

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EDWARD EDWARDS LIBRARY, NITON, ON MONDAY 29th APRIL 2019 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison (Chairman), S Biles, J Boileau Goad, S Burridge, P K G Fradgley, 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: None received.

M01/04/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

M02/04/18 MINUTES

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

M03/04/19 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £27,654.36 in the General Funds, £25,251.57 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 April 2019 be received and noted.

* Already paid; for ratification only

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1573*	Wight Computers Ltd	AVG Cloudcare Antivirus software	12.00
1574*	Isle of Wight NHS Trust	CPR and Defibrillator training, Niton	60.00
1575*	WightStream Hydrocleaning Services Ltd	Steam clean Whitwell War Memorial	1,200.00
1576	V J Ford	Clerk's salary – April 2019	708.90
1577	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – April 2019	107.04
1578	Mr G W Hughes	Internal Audit 2018/19 fee	145.00
1579	Natural Enterprise Ltd	Restoration of Castlehaven Village Green to 31.3.19	2,400.00
		Total	4,632.94

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

M04/04/19 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AGAINST BUDGET 2017/18

Members had before them a statement of variance against budget for the year ended 31st March 2019.

RESOLVED: that the statement be received and noted.

M05/04/19 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL AUDIT 2018/19

Members had before them internally audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019. The Internal Auditor's report was discussed and it was noted that there were no recommendations arising from the audit.

RESOLVED: that the annual accounts be adopted and signed.

RESOLVED: that the Internal Audit Report 2018/19 and Annual Internal Audit Report (AIAR) be accepted.

M06/04/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Innes reported that the bus shelter and adjacent seat in Rectory Road required maintenance and Councillor Stotesbury reported that there was loose gravel on the pavement in Blackgang Road.

RESOLVED: that, since the work would be carried out under the Highways PFI contract, the Clerk reported the need for maintenance to Island Roads.

Councillor Logan said she would be holding a meeting within the following two weeks to discuss the proposed new skateboard half pipe. She also stated that she had had a request for more trees to be planted in Niton Recreation Ground. The Chairman said that he would like Gift to Nature to be involved with all Parish Council green spaces.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk organise a meeting with Gift to Nature to discuss the idea of being involved with all Parish Council green spaces.

Councillor Boileau Goad reported that he had arranged to collect 20 straw bales at a cost of £3 per bale for the NitWhit Soap Box Derby. He was also organising concessions, including a burger van, and extensive publicity for the event. He stated that more rubbish bins were needed for Niton Recreation Ground.

Councillor Biles asked if a cycle hub for Niton could be considered.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Biles report back to the Parish Council with more information.

The Chairman stated that he would be holding a meeting with Councillor Ian Ward, Isle of Wight Council Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, later in May to discuss the Community Action Road Safety (CARS) survey report.

Members had received a number of complaints from Parishioners regarding the Blackgang Chine fireworks planned for the coming summer. The Chairman stated that he had undertaken to write to Mr Alex Dabell to inform him that concerns were being raised.

M07/04/19 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk stated that the Chairman had agreed to discuss the letter of complaint regarding traffic in Southford Lane with Councillor Ward at the forthcoming meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by a member of Whitwell Women's Institute as the group planned to carry out a litter pick in Whitwell and wanted to know if there were any litter "black spots".

RESOLVED: that the Clerk thank the Whitwell WI for carrying out this service for the Village, informing them that there are no particular “black spots” and asking if there is anything the Parish Council could do to help.

M08/04/19 CASUAL VACANCIES

RESOLVED: that the two vacancies, one in each Ward, are filled by co-option at the Annual Meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk publish the notice advertising for candidates as soon as possible, with a closing date of 15th May.

Councillor Burridge and Councillor Stewart (Isle of Wight Council) joined the meeting.

M09/04/19 SALE OF THE WHITE LION PUBLIC HOUSE

The Clerk reported that, as the Parish Council has successfully nominated the White Lion public house as an Asset of Community Value (ACV), she had corresponded with the Isle of Wight Council regarding sale of the freehold. Mr Ashley Curzon, Isle of Wight Council Assistant Director of Regeneration – Economic Development, Planning and Assets, had advised that advertising the property freehold for sale would not necessarily result in a relevant disposal under the Community Right to Bid. However, Mr Curzon undertook to “keep an eye” on the sale.

Councillor Stewart expressed his support for the Clerk’s action.

M10/04/19 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Councillor Stewart reported that arrangements were being made for the public consultation on producing a design for reinstatement of Undercliff Drive. A Community Meeting had been arranged for Saturday 29th June. The issue of “abandoned” vehicles in Allotment Road car park was being addressed.

Councillor Stewart summarised the effects of the European Parliamentary Elections on Isle of Wight Council business and stated that the Island was doing well with recycling.

M11/04/19 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting held on 15th April 2019 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M12/04/19 PLANNING DECISION

Members were notified of the following planning decision:

1. 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: **GRANTED**

M13/04/19 MAINTENANCE OF PARISH ASSETS

Members had before them a list of assets requiring maintenance including Whitwell telephone kiosk and water hydrants, Parish benches and further work to increase definition of lettering on Whitwell War Memorial.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk submit costs for each item of maintenance for the Parish Council’s consideration at a further meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Island Roads to request maintenance of the assets covered by the Highways PFI contract.

M14/04/19 NITON RECREATION GROUND

Councillor Boileau Goad had obtained a price of £949 plus £90 delivery for the purchase of 3 picnic benches made from recycled plastic. An estimated price of £450 each had been obtained for wooden benches.

RESOLVED: that wooden picnic benches and extra litter bins be purchased, up to a cost of £3,000 to include concrete bases for the benches.

RESOLVED: that the operation of a concession stand during the summer months not be authorised.

RESOLVED: that a portable toilet not be provided during the summer months.

M15/04/19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it was advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded for the following two items and that they be 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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CM01/04/19 NITON RECREATION GROUND TRIM TRAIL

Councillor Boileau Goad reported that only one tender had been received for the Trim Trail and the cost far exceeded the budget.

RESOLVED: that purchase of a Trim Trail be deferred.

CM02/04/19 CASTLEHAVEN VILLAGE GREEN

Members had before them two tenders for increasing the height of the stone gabions adjacent to the Village Green.

RESOLVED: that the tender from Imphouse Limited be accepted; that the height of the gabions be increased by 0.5 m; and that dark grey granite gabion stone be used.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35 pm

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