

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EDWARD EDWARDS LIBRARY, NITON, ON MONDAY 25th MARCH 2019 AT 7:15 PM

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

M01/03/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The member of the public in attendance handed a list of questions relating to agenda items 11, 12 and 17 to Parish Council members and the Clerk. The Chairman stated that the questions would be considered in the course of the discussions of the items.

M02/03/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

M03/03/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 25th February 2019 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M04/03/19 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £29,643.57 in the General Funds, £25,236.25 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.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement to 18th March 2019 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1572	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – March 2019	682.22
		Total	682.22

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

M05/03/19 INTERNAL AUDIT 2017/18 REVIEW AND INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2018/19

Members had before them a review of the effectiveness of the Internal Audit 2017/18 and a revised Internal Audit Plan 2018/19, which had been prepared by the Clerk for their consideration.

RESOLVED: that the review of the Internal Audit 2017/18, as prepared by the Clerk, be accepted.

RESOLVED: that the Internal Audit Plan 2018/19, as prepared by the Clerk, be adopted.

M06/03/19 ASSET REGISTER REVIEW

The Clerk reminded members that it was the Chairman's stated intention to develop a simple management plan attached to each item on the asset register: Minute M17/05/18 refers. To this end, she had conducted a detailed review of each asset, owned or leased by the Parish Council and each asset for which the Parish Council is responsible for maintenance.

Members had before them a revised detailed asset register, an asset summary sheet and a revised Land Asset Register, which had been prepared by the Clerk in accordance with the Chairman's request.

The Clerk reported that, in the course of tracing the purchase value of assets acquired prior to 2010, the following minute had come to light:

M05/03/11 VALUE OF PARISH COUNCIL ASSETS

Members had before them the list of the values of Parish Council assets which formed part of the receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010.

RESOLVED: that, for the receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011, all values are depreciated by 60%.

RESOLVED: that Minute M05/03/11 be revoked and that the values of all assets depreciated by 60% as a result of the resolution be restored to their original value.

The Clerk also stated that she had added the K6 telephone kiosk (value £1) to the Asset Register; and Niton public toilets (£1) to the list of land assets. As a result of the historical research conducted for an application for grant funding from the War Memorials Trust, ownership of the land for the Whitwell War Memorial had been re-established through the Parish archive at the County Records Office and the land had been added to the list of land assets (value £1). The safety matting laid under the cableway in the Recreation ground in August 2011 (value £2,180) had been overlaid with new matting in September 2018 (value £1,920). Therefore, the original matting had been effectively written off and replaced with the new matting.

RESOLVED: that the revised Asset Register and list of Land Assets, as presented by the Clerk, be adopted.

M07/03/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them two Niton and one Whitwell 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.

M08/03/19 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/00022/19, TCP/13049/B – Formation of vehicular access and hardstanding at 8, Chatfeild Road, Niton: **GRANTED**
2. P/01426/18, TCP/33687 – Proposed detached dwelling with 2x ancillary garages on land adjacent Niton Manor, Pan Lane, Niton: **GRANTED**
3. P/00071/19, TCP/24708/K – Proposed building providing 3 units of holiday accommodation on Part OS parcel 3855, adjacent to Newport Road and, Kingates Lane: **GRANTED**

M09/03/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Burridge reported that the Japanese knotweed on the Chatfeild Road development site had been spread due to the use of an excavator; Councillor Dave Stewart, Isle of Wight Council Ward Member, was aware.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk request an update from Councillor Stewart.

Councillor Boileau Goad announced that the NitWhit Soap Box Derby would be held at 13:30 on Sunday 1st September at Niton Recreation Ground. He appealed for hay bales to mark out the course and to act as safety barriers. Planning permission had been granted for the Fields Nursey development. Two plywood boards had lifted on the skateboard half pipe and a request for three picnic benches for Niton Recreation Ground had been received.

RESOLVED: that repairs to the half pipe and the purchase of three picnic benches be included on the agenda for the April meeting.

Councillor Logan reported that Niton Primary School had held a climate change day, in which she had been involved. The Chairman asked Councillor Logan if she felt that the Parish Council should be looking at the provision of charging points for electric vehicles. He asked Councillor Logan to bring back her thoughts and some proposals to the Parish Council.

Councillor Logan reported that bollards had been ripped out along Undercliff Drive.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk alert Island Roads to the missing bollards.

Councillor Logan had been contacted by various skateboard enthusiasts regarding the proposed new skateboard park in Niton Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Logan liaise with the skateboard enthusiasts and report back to the Parish Council.

