

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EDWARD EDWARDS LIBRARY, NITON, ON MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2017 AT 7:15 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council)

APOLOGIES: Councillor S Burridge

M01/10/17 WHITWELL CHURCH COMMUNITY CAFÉ AND TOILET

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Project Manager Mrs Rose Ashton, who gave an update on the scope and progress of the project. Mrs Ashton explained that, in addition to the work previously outlined, the Church was now aiming to incorporate a small kitchenette into the west end of the nave in order to offer community lunches.

M02/10/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
J Boileau Goad	Application for variation to premises licence at Niton Post Office	M09/10/17	Personal	Near neighbour
Janice Young	Application for variation to premises licence at Niton Post Office	M09/10/17	Personal	Near neighbour
Jon Young	Application for variation to premises licence at Niton Post Office	M09/10/17	Personal	Near neighbour
S Biles	Request for grant for Santa's Grotto, Niton	M14/10/17	Personal	Organises Santa's Grotto

M03/10/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th September 2017 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M04/10/17 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £38,197.18 in the General Funds, £25,055.27 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 16th October 2017 be received and noted.

* Already paid; for ratification only

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1464*	Isle of Wight Council	Recharge of election costs - uncontested	54.16
1465	John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance) Ltd	Mowing/strimming Niton Recreation Ground	174.00
1466	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – October 2017	668.86
		Total	897.02

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

M05/10/17 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AGAINST BUDGET 2017/18

Members had before them a statement of variance against budget for the second quarter 2017/18.

Councillor Janice Young asked the Clerk to explain the mechanism by which earmarked funds were allocated within the budget process. The Clerk assured Councillor Young that earmarked funds were allocated according to the purpose for which they were received.

RESOLVED: that the statement be received and noted.

M06/10/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them one Niton and one Whitwell 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.

M07/10/17 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/00969/17 – TCP/21781/A – Householder Application – Demolition of conservatory; proposed two storey extension on rear elevation at 2, Spring Cottages, Rectory Road, Niton: **GRANTED**

M08/10/17 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Stotesbury reported that there was reason to believe some drains had become blocked following the resurfacing of Blackgang Road, Niton.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ask Ringway Island Roads to check the drains and remove any blockages.

M09/10/17 APPLICATION FOR VARIATION TO PREMISES LICENCE: NITON POST OFFICE

Members had before them the details of the application.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk submit the following comments to the Licensing Authority (Isle of Wight Council):

- The Parish Council objects to a licence after 23:00, in keeping with other establishments;
- The garden should not be illuminated but should close at sunset or 21:00, whichever is earlier.

The Parish Council believes these conditions are necessary to prevent public nuisance.

M10/10/17 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF STREET TRADING CONSENT: JOLLY FRYER

Members had before them the details of the application.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk convey the Parish Council's support for the application to the Isle of Wight Council.

M11/10/17 ACCESS BAR ACROSS ENTRY TO NITON RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Stotesbury explained that members were being asked to consider the purchase of a painted access bar across the entry to the Recreation Ground to deter inconsiderate parking, which had prevented the grounds maintenance contractor from entering and/or leaving the Niton Recreation Ground on occasions.

RESOLVED: that Island Roads be asked to paint a single access bar at a cost of £60.15.

M12/10/17 REPAIR OF SKATEBOARD HALF PIPE

Councillor Logan had obtained an estimate for the repair of the skateboard half pipe in Niton Recreation Ground (labour only).

The Clerk advised that the Parish Council would be obliged under Financial Regulations to seek two further estimates as the cost of the work exceeded £1,000.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council purchase directly all materials required to repair the half pipe.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stotesbury prepare a specification for the work required.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stotesbury affix warning notices to the half pipe barring its use.

M13/10/17 WHITWELL CHRISTMAS TREE

The Clerk had obtained a quotation for a supporting bracket and commercial standard lights for the Whitwell Christmas tree.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Addison investigate cheaper alternatives.

M14/10/17 GRANT FOR “SANTA’S GROTTTO”, NITON

RESOLVED: that a grant of £100 be awarded towards the cost of Santa’s Grotto, Niton.

M15/10/17 BATTLE’S OVER – A NATION’S TRIBUTE

The Parish Council considered ideas for the commemoration of the end of WWI on 11th November 2018.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Niton Primary School, the Women’s Institute village branches and the Churches to inform them that the Parish Council was proposing to organise a bonfire/burning brazier and asking if they would wish to participate in any way.

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/01192/17 – TCP/33227 – Householder Application – Retrospective planning application for car port, hardstanding and garden shed, garden walls and proposed loggia at 2 & 3 Old Church House Cottages, High Street, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTION: recommend approval**
2. P/01188/17 – TCP/32845/A – Variation of conditions 2 and 5 on P/01362/16 - TCP/32844 to allow alterations to parking area on land rear of former Saint Joseph’s RC Church, Rectory Road, Niton: **NO COMMENT**