

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EDWARD EDWARDS LIBRARY, NITON, ON MONDAY 15th MAY 2017 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors T, Addison, S Biles, J Boileau Goad (Chairman), S Burridge, P K G Fradgley, M A Innes, A Logan, J A Stotesbury, J Young and J C Young

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

COUNCILLOR J BOILEAU GOAD (CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL) IN THE CHAIR

The Chairman welcomed six co-option candidates and two members of the public to the meeting.

The use of mirrors as a road safety measure was discussed. Councillor Young clarified Highways Regulations pertinent to traffic mirrors. The Chairman stated that the Parish Council was sympathetic to a 20 mph speed limit through the villages.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stewart refers the issue of blind exits from drives to Island Roads.

M01/05/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor Boileau Goad be elected Chairman for the year 2017/18.

Councillor Boileau Goad signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNCILLOR J BOILEAU GOAD (CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL) IN THE CHAIR.

M02/05/17 PREPARATION FOR CO-OPTION OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman invited the co-option candidates to speak for no more than 3 minutes about how they could contribute to the Parish Council and the community of Niton and Whitwell. The Chairman stressed the requirement that no politics should be brought to the table and that members would be expected to adopt agreed Parish Council policy, laying aside their own view if necessary. They would also be expected to contribute more than simply attending monthly Parish Council meetings.

RESOLVED: that the vote on this item be conducted by secret ballot rather than by a show of hands.

RESOLVED: 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 that they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) and Standing Order 57.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE THEN EXCLUDED FROM THE COUNCIL

CONFIDENTIAL

CM01/05/17 CO-OPTION OF FOUR MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: that Mrs Sherlie Burridge be co-opted for the Niton Ward and that Mr Tim Addison, Mr Simon Biles and Mrs Janice Young be co-opted for the Whitwell Ward.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE THEN RE-ADMITTED TO THE COUNCIL

The new members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were welcomed by the Chairman.

M03/05/17 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

RESOLVED: that, in order to allow Councillor Stewart to leave the meeting at 8:30 pm, the order of business be varied from that stated on the agenda.

M04/05/17 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Stewart gave a verbal report, which included confirmation that the proposed development on land rear of 15 to 18 Priory Walk and adjacent to 17 Chatfeild Road, Niton (P/00395/17, TCP/33037) would be referred to the Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee.

M05/05/17 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor Addison be elected as Vice Chairman for the year 2017/18.

Councillor Addison signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

M06/05/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

M07/05/17 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

RESOLVED: that the following appointments be made:

Planning Committee	All members (Chairman Cllr Burridge)
Footpaths and Transport	Dissolved
Special responsibility for Footpaths	Cllr Boileau Goad
Recreation Ground WP	Cllrs Biles and Stotesbury
Community Transport WP	Cllrs Boileau Goad and Jon Young and the Clerk

M08/05/17 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: that the following appointments be made:

IWALC Executive Committee	Cllr Janice Young
IWALC Deputy	No appointment
Health and Well-being Advocate	Cllr Logan
Age Friendly Champion	Cllr Logan
Rights Respecting Schools Steering Group	Cllr Innes

M09/05/17 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

All members had received copies of draft revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations for review.

RESOLVED: that the matter be deferred to the June meeting to allow sufficient time for members' thorough consideration of the proposed changes.

M10/05/17 SUBSCRIPTIONS

RESOLVED: that the Council approves the subscriptions to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC), the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and IW Sports Foundation (IW Sports and Recreation Council) for the coming year, 2017/18.

RESOLVED: that future membership of IWALC is reviewed in November.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk's salary is reviewed at the June meeting.

M11/05/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2017 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M12/05/17 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £45,270.58 in the General Funds 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 9th May 2017 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1434	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – May 2017	540.29
1435	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – May 2017	60.15
1436	John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd	Mowing/strimming Niton Recreation Ground	174.00
		Total	774.44

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

M13/05/17 ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2017: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: to adopt the Statement of Accounts as prepared by the Clerk.

M14/05/17 PARISH COUNCIL INSURANCE

Five quotations for the renewal of Parish Council insurance had been invited and two received.

RESOLVED: that the Parish insurance policy be renewed with Zurich Municipal Insurance for one year commencing 1st June 2017.

