

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EDWARD EDWARDS LIBRARY, NITON, ON MONDAY 28th OCTOBER 2019 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison (Chairman), S Biles, J Boileau Goad, S A Burrridge, M Hughson, M A Innes, L Sheerin and J A Stotesbury

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor P K G Fradgley and Dave Stewart (Isle of Wight Council)

M01/10/19 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairman welcomed three members of the public, one of whom outlined a proposal for the use of the former telephone exchange/library building in Niton Village as an independent business hub. The member of the public invited input from the Parish Council, stating that they would be prepared to take the idea forward independently or as a Parish Council project. The Chairman thanked the member of the public and asked for an electronic copy of the proposal to be sent to the Clerk for distribution to the members of the Parish Council.

Two members of the public asked for an update on the request for dropped kerbs, which had been brought to the previous meeting. The Chairman stated that, due to the impact of the closure of Undercliff Drive on Niton and Whitwell, the Isle of Wight Council was looking to implement a package of traffic management measures in the Parish, which was expected to include dropped kerbs.

M02/10/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
S Biles	Request for grant for Santa's Grotto, Niton	M18/10/19	Personal	Organises Santa's Grotto
L Sheerin	Niton Community Football Club	M14/10/19	Personal	Responsible for fund raising
J A Stotesbury	Request for grant for Niton Lantern Parade	M18/10/19	Personal	Organises Niton Lantern Parade

M03/10/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2019 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M04/10/19 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £57,701.28 in the General Funds, £25,347.65 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 21st October 2019 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1617*	Focus Plumbing and Heating	Legionella risk assessment for Niton public toilets	78.00

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1618*	John O'Conner (GM) Ltd	Mowing/strimming Niton Recreation Ground	198.00
1619*	Mr Ken Day	