

## NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018 AT 7:15 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillors T Addison (Chairman), S Burridge, J Boileau Goad, P K G Fradgley, 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 Biles and Councillor Dave Stewart (Isle of Wight Council)

#### M01/06/18 PRESENTATION OF AGE FRIENDLY CHARTER

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Lisa Toyne of Age Friendly Island, who presented the Parish Council's Charter to Age Friendly Champion, Councillor Ali Logan.

#### M02/06/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor Sherlie Burridge, Chairman of the Planning Committee, welcomed Messrs Joshua Osborne and Tom Wells to the meeting. Councillor Burridge posed members' questions regarding planning application P/00632/18, TCP/08830/H to the applicants.

#### M03/06/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Interest	Item	Minute Ref	Reason
J A Stotesbury	Personal	Planning application P/00632/18, TCP/08830/H, Stonelands	M06/06/18	Applicants are known to him

#### M04/06/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### M05/06/18 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £61,419.01 in the General Funds, £25,111.98 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 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be received and noted.

\*Already paid; for ratification only

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1515*	PlaySafety Limited	Annual safety inspection Niton Recreation Ground	126.00
1516	John O'Conner	Mow/strim Niton Recreation Ground	186.00
1517	St Lawrence Landscapes	Maintenance of Ashknowle Lane all-weather footpath surface	360.00
1518	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – June 2018	682.22
1519	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – June 2018	149.07
1520	IW SLCC	Clerks' finance training 29 <sup>th</sup> May	25.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,528.29</b>

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

#### **M06/06/18 PLANNING APPLICATION**

Members had before them one Niton 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.

#### **M07/06/18 PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/00383/17 – TCP/11421/K – Proposed demolition of storage shed; proposed construction of four one-bedroom studio units over existing car parking, with additional associated car parking at Niton Barns, Niton Manor Farm, Pan Lane, Niton: **REFUSED**
2. P/01530/17 – TCP/11606/B – Proposed bungalow at Spring Cottage, Pan Lane, Niton: **GRANTED**
3. P/00443/18, TCP/10327/F: Householder Application – Proposed single storey side extension with accommodation within roofspace at Popes Orchard, Ashknowle Lane, Whitwell: **GRANTED**
4. P/00441/18, TCP/33447: Proposed detached bungalow; parking and turning area at 1, Field View, School Lane, Niton: **REFUSED**

#### **M08/06/18 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor Boileau Goad reported that South Wight Medical Practice had ceased to offer earwax removal to patients. The service was available commercially in Newport and other Island towns.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Dr Peter Hill expressing the Parish Council's concerns and asking for the decision to withdraw the service to be reconsidered.

Councillor Janice Young reported an increase in litter left on the hardstanding area of Niton Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact the contractor who carried out the refurbishment of the skateboard half pipe asking if they might remind users to pop their litter into the bin.

Councillor Jon Young welcomed the installation of yellow lines on Institute Hill at the end of School Lane but observed that some drivers were ignoring them.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to Katie Walker-Green asking if the yellow lines are enforceable and, if so, if the CARS group would be requesting enforcement.

Councillor Jon Young also reported that he had received complaints regarding the lack of maintenance of the Puckwell Farm attenuation pond.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write to the management committee informing members of the complaints and asking for clarification of the committee's understanding of its responsibility for the pond.

**M09/06/18 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS/FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

An informal discussion of the proposed Standing Orders had taken place on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

RESOLVED: that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations as presented by the Clerk on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be adopted.

**M10/06/18 ASHKNOWLE LANE UPGRADE**

A proposal for improvements to Ashknowle Lane had been received from Dr Bruce Denness and Mr Chris Judd. The Clerk had obtained comments from the Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way Department, which said it would support the ‘modern lane’ alternative. It was noted that, although Ashknowle Lane does provide vehicular access to Whitwell cemetery, from a Rights of Way perspective its use and nature as a public bridleway is the priority and it should remain as an historic and rural track.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council accept in principle the ‘modern lane’ alternative; that the Chairman to consult with residents and the Clerk obtain firm quotations.

**M11/06/18 INSTALLATION OF A SALT BIN FOR NITON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Clerk reported that Niton School had expressed support in principle for the installation of a salt bin for use in clearing School Lane.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk arrange for a site visit with Island Roads and Mr Roger Weldon of Niton School and a firm proposal be presented to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Logan investigate the legal implications (public liability) of the use of salt to clear snow from pavements.

**M12/06/18 CASTLEHAVEN VILLAGE GREEN RESTORATION**

The draft report from Island 2000 Trust had been received shortly before the meeting.

RESOLVED: that authority to move forward on the restoration of the Village Green be delegated to the Castlehaven Working Party.

**M13/06/18 REMEMBRANCE DAY SILHOUETTE**

RESOLVED: that the commemoration of the centenary of the end of World War I be included on the agenda for the July meeting.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:52 pm

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

## APPENDIX TO MINUTES

1. P/00632/18, TCP/08830/H: Proposed residential and student accommodation to be used in connection with the 'Stoneland's Project' at Stonelands, Niton Undercliff: Niton and Whitwell Parish Council notes this application and wishes to submit the following questions posed to the applicants at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June and the responses thereto:

There are to be four ground floor bedrooms for the students. The size on the plan is 7' x 9'. Is this a single bedroom? As you say in your projections statement, you would like eight students ideally. Would they be sharing this space by two to a room? *It is envisaged that two students could share a room, but additional accommodation could be made available upstairs if necessary and appropriate.*

Will the building of the farmhouse be supervised by a builder with this sort of construction expertise? *The building will mainly be carried out by volunteers working in the construction industry.*

Where would the students be accommodated whilst the building works are in progress? *The students would not be accommodated whilst the building works are in progress.*

Has an application to change usage of site from agricultural to residential? *The agricultural tie to the current dwelling has already been removed.*

Are the students to be from Isle of Wight only? *Not necessarily.*

What, if any, agencies will be used to identify these young people? *Professional agencies, including the Isle of Wight College.*

You indicate that you have already been approached by people who have candidates in mind for the project - how are they getting to know about the project? *Through the Isle of Wight College.*

Can you give any more details on your support network in Niton? *Members of Niton Methodist Church, friends, family members.*

Is the social worker you mention who has advised you on the benefits of this proposed type of build an Isle of Wight Council social worker? *Yes.*

What safeguards, given the possibility of students with serious mental health issues being placed with you, will be put in place for local people, and indeed yourselves? *Safety of all involved will be paramount. There will be an assessment process for students to ensure the project is appropriate for their needs prior to acceptance.*

What is your perceived mix of strand one and strand two students? *Predominantly strand two.*