

## 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> JULY 2019 AT 7:15 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillors T Addison (Chairman), J Boileau Goad, S Burridge, M D Hughson, M A Innes, A Logan and L Sheerin

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors S Biles, P K G Fradgley and J A Stotesbury; Councillor D Stewart (Isle of Wight Council)

#### M01/07/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman welcomed members of the public, who raised the following:

- Potential development along Allotment Road, Niton: a member of the public had heard informal chat regarding development at the eastern end of Allotment Road. The Chairman stated that only the development planned at the Fields Nursery was known to the Parish Council.
- Grass cutting on the green in Bannock Road: a member of the public asked who was responsible for cutting the grass and why it had not been cut recently. The Chairman explained that Island Roads was responsible and had recently revised its grass cutting schedule. The Schedule was available on the Island Roads website.
- 20 mph speed limit through Niton: a member of the public enquired about progress. The Chairman gave an update and stressed the importance of the Speedwatch Group starting up. He also stated that the Parish Council was interested to learn the benefits of “pinch points” to slow down traffic.
- Niton Recreation Ground: a member of the public stated her intention to present a proposal to develop a wildflower meadow within the Recreation Ground to the Parish Council at its September meeting. The Chairman stated that a meeting of the Recreation Ground Working Party would be arranged over the summer to discuss the various ideas for new projects and also maintenance of existing equipment.

#### M02/07/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Interest	Item	Minute Ref	Reason
L Sheerin	Personal	Planning application 19/00480/HOU	M06/07/19	Related to applicant

#### M03/07/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

#### M04/07/19 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £68,652.48 in the General Funds, £25,301.09 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 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1598	John O’Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Ltd	Mowing/stripping Niton Recreation Ground	114.00
1599	V J Ford	Clerk’s salary: July 2019	708.90

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1600	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses: July 2019	15.92
1601	Mr Ken Day (Island Minibus Services)	Parish Excursion 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	70.00
1602	Go South Coast Ltd	Parish Excursion 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	220.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,128.82</b>

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

#### **M05/07/19 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AGAINST BUDGET 2019/20**

Members had before them a statement of variance against budget for the first quarter 2019/20. The Clerk stated that the apparent "overspend" against Restoration of Castlehaven Village Green had arisen as the invoice from Gift to Nature for work carried out during the previous financial year had not been submitted until April 2019.

RESOLVED: that the statement be received and noted.

#### **M06/07/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members had before them three Niton 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.

#### **M07/07/19 PLANNING DECISION**

Members were notified of the following planning decision:

1. 19/00104/FUL: Proposed summer house at Saint Catherine's House, Saint Catherine's Road, Niton:  
**GRANTED**

#### **M08/07/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Councillor Sheerin had received a complaint regarding parking near the junction of Kemming Road and Whitwell High Street. The Chairman suggested that the additional vehicles may belong to contractors working in that location. He stated that the closure of Undercliff Drive is the underlying problem at the junction.

Councillor Sheerin had also received a complaint that the vegetation along NT45, Buddle Lane was overgrown. The Clerk stated that maintenance of the Lane was the responsibility of Island Roads.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ask Island Roads to inspect the Lane.

Councillor Sheerin reported that vehicles had again been seen going the wrong way round the Niton one-way system. One vehicle had hit a one-way sign, causing it to face the wrong way.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Sheerin ask Island Roads to inspect the sign using the "Report it Online" page of the Island Roads website.

A request had been made for more dog waste bins. The Clerk explained that Parish Council policy was to encourage dog owners to use litter bins for dog waste due to the comparatively high cost of collections from any additional bins purchased.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ask the Environment Officer to patrol Barrack Shute, Niton, as dog fouling had been reported.

Councillor Logan thanked Councillor Burrige for providing the name badges for Councillors at Niton Day. She said that a number of people had approached her to discuss Parish issues.

Councillor Boileau Goad had attended the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) Executive Committee meeting. He reported that IWALC had also experienced problems with being heard by the Isle of Wight Planning Department.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk chase a response to the Chairman's letter to IWALC regarding s106 agreements and local planning concerns dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Boileau Goad attend the Local Access Forum (LAF) meetings as a guest.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Boileau Goad attend the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Road Verge Event on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor Burrige reported that a resident has offered a framed copy of the first ever Best Kept Village award. Councillor Burrige had also attended the Edward Edwards Library AGM and could confirm that the lease between the Library group and the Isle of Wight Council for the old library / telephone exchange building stipulated that the building must be used as a library.

The Chairman reported that he had written to the Isle of Wight Council asking for the transfer of assets within the Parish to the Parish Council but had not received a response to date.

#### **M09/07/19 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that she had arranged three Parish excursions up to the end of 2019: Arreton Barns on 15<sup>th</sup> August and (venue to be advised) on 9<sup>th</sup> October, both with Island Minibus Services and both at a cost of £70; and Busy Bee Christmas World on 5<sup>th</sup> December with Southern Vectis at a cost of £220.

The Clerk reminded members to inform her of their training needs as IWALC was looking to develop a training programme for the autumn.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Logan or the Clerk attend the Age Friendly Island Professionals' Event: Legacy and Learning on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Burrige and the Clerk attend the presentation of the Best Kept Village Awards on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **M10/07/19 MEMORIAL BENCH FOR BANNOCK ROAD, WHITWELL**

A Whitwell resident reported that he had received local support and pledges of £390 in total towards the purchase of a memorial bench. A quotation of £1,301.74 had been obtained from Island Roads, representing the supply, installation and ongoing maintenance of the bench until April 2038.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council purchase the bench as requested, the order to be placed once the contribution from the community is received.

## **M11/07/19 SOUTHERN VECTIS NUMBER 6 WINTER SERVICE**

Chale and Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Councils had yet to agree in principle to support a Southern Vectis number 6 winter bus service, subject to ratification at their next meetings (September).

RESOLVED: that a number 6 winter Sunday, Boxing Day and New Year bank holiday services be supported at the rates proposed by Southern Vectis on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

## **M12/07/19 CASTLEHAVEN VILLAGE GREEN**

RESOLVED: that the proposal for incorporation of the Village Green into Gift to Nature's portfolio be accepted; that Gift to Nature be asked to clean and paint the disused winch.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk discusses the provision of a recycling bin at Castlehaven with Gift to Nature.

The Chairman reported that Natural England had informed the Parish Council that no formal permission would be required for the work to increase the height of the gabion baskets. However, additional information had been requested, which the Clerk had supplied.

RESOLVED: that the work to increase the height of the gabion baskets go ahead without waiting for further comment from Natural England: the Clerk to ask the contractor to proceed with the work once the repair of the sea wall is completed.

## **M13/07/19 PUBLIC FOOTPATH NT46 CASTLEHAVEN**

The Chairman gave a short summary of the background. He stated that a financial contribution towards the repair of the sea wall would clearly demonstrate Niton and Whitwell Parish Council's commitment to working with the Isle of Wight Council and encourage future collaboration in delivering the Parish Council's objectives.

RESOLVED: that a financial contribution of £2,000 be made towards the repair of the sea wall.

## **M14/07/19 MAINTENANCE OF BERT SPRAKE MEMORIAL GARDEN**

The Clerk had obtained a quotation for an initial tidy up and ongoing monthly maintenance of the garden

RESOLVED: that the decision be deferred until the September meeting of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: that Councillors Hughson, Logan and Sheerin try to establish a local group to carry out the required work.

## **M15/07/19 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL CONSULTATION: CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL SCHEME CHANGES**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk submit the following in response to the consultation:

- That this is not an appropriate area for the Isle of Wight Council to make savings;
- That the scheme should be maintained as it is.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:30 pm

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

### **APPENDIX TO MINUTES**

#### **COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATION**

1. 19/00317/RVC Variation of condition nos 2, 4 and 8 and removal of condition no. 3 on P/00071/19 to allow amendments to approved scheme on Part OS Parcel 3855 To Newport Road And Kingates Lane, Niton: **NO COMMENT** due to lack of specialist knowledge.
2. 19/00420/HOU Proposed single storey rear extension; porch at 2, Beulah Cottages, Laceys Lane, Niton: **NO OBJECTION**
3. 19/00480/HOU Proposed single storey side extension at Kiln Side, Newport Road, Niton: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**