

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 JULY 2018 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison (Chairman), S Biles, J Boileau Goad, S Burridge, P K G Fradgley, 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: Councillor M A Innes

M01/07/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman welcomed a member of the public, who raised the issue of misappropriation of parking spaces forming part of the Whinscott Close development in Whitwell. The Chairman advised the member of the public to recommence correspondence with Isle of Wight Council Enforcement Officers, including a copy to Councillor Dave Stewart and to the Clerk.

A request was made for a bench on the corner between Slay Lane and Bannock Road, Whitwell. The Chairman suggested that the residents should consider the existing benches at both ends, as well as the green area in Bannock Road and come back to the Parish Council with:

1. An overview of Bannock Road and why another bench would improve the amenity;
2. Demonstrate some support from other residents for any proposals;
3. A request for support from the Parish Council if required.

A request was also made for the imposition of a 20 mph speed limit in Bannock Road. The Chairman suggested referral to the Community Action Road Safety (CARS) group and commended membership of the CARS Speedwatch team.

M02/07/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

M03/07/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2018 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M04/07/18 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £60,016.73 in the General Funds, £25,123.40 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 16th July 2018 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1521	John O'Conner	Mow/strim Niton Recreation Ground	186.00
1522	Community Action IW	Hire of minibus for Parish excursion on 4 th July 2018	50.00
1523	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – July 2018	682.22
1524	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – July 2018	92.51

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
	Isle of Wight Council	Environment Officer Services (Invoiced amount £360)	Tba
		Total	1,010.73

RESOLVED: that the Parish accounts as listed above be approved for payment, excepting the invoice for Environment Officer services.

RESOLVED: that payment for Environment Officer services be withheld pending commencement of the service.

M05/07/18 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AGAINST BUDGET 2018/19

Members had before them a statement of variance against budget for the first quarter 2018/19.

RESOLVED: that the statement be received and noted.

M06/07/18 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.

M07/07/18 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/00510/18, TCP/14542/C: Demolition of existing rear extension; proposed single storey rear extension at Blenheim Cottage, Laceys Lane, Niton: **GRANTED**
2. P/00554/18, TCP/05786/L: Proposed equestrian exercise area at Hobbit House, High Street, Whitwell: **GRANTED**

[Councillor Dave Stewart joined the meeting.]

M08/07/18 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Boileau Goad reported that a young parishioner who had previously benefitted from a Parish Council youth sports grant had achieved her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk write a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Fradgley reported that he had received a complaint regarding the movement of large agricultural vehicles through Whitwell High Street and surrounding lanes. The Clerk reported that she had received several complaints and had consequently contacted an Island agricultural transport contractor, purported to be responsible for the vehicles, requesting assistance but had received no reply.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact the Hampshire Police Road Traffic Enforcement Advisor/Traffic Management Officer, copy to PCSO Oatley, detailing the complaints.

Councillor Fradgley asked Councillor Stewart to comment on the rise in the cost of seats on school busses for pupils required to pay.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stewart ask Councillor Paul Brading (Isle of Wight Council) to write to the Parish Council regarding school transport costs.

The Chairman referred to the Isle of Wight Council's exclusion of the Parish Council from negotiation of the community pay-back (s106) agreement relating to the Niton Football Club development. The Parish Council registered its disappointment over being denied the opportunity to represent the community's interests.

RESOLVED: that a letter be sent to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC), copy to Councillor Dave Stewart, requesting support for town and parish council involvement with s106 agreements.

[Councillors Boileau Goad and Janice Young left the meeting.]

M09/07/18 ASHKNOWLE LANE UPGRADE

The Chairman welcomed Mr Chris Judd to the meeting, who was kindly attending at the Chairman's request in order to inform discussion of the proposals.

Members had before them a briefing note from the Chairman giving details of his discussions with Dr Bruce Denness and of consultation with local residents and the Island Bridleway Group. The Chairman stated that the option of the "modern" lane, agreed in principle at the previous meeting, would entail the use of tarmac "planings" and would greatly change the appearance of the lane. Furthermore, the consultations undertaken had demonstrated a clear preference for the "traditional" lane option.

RESOLVED: that the upgrade proceed in the form of the "traditional" lane, once consultation with the Isle of Wight Bridleways Group has been concluded.

RESOLVED: that Financial Regulation 11.1 d. be invoked, in order to utilise local professional expertise in project design and management offered on a voluntary basis.

M10/07/18 SOUTHERN VECTIS NUMBER 6 WINTER SERVICE

Chale and Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Councils had already agreed in principle to support a Southern Vectis number 6 winter bus service, subject to ratification at their next meetings (September). Support had also been expressed for a Boxing Day and New Year's Day service.

RESOLVED: that a number 6 winter Sunday, Boxing Day and New Year bank holiday services be supported at the rates proposed by Southern Vectis on 12th July 2018.

RESOLVED: that, in any event, the maximum financial contribution from Niton and Whitwell Parish Council be one third of the overall cost of the above.

M11/07/18 NITON PUBLIC TOILETS

The Clerk had obtained a quotation from Scottish and Southern Electricity (SSE) for the supply of electricity to Niton public toilets on a two-year micro business contract.

RESOLVED: that the two-year contract be agreed and the Parish Council's expectation that the quoted rates be honoured by SSE be conveyed.

M12/07/18 NITON RECREATION GROUND MAINTENANCE

Members had before them a list of maintenance tasks prepared by the Clerk consequent to the 2018 safety inspection.

RESOLVED: that the tasks on the list be expedited by the Clerk, subject to Financial Regulations requirements.

M13/07/18 REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL ASSETS

The Chairman explained that he had begun a complete review of the Parish Council’s assets and was seeking authority for Jerome and Co, Solicitors holding legal documents on the Parish Council’s behalf, to produce a thumbnail sketch of each land asset from a legal perspective, cost not exceeding £150 + VAT.

RESOLVED: that authority be granted in line with the Chairman’s request.

M14/07/18 PARISH EXCURSION

The Chairman gave a brief report on the 4th July excursion to Adgestone Vineyard, which had been a great success.

RESOLVED: that an excursion by minibus in early September be authorised, maximum cost £70 to cover hire of the minibus and fuel.

M15/07/18 COMMEMORATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I

RESOLVED: that members contribute ideas for events at the September Parish Council meeting.

M16/07/18 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that, in view of the sensitive 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 they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) and Standing Order 3d;

CM01/07/18 NT30 NITON TUNNELS FOOTPATH

Councillor Jon Young had obtained a quotation covering his proposal.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Jon Young’s proposal be expedited, subject to approval from the family concerned.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:00 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATION

1. P/00746/18 – TCP/14576/G – Householder Application – Proposed single storey rear extension at Kingsmede, Kemming Road, Whitwell: This is a bed and breakfast application, which may have implications for change of use and/or building regulations.