

## **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> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 7:15 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors T Addison (Chairman), S Biles, J Boileau Goad, S A Burridge, M A Innes, A Logan and J A Stotesbury

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors P K G Fradgley, Janice Young and Jon Young

#### **M01/02/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public drew members' attention to inconsiderate parking at the bottom of Nettlecombe Lane, near the junction with Whitwell High Street. The Chairman suggested trying some local publicity to appeal for residents to park safely and considerately at this location.

#### **M02/02/19 ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC)**

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Helena Hewston, Chair of IWALC, to the meeting. Councillor Hewston said that, since becoming Chair, she had been attending town and parish council meetings across the Island as she was keen to understand what was happening around the Parishes. 25 councils are members of IWALC and, hence, the National Association (NALC). NALC had been more active in lobbying and IWALC was also doing its share of lobbying. IWALC meets with the Island MP and recently supported his request to reduce the Island Housing Allocation to 300. IWALC offers training and Councillor Hewston expressed her wish to see all new councillors undertake training. IWALC also holds topic meetings, which are a form of training.

Councillor Boileau Goad asked Councillor Hewston if IWALC was able to insist on the Isle of Wight Council Planning Department listening to town and parish councils. The Chairman said that he had sent a letter to IWALC asking for clarity regarding the relationship between the Planning Authority and town and parish councils. He said the letter had been acknowledged but not actually answered. Ultimately, the Parish Council would like a response.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Hewston for attending the meeting.

#### **M03/02/19 COMMUNITY ACTION ROAD SAFETY (CARS)**

The Chairman welcomed representatives of the CARS group to the meeting. Mrs Katie Walker-Green presented copies of the CARS report on data collected from the recent survey and through other public consultation.

**RESOLVED:** that the Clerk circulate the electronic copy of the report to members.

Mrs Walker-Green stated that the CARS group had followed the same kind of consultation procedure as the Parish Council had followed for the Parish Plan and Housing Needs Survey. She stated that the CARS recommendations were: 20 m.p.h. speed limits through both villages and 40 m.p.h. speed limit between the villages; pinch points at the entrances to both villages; and new, clearer, more visible signage through the villages. She requested that the Parish Council forward the report to Councillor Ian Ward, Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, if it was in agreement.

The Chairman said that the Parish Council needed to look at the report before coming to any decision, as it had only just been provided.

RESOLVED: that discussion of the CARS report be deferred to the March meeting.

#### M04/02/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Interest	Item	Minute Ref	Reason
J A Stotesbury	Personal	Grant funding for Niton Community Hub	M13/02/19	Director of Niton Community Projects

#### M05/02/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### M06/02/19 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £30,784.67 in the General Funds, £25,219.74 in the Public Sector Deposit Fund and £6,265.61 in the Bequest Account. A schedule of accounts for payment was also before the meeting.

The Clerk stated that Southern Vectis had had corrected the invoiced period of the number 6 winter Sunday bus service; as a result, the invoice to the Parish Council from Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council had been reduced by over £300. Cheque number 1557 had been cancelled and cheque number 1565 raised to settle the revised invoice.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement to 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be received and noted.

\* Already paid; for ratification only

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1566* Ref: M13/07/18	Jerome & Co Solicitors Ltd	Thumbnail sketch of PC assets	180.00
1567	John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd	Mowing/strimming of Niton Recreation Ground	106.80
Direct Debit	The Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration fee	35.00
1568	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – February 2019	682.22
1569	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – February 2019	88.78
1570	SSE	Electricity for Niton public toilets	28.31
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,121.11</b>

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

#### M07/02/19 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### M08/02/19 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.

The Chairman welcomed Councillor Dave Stewart, who had joined the meeting.

## **M09/02/19 PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/01288/18, TCP/20471/G – Householder Application - Demolition of garage; proposed detached garage/utility store/potting shed at St. Catherines House, St. Catherines Road, Niton Undercliff:

### **GRANTED**

The Chairman of the Planning Committee informed members that the Parish Council's concern that the proposed plans indicate that gas bottles would be positioned near to an oil tank had been effectively dismissed by the Planning Officer.

2. P/01419/18, TCP/23287/B – Proposed dwelling on land to rear of Grasmere, High Street, Whitwell:

### **REFUSED**

## **M10/02/19 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Dave Stewart had been notified of concerns regarding fly tipping in School, Lane, Niton. He reported that the matter was in hand.

He was trying to ascertain if there was s106 money available which could partially fund the proposed courtesy crossing outside Norris Stores.

Niton Community Football Club had received the developer contribution of £40,000 towards the new clubhouse / changing facilities.

Councillor Stewart was progressing his bid to extend the speed limit of 30 m.p.h. along Newport Road, Niton, as far as Bierley.

The Isle of Wight Council was considering an Island-wide approach to revising speed limits.

The Isle of Wight Council will be holding a public consultation on the funding of a design for the reinstatement of Undercliff Drive.

The Isle of Wight Council had approved a 2.99% increase in Council Tax. Councillor Stewart stated that the financial position was better than it had been.

The Isle of Wight Council was trying to provide an evidence-based argument to show exceptional circumstances for the Island in order to reduce the housing allocation target.

## **M11/02/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor Logan apologised for her recent absence due to family illness. She also asked for an update on progress with the new skateboard half pipe for Niton Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk arranges a meeting of the Skateboard Park Working Party.

Councillor Boileau Goad reported that a green refill system had been set up at Niton Country Stores. He also announced that the NitWhit Soapbox Derby would be taking place at Niton Recreation Ground on 1<sup>st</sup> September and appealed for the event to be widely advertised.

Councillor Burridge reported that she had received notice from the Isle of Wight Council Planning Enforcement Officer that the dwelling places on the land off Barrack Shute, Niton, were to be removed as soon as possible.

The Chairman asked Councillor Stewart to investigate alternative means of re-opening Undercliff Drive, as suggested by a member of the public at Councillor Stewart's recent public meeting.

**M12/02/19 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reminded members of the invitation to attend Island Roads' Annual Asset Management Workshop.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk attend the Workshop on behalf of the Parish Council.

**M13/02/19 REQUESTS FOR GRANT FUNDING**

Requests for funding had been received from Niton WI and Niton Community Projects.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £55 be awarded to Niton WI for the (floral) maintenance of the brick planter in Niton village.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Niton Community Projects to ask for a written request for funding, which includes how money much is required and the purpose for which it would be used.

**M14/02/19 PARISH EXCURSION**

RESOLVED: that a Parish Excursion to Freshwater in April be organised by the Clerk.

**M15/02/19 NATIONAL PARKING ENFORCEMENT SURVEY**

RESOLVED: that the proposal under the Sustainable Communities Act in relation to allowing local councils the power to enforce civil parking regulations be supported by means of completing the survey.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:25 pm

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

**APPENDIX TO MINUTES**

1. P/00097/19, LBC/19109/J – LBC for replacement of glazing panels in lighthouse lantern room at Saint Catherine's Lighthouse, Niton Undercliff: **NO COMMENT**