

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison, S Biles, J Boileau Goad (Chairman), S A burridge, P K G Fradgley, 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: None received

M01/11/17 SOUTH WIGHT AREA YOUTH PARTNERSHIP (SWAY)

The Chairman welcomed Mr Andy Dorning of SWAY, who gave an update on the organisation's work with young people and families within the Parish. Funding for half of the budget of £50,000 had already been secured. A social enterprise had been established to provide work experience for young people, with profits to be fed into SWAY in future years.

Councillor Innes acknowledged the value of the work and thanked Mr Dorning. Councillor Stewart (Isle of Wight Council) acknowledged that SWAY was recognised by the Isle of Wight Council as a "top notch" youth service. However, he also stated that it was highly unlikely that SWAY would be receiving a grant from the Isle of Wight Council in the next financial year due to budget constraints.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £5,000 be awarded to SWAY.

M02/11/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

M03/11/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October 2017 and the special meeting held on 13th November 2017 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being accurate records of the proceedings.

M04/11/17 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £37,194.18 in the General Funds, £25,058.89 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 November 2017 be received and noted.

* Already paid; for ratification only

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1469*	Wellers Law Group LLP	Professional fees	360.00
1470	John O'Conner Grounds Maintenance) Ltd	Mowing/stripping Niton Recreation Ground	99.60
1471	Community Action IW	Hire of minibus 1.11.17	50.00
1472	SSE	Electricity for Niton public toilets	33.42
1473	Beardsalls	Parish Christmas cards	45.60
1474	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – November 2017	668.86
1475	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – November 2017	51.73

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
		Total	1,309.21

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

M05/11/17 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.

M06/11/17 PLANNING DECISION

Members were notified of the following planning decision:

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: **GRANTED**

M07/11/17 IW COUNCIL ‘CALL FOR POTENTIAL SITES’ FOR DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stewart call a public meeting, with Ms Sarah Wilkinson of the Isle of Wight Council in attendance, to identify any potential sites.

M08/11/17 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Councillor Stotesbury expressed concern at the state of the verge along the Blackgand Road following recent grass cutting. He reported that there were loose turves laying on the verge, which could damage grass cutting machinery in future.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Island roads District Steward Paul Wigman asking him to take a look at the verge.

Councillor Innes reported that the warning road sign for Niton Primary School was lying outside Niton Baptist Church rather than being mounted on its pole.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk report the problem to Island Roads.

Councillor Burrige reminded members that the planning application for the land off Barrack Shute, Niton, had still not been submitted to the Isle of Wight Council; Councillor Burrige undertook to monitor the situation.

M09/11/17 CLERK’S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had received letters from three organisations requesting financial assistance.

RESOLVED: that consideration for a grant for the Optio voluntary car scheme be included on the agenda for the January meeting.

M10/11/17 REVIEW OF ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC) MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Janice Young outlined the comparative benefits of IWALC membership, pointing out that members benefitted from the Island Training Partnership and that the subscription fee represented less than 1% of the precept.

RESOLVED: that membership of IWALC be maintained for 2018/19.

M11/11/17 POLICING PRIORITIES

Sergeant Ged Armitage had requested that the Parish Council consider its policing priorities.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk inform Sergeant Armitage that Niton and Whitwell Parish Council views a prompt and appropriate response to calls as a priority.

M12/11/17 DEDICATED PARISH COUNCIL E-MAIL ADDRESSES

The Clerk reported that it would cost £55 to set up a dedicated e-mail address for each member and the clerk to match the website address.

RESOLVED: that the Isle of Wight Geek be asked to set up the addresses.

M13/11/17 COMMUNITY GRANTS

RESOLVED: that a grant of £100 be awarded to this year's "Christmas Comes to Niton" event.

The Clerk explained that the Parish excursion to Busy Bee "Christmas World" was oversubscribed. In order to accommodate all those who wished to go on the excursion, she requested permission to hire a Southern Vectis "Solo" bus at a cost of £200 rather than to use the Community Action minibus.

RESOLVED: that, on a "one-off" basis, the Southern Vectis bus be hired for the excursion.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk purchase a metal step to provide safe access for passengers using the Community Action minibus, the step to be retained by the Parish Council.

M14/11/17 VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREES

RESOLVED: that Councillors Biles and Stotesbury arrange for the purchase and delivery of the Christmas trees for Niton and Whitwell.

RESOLVED: that the purchase of lights and a stand for the Whitwell tree be authorised at a cost of £320.75 + VAT.

M15/11/17 WEEKLY SAFETY INSPECTION OF NITON RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED: that Councillors Logan, Stotesbury and Jon Young carry out the inspections in January, February and March respectively.

M16/11/17 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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 two items 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

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CM01/11/17 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR NITON RECREATION GROUND

Despite the usual publicity, members had before them just one tender for the mowing and strimming of Niton Recreation Ground during the 2018 season.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk instructs John O’Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Limited to undertake the work in Niton Recreation Ground, carrying out up to 16 cuts and 8 strims throughout the year, January to December 2018.

CM02/11/17 ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE OF THE SKATEBOARD HALF PIPE

Members had before them two tenders for the essential maintenance of the skateboard half pipe and a costed list of materials required for the work. The Clerk reported that she had received grants of £1,546.38 from the NIPPA group towards the cost of maintaining the half pipe.

RESOLVED: that the estimate from Mr Tom Symes be accepted.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stotesbury be authorised to order the materials for the work.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stotesbury and the Clerk be given delegated authority to approve additional labour and material costs of up to 10% of the original estimates: total limit of expenditure £2,750 incl VAT. In accordance with the terms of the invitation to tender, any additional labour to be identified and a price agreed before being carried out.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:25 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

1. P/000395/17 – 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 (revised plans) (readvertised): Niton and Whitwell Parish Council, having read the paperwork, would like to reiterate its comments submitted on 25th April 2017 and on 1st August 2017. The Parish Council is concerned that the present application may be phase one of four, resulting in a development of 36 units in total.
2. P/01371/17 – TCP/08870/T – Removal of Condition 9 of P/00765/12 – TCP/08770/P relating to The Enchanted Manor, Sandrock Road, Niton Undercliff: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval** providing that all of the other conditions relating to the original application P/00765/12 - TCP/08770/P are fulfilled.