Councillor Jon Young stated that, due to their recent move to West Wight, he and Councillor Janice Young would be resigning from the Parish Council at the end of the meeting. He thanked members for their comradeship.

Councillor Janice Young reported that the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) had invited speakers from Isle of Wight horse and dog societies to give their views on the proposed Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs). There would be a formal public consultation in approximately a month's time. Areas would be controlled by Environment Officers as enforcement officers. There would also be a restriction on the number of dogs under the control of one person.

Councillor Janice Young stated that Sandown Town Council would not be joining IWALC in the year commencing 1st April 2019; she recommended that the Parish Council remained with IWALC.

The Chairman stated that Councillors Janice and Jon Young would be greatly missed. The Clerk thanked them for their help and support.

M10/03/19 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk outlined the statutory process triggered by casual vacancies.

M11/03/19 NT16 / NT18 ASHKNOWLE LANE BRIDLEWAY

The Chairman had inspected the Lane on 10th March. He stated that it had lost none of its charm as an ancient track. Where the surface is solid, it has remained in place; where there are two tracks, there was some indication of wear due to water.

RESOLVED: that the state of the Lane be reviewed again in March 2020.

M12/03/19 NITON RECREATION GROUND ANNUAL SAFETY INSPECTION

RESOLVED: that “Auto scheduling” of the annual safety inspection with RoSPA be authorised.

M13/03/19 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

Councillor Janice Young outlined some ideas, including inflatable sandbags.

RESOLVED: that members’ ideas be sent to the Clerk so that an application for funding may be made.

M14/03/19 ALLOTMENT ROAD CAR PARK

RESOLVED: that the acquisition of the car park, possibly with the garages in situ, be agreed in principle.

M15/03/19 COMMUNITY ACTION ROAD SAFETY (CARS) SURVEY

Members had before them a report prepared by the CARS group, which had been based on the results of their recent survey.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk forward the report to Councillor Ian Ward, Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, stating that it contained some good ideas and asking if he would like to discuss.

M16/03/19 MEMORIAL PLAQUE FOR NITON BENCH

The Clerk explained that a donation had been given to the Parish Council by Mr Thompson of Niton on the understanding that, upon his death, an additional memorial plaque would be purchased for the bench in Niton dedicated to his wife’s memory.

RESOLVED: that, since Mr Thompson had now passed away, the Clerk make the necessary arrangements for the purchase of the plaque.

M17/03/19 CASTLEHAVEN VILLAGE GREEN

An interim report on the refurbishment of the Village Green had been received from Carol Flux of Gift to Nature. It was noted that there were some outstanding issues requiring a response from the Niton Harbour Club.

RESOLVED: that the dragon’s teeth on the Green be cut to similar lengths.

RESOLVED: that, in view of Councillor Jon Young’s intended resignation, he be replaced by Councillor Boileau Goad on the Castlehaven Working party.

RESOLVED: that delegated authority be give to the Chairman, Councillor Boileau Goad and the Clerk to authorise payment of Gift to Nature’s account prior to the April Parish Council meeting.

M18/03/19 EXCLUSION OF 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 items and they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) and Standing Order No 3 d

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE THEN EXCLUDED FROM THE COUNCIL

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CM01/03/19 NITON RECREATION GROUND TRIM TRAIL

The Clerk reported that no tenders had been received.

RESOLVED: that the deadline for tenders be extended by 10 days to 5th April 2019.

CM02/03/19 NOMINATIONS FOR HONOURS

Councillor Janice Young stressed the importance of absolute confidentiality with regard to nominations.

RESOLVED: that two persons are nominated for honours.

CM03/03/19 CLERK’S SALARY: NATIONAL SALARY AWARD 2019-2020

RESOLVED: that the Clerk’s salary be increased from 1st April 2019 in line with the National Joint Council agreement.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:50 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

1. P/00150/19, TCP/29057/D: Removal of condition no 3 on P/01192/18 to allow annexed accommodation to be used as a separate residential unit Fernbank, High Street, Whitwell: **NO COMMENT**
2. P/00188/19, TCP/22361/G: Householder Application – Demolition of extension; proposed replacement single storey extension on front elevation at Rookley Cottage, Rectory Road, Niton: **NO COMMENT**
3. P/00173/18, TCP/13825/J: Householder Application – Proposed garage extension to include extension at first floor level to form office; alterations at The Star, Church Street, Niton: **NO COMMENT**