M15/05/17 ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES

RESOLVED: that the signatories for the current account be Councillors Addison, Biles, Boileau Goad, Burridge, Innes, Logan, Stotesbury, Janice Young and Jon Young and the Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the signatories for the bequest account be Councillors Addison, Biles and Fradgley and the Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the signatories for the Public Sector Deposit Fund be Councillors Boileau Goad, Burridge and Jon Young and the Clerk.

M16/05/17 PLANNING APPLICATION

Members had before them one Whitwell 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.

M17/05/17 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/00253/17 – TCP/26653/E – Proposed change of use of land to extend mobile home park with amended access (revised scheme) at Hoyes Farm, Newport Road, Niton: **GRANTED**
2. P/00259/17 – TCP/32993 – Householder Application – Proposed porch and side extension; extended driveway and alterations at Maycroft, Castlehaven Lane, Niton Undercliff: **GRANTED**
3. P/00028/17 – TCP/05869/W – Proposed woodmans craft/workshop/log store on land adjacent to Graytiles, Saint Catherines Road, Niton Undercliff: **GRANTED**

M18/05/17 OTHER PLANNING

RESOLVED: that the Clerk makes enquiries relating to the appearance of hard standing at two locations within the Parish, possibly for use as caravan parking areas: the matter to be included, if necessary, on the agenda for the next meeting.

M19/05/17 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Stotesbury raised the matter of dogs being exercised in Niton Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ascertains the method by which a byelaw banning dogs from the Recreation Ground could be made; this would enable the Police to enforce the exclusion of dogs from the Ground.

RESOLVED: that a formal representation to the Police be made by the Clerk to draw attention to the possible risk to children using the Recreation Ground.

Councillor Logan reported that she had received ten enquiries regarding the possible allotments/community garden forming part of the proposed development on the Fields Nursery site. Councillor Fradgley asked for the details of the administration of allotments to be considered with a view to the Parish Council or the Isle of Wight Council having oversight.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk informs the relevant Isle of Wight Council planning officer of the interest in community use of the land.

Councillor Logan complained that the “Road Closed” signs had been removed from the Niton end of Undercliff Drive, resulting in some drivers assuming the route for through traffic had been re-established and increasing the danger to non-vehicular road users.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contacts Island Roads to request “Dead End” signs.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Addison and the Clerk chase up the draft transport management plan for the Ventnor Road/Whitwell High Street Southern Water mains replacement scheme.

M20/05/17 NITON AND WHITWELL RIGHTS OF WAY CAPITAL SCHEMES

Members discussed proposed surfacing improvement schemes for NT103 Stockbridge, NT18 Allotment Road, NT17 Whitwell Church and NT13 Berryl.

RESOLVED: that work to NT18 should incorporate a link from the new all-weather footpath surface to the end of Allotment Road, Niton.

RESOLVED: that improvements to NT17 should be made over a longer stretch of the bridleway.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk organises a site meeting involving Mr Neil Morey of the Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way Department and members of the Parish Council to walk the paths under consideration and discuss options.

M21/05/17 NITON VILLAGE FLOWER BEDS

The Clerk had received a request from Niton WI towards the maintenance of the flower beds outside the old library building in Niton village.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £50 be awarded.

M22/05/17 ISLE OF WIGHT DAY 2017

RESOLVED: that the Chairman approaches the new Landlords of the White Lion Public House, Niton, to ask if they would be willing to host a local celebration on Isle of Wight day 2017, Saturday 23rd September.

M23/05/17 WHITWELL COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The Clerk reported that at least ten members of Whitwell WI and four other residents had expressed an interest in a training session in Whitwell.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contacts Dr David Anderson to arrange a training session at the White Horse Inn.

M24/05/17 HEDGEHOG FRIENDLY VILLAGES

The Clerk had received an e-mail from a member of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society asking if there would be any interest in becoming a hedgehog friendly village/parish.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Innes commends the initiative to Niton Primary School.

M25/05/17 DIGITAL COUNCILS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

Councillor Addison outlined his ideas of using social media to involve the community in Parish Council matters.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Addison organises a trial and evaluates the outcome.

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

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATION

1. P/00486/17 – AGN/30870/B – Agricultural prior notification for wooden storage shed on Part OS Parcel 4071, Southford Lane, Whitwell: **NO COMMENT**