

## NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EDWARD EDWARDS LIBRARY, NITON, ON MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2018 AT 7:15 PM

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Dave Stewart (Isle of Wight Council), PCSO Stephen Oatley (West Wight Rural Neighbourhood Police Team) and Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council)

**APOLOGIES:** None received

#### M01/10/18 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman welcomed five members of the public, one of whom addressed the Parish Council regarding the recent works to upgrade Ashknowle Lane bridleway. The member of the public stated that, according to the proposal accepted by the Parish Council, the rough cobbles in the centre of the Lane should have been preserved in situ.

#### M02/10/18 WEST WIGHT NEIGHBOURHOOD RURAL POLICE TEAM

The Chairman welcomed PCSO Stephen Oatley to the meeting and asked if there were any issues to be highlighted within the Parish. PCSO Oatley outlined his main areas of responsibility.

The Chairman enquired about the future of Neighbourhood Watch schemes. PCSO Oatley reported that Age UK was introducing a new scheme based on an updated model: Neighbourhood Watch Plus.

It was acknowledged that Scams posed a big problem.

Councillor Boileau Goad asked how the speed of vehicles would be controlled along the Military Road when it was re-opened. PCSO Oatley said that a sustained Police presence would result in a marked difference in speeding.

Councillor Burrridge asked about parking enforcement. PCSO Oatley said this had now passed to the Isle of Wight Council. However, under certain circumstances, the Police could still act to remove an obstruction.

The Chairman enquired on the progress of the Parish Council's complaint regarding large agricultural vehicles travelling through and around Whitwell back in early July. PCSO Oatley said that the Police were speaking to agricultural firms about the need for careful driving.

The Chairman thanked PCSO Oatley for attending the meeting.

PCSO Oatley left the meeting.

#### M03/10/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
S Biles	Request for grant for Santa's Grotto, Niton	M**/10/18	Personal	Organises Santa's Grotto
J A Stotesbury	Request for grant for Niton Lantern Parade	M**/10/18	Personal	Organises Niton Lantern Parade

## M04/10/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

## M05/10/18 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £53,799.75 in the General Funds, £25,159.86 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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1536	Whitwell Village Hall	Hall hire for meetings	24.00
1537	John O'Conner	Mow/strim Niton Recreation Ground	186.00
1538	Wightscape	Replacement safety fencing at Niton Recreation Ground	2,520.00
1539	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – October 2018	682.22
1540	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – October 2018	45.70
1541	The Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerk's professional membership 2018/19	128.00
1542	Go South Coast Ltd	Southern Vectis Solo Bus for Christmas excursion	210.00
1543	Wight Building Materials	Materials for Ashknowle Lane upgrade	2,610.72
1544	V J Ford	Expenses for purchase of 2 poppy wreaths (s137)	41.97
1545	Wight Building Materials	Materials for Ashknowle Lane upgrade	3,729.60
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10,178.21</b>

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

## M06/10/18 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AGAINST BUDGET 2018/19

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

RESOLVED: that the statement be received and noted.

## M07/10/18 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/00875/18, TCP/33553: Householder Application – Demolition of shed: alterations; proposed single storey extension at 18, Priory Walk, Niton: **GRANTED**
2. P/00892/18, TCPL/28038/D and P/00894/18, LBC/28038/C: Proposed Orangery - garden room to side elevation and LBC at Rose Cottage, Lacey Lane, Niton: **REFUSED**

## M08/10/18 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Stewart reported that the lease for the White Lion public house, Niton, would be up for renewal in January 2019 but the current managers may not be able to run the establishment until then. It was

suggested that the status of the White Lion as an Asset of Community Value may have expired; the Clerk undertook to check on the listing and review if necessary.

Regarding Undercliff Drive, a feasibility study would be required before any work commences. The proposal for the study should have been considered by the Isle of Wight Council Cabinet in October but had been postponed by six months to allow budget considerations to be taken into account. The cost of the study would be approximately £100,000.

With respect to the question on Parish Council comments on planning applications raised by the Parish Council Chairman, the Isle of Wight Council Planning Committee Chair had said that every comment from town and parish councils is read. The Chairman pointed out that most planning decisions were made by Isle of Wight Council officers through delegated powers.

Councillor Stewart stated that the Isle of Wight Council had options for the budget and could hit the target for savings. He also said that the Council was considering building its own houses and also privately rented housing.

### **M09/10/18 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor Fradgley thanked Councillor Stewart for his hard work.

The Chairman congratulated the Isle of Wight Council on the success of the “Cabinet on the Road” initiative and said he had attended on 11<sup>th</sup> October. He reminded Councillor Stewart of the importance of Undercliff Drive to residents of Niton and Whitwell and urged that it should be a priority for the Isle of Wight Council to reopen this important part of the Island’s road network. Councillor Stewart said that the problem of water retention should also be addressed and reaffirmed his commitment to reinstating the road.

The Chairman stated that he was intending to meet with SWAY representatives and invited other Parish Council members to join him. Councillors Boileau Goad and Burrige offered to attend.

### **M10/10/18 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that poppy wreaths had been purchased for the Niton and Whitwell War Memorials and asked who would be willing to lay a wreath.

### **M11/10/18 NHS AMBULANCE SERVICE TRAINING IN CPR AND USE OF DEFIBRILLATOR**

RESOLVED: that payment for the training session arranged at the White Horse Inn, Whitwell, for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November be authorised up to £125.

### **M12/10/18 ASHKNOWLE LANE UPGRADE**

The Chairman reported that the work had been completed and that there was a need to consider all feedback on the work planned by the Parish Council and the work actually carried out.

Councillor Fradgley complained that the Lane had been torn up, that cobbles had been torn up and that the result was not a traditional lane because concrete did not constitute a traditional lane. He stated that he did not like the result, which he described as desecration.

Councillor Jon Young stated that the term “traditional lane” had been defined in the context of the project by the proposal document, which had specified the use of lean mix concrete.

It was noted that feedback from passing users of the Lane had all been positive.

The Chairman observed that the drainage arrangements were still to be tested by rainfall and there was an option to carry out further work if it proved to be necessary. He undertook to produce a written report, which would form the basis of a formal statement to be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting. He also suggested that the decisions to deviate from the planned works, made on site for practical reasons, should be reviewed in the light of the report submitted by the Project Supervisors.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact the Isle of Wight Bridleway Group to request feedback.

**M13/10/18 CASTLEHAVEN VILLAGE GREEN: SIGNAGE AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

RESOLVED: that, although the Parish Council's insurance provider had advised there was no legal requirement to warn members of the public of obvious danger, the sign warning of the risk of falling rocks be positioned at the entrance to Castlehaven.

**M14/10/18 INSTALLATION OF A SALT BIN IN SCHOOL LANE, NITON**

The Parish Council's insurance provider had advised that the Parish Council would increase its liability by taking responsibility for the proposed salt bin and recommended that any action be taken by the Isle of Wight Council.

RESOLVED: that the provision of a salt bin is not pursued by the Parish Council.

**M15/10/18 PARISH COUNCIL PRIORITIES**

Members had before them the list of current Parish Council priorities, as published on the website. The Chairman invited members to review the list outside of a formal meeting prior to budget-setting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk organise an informal meeting to review priorities.

**M16/10/18 PARISH PLAN**

RESOLVED: that the Chairman write to Councillor Barry Abraham, Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing, to ask what kind of community plan would be best for the Parish to undertake.

**M17/10/18 GRANTS FOR NITON CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

RESOLVED: that a grant of £200 be awarded towards the cost of the Niton Lantern Parade.

**M18/10/18 PARISH COUNCIL CHRISTMAS CARD LIST**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk circulate last year's list to all members for additions and amendments.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:45 pm

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