

## NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE EDWARD EDWARDS LIBRARY, NITON, ON MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019 AT 7:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor T Addison (Chairman Niton and Whitwell Parish Council), S Biles, J Boileau Goad, S Burrige, A Logan, J A Stotesbury, Councillor Dave Stewart (Isle of Wight Council), Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council) and ten other parishioners.

**APOLOGIES:** P K G Fradgley, M A Innes

#### 1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

#### 2. MINUTES

Those present had before them the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

#### 4. ANNUAL REPORT

Those present had before them a copy of the Annual Report on the activities of the Council for 2018/19 (see copy attached).

The Chairman stated that there had been an emphasis on Parish assets over the past year and noted the progress achieved with improvements to the Ashknowle Lane bridleway and Castlehaven Village Green. He stated that, as 2018 had marked the centenary of the end of World War I, it had been a fitting year for cleaning the Whitwell War Memorial.

The Chairman noted that no progress had been made with the reinstatement of Undercliff Drive and expressed mild disappointment over the Parish Council's lack of influence over local planning matters. However, some progress had been made; and the Parish Council had submitted a comprehensive set of comments on the Isle of Wight Council's Draft Island Planning Strategy.

Councillor Stewart observed that there were plenty of good achievements within the report.

RESOLVED: that the Annual Report of the Council be received and noted.

#### 5. FINANCIAL REPORT

Those present had before them a copy of the internally audited accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

RESOLVED: that the Annual Accounts be received and noted.

**6. LOCAL MEMBER’S REPORT ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL**

Councillor Stewart reported that the sale of the White Lion public house in Niton as a going concern was good news. He thanked the Clerk to the Parish Council for her work relating to the successful nomination of the White Lion as an Asset of Community Value.

Councillor Stewart applauded the work of South Wight Area Youth Partnership (SWAY), which is now working with over 100 people. SWAY had recently been offered the opportunity to re-open the café within Chale Stores, for which credit was due to Chale Parish Council.

The Isle of Wight Council was to undertake an Island-wide bin review.

With regard to the Draft Island Planning Strategy, new information had been received regarding housing requirements; Councillor Stewart stated that senior planning officers would be visiting town and parish councils to discuss.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stewart’s report be received and noted.

Those present thanked Councillor Stewart for taking time to attend the meeting.

**7. COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ELECTORS**

There were no comments, requests or recommendations from the electors.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:12 pm.

Signed..... Date.....  
(Chairman)