

## NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2017 AT 7:15 PM

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

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors C R Peach and A E Watts

#### **M01/04/17 COMMUNITY ACTION ROAD SAFETY (CARS)**

The Chairman welcomed Mr Jamie Olive of CARS, who gave a brief update on the group's activities.

**RESOLVED:** that the prioritised list of 20 proposed initiatives be sent to the Clerk.

**RESOLVED:** that every effort is made to improve communication between the CARS group and the Parish Council.

#### **M02/04/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Reason</b>
T Addison	Personal	Planning application P/00348/17, TCP/33024	M04/04/17	Near neighbour of Whitwell Parish Church

#### **M03/04/17 RESOLUTION TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED:** that the order of business be varied from the agenda to allow prompt attention to be given to the concerns of members of the public present.

#### **M04/04/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members had before them three 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.

#### **M05/04/17 PLANNING DECISION**

Members were notified of the following planning decision:

1. P/00359/17 – AGN/30870/A - Agricultural prior notification for an agricultural track on Part OS Parcel 4071, Southford Lane, Whitwell: **GRANTED**

#### **M06/04/17 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

## **M07/04/17 FINANCE**

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £45,945.87 in the General Funds, £25,027.93 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 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1432	Mr G W Hughes	Internal Audit fee 2016/17	135.00
1433	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – April 2017	540.29
		<b>Total</b>	<b>675.29</b>

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

## **M08/04/17 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AGAINST BUDGET 2016/17**

Members had before them a statement of variance against budget for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

RESOLVED: that the statement be received and noted.

## **M09/04/17 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2016/17**

Members had before them internally audited accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The report of the Internal Auditor was discussed and it was noted that the only recommendation arising from the audit was that a separate list of payments, based on the cashbook and updated quarterly, should be published on the Parish Council website.

RESOLVED: that the annual accounts be adopted and signed.

RESOLVED: that the cashbook be published on the website and updated quarterly.

## **M10/04/17 EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017**

The Clerk gave details of the timetable and arrangements for the external audit and informed members that the Parish Council was not part of the 5% sample of small councils selected at random for intermediate external audit for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

RESOLVED: that Section 2 of Annual Return be approved at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

## **M11/04/17 ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2017: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

RESOLVED: to adopt the Annual Governance Statement as prepared by the Clerk.

## **M12/04/17 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor Addison reported on the meeting held with Southern Water on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to discuss the replacement of the water main in Ventnor Road/Whitwell High Street.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Addison and the Clerk maintain communication with Southern Water and other parties regarding the scheme.

**M13/04/17 PUBLIC FOOTPATH NT46: APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION ORDER**

As custodian of Castlehaven Village Green, the Parish Council had been consulted on the application.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be asked to submit to the Isle of Wight Council the following comments:

That the Parish Council's stated policy, as custodian of Castlehaven Village Green, is to preserve the public amenity of the Village Green and therefore, by implication, public access to the Village Green;

That the Parish Council remains in agreement with the signed statement of the two Parish Council members who originally walked the footpath in 1950; its decision of 28th June 2010 to oppose the Application for Modification Order; and its decision to oppose the latest Application for Modification Order of 12th December 2016;

That the Parish Council observes that public footpath NT46 is still well-used and well-loved by members of the public and asserts that the path along the sea wall would also be well-used and well-loved had it not fallen into disrepair.

**M14/04/17 NT17 CHURCH LANE (OFF ASHKNOWLE LANE, WHITWELL) UPGRADE**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contacts the Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way Department to request the costed options for the upgrade of the bridleway running alongside Bridleway House.

**M14/04/17 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION, 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017**

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council co co-opts one member for the Niton Ward and three members for the Whitwell Ward at the Annual Meeting to fill the vacancies subsequent to the uncontested election.

RESOLVED: that, in recognition of his service of over 30 years as a Parish Councillor, a letter of thanks is sent to Councillor Peach.

**M15/04/17 DIRECTION SIGNS TO WHITWELL BUSINESSES DURING ROAD CLOSURE**

RESOLVED: that the purchase of signs to support Whitwell businesses during the closure of Whitwell High Street for Southern Water main replacement, November 2017 – March 2018 be authorised; Councillors Addison, Biles and Logan to liaise on procurement.

**M16/04/17 ISLE OF WIGHT DAY 2017**

RESOLVED: that the item be included on the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

**M17/04/17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017**

RESOLVED: that Mr Michael Craig’s travelling expenses to attend the meeting be reimbursed.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:18 pm

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

## APPENDIX TO MINUTES

1. P/00348/17 – TCP/33024 – Removal of existing storage shed and concrete base and erection of disabled wc and storage room at St Mary and St Rhadegund Church, High Street, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval;**
2. P/00343/17 – TCP/02691/V – Prior approval for back up power generator at Arqiva Transmitting Station, off Blackgang Road, Niton: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval**
3. P/00395/17 – TCP/33037 - Outline application to provide 9 new residential units with access and layout to be established on land rear of 15 to 18 Priory Walk and adjacent to 17 Chatfeild Road, Niton: **OBJECTION; recommend refusal** on the following grounds:
  - The proposed density represents an overdevelopment of the site;
  - The proposed “straight line” layout is incongruous with neighbouring developments;
  - The proposed proximity to existing properties in Priory Walk would result in overlooking and loss of privacy;
  - The proposed development would have an adverse effect on the visual amenity;
  - The housing capacity of the proposed units are not in line with the Parish Housing Needs Survey; identified needs have already been met by other applications;
  - Concern regarding highway safety at the point of access to Chatfeild Road;
  - Drainage/risk of flooding – the Parish Council is well aware of existing drainage problems on the site and concurs with the professional opinion of Garry Stretch, Coastal Management (comment posted 7.4.17), that the proposal to deal with surface water by soakaway is unacceptable. The risk of flooding is not confined to the development site but extends to neighbouring properties;
  - The local sewerage infrastructure is already inadequate and failing.

In view of the foregoing, the Parish Council strongly supports the Isle of Wight Council Ward Member’s request for the application to be referred to the Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee for its consideration.

For clarity, the consultation with the Parish Council, to which the application refers, took place in 2012 and was general to the Niton SHLAA sites identified at the time.

4. P/00390/17 – TCP/29194/C - Householder Application – Proposed single storey extensions and conversion of integral garage to living accommodation at 6, The Greenway, Niton: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval**