporating concrete spur posts, be accepted.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. P/00875/18, TCP/33553: Householder Application – Demolition of shed: alterations; proposed single storey extension at 18, Priory Walk, Niton: **NO COMMENT**
2. P/00892/18, TCPL/28038/D and P/00894/18, LBC/28038/C: Proposed Orangery - garden room to side elevation and LBC at Rose Cottage, Laceys Lane, Niton: **NO COMMENT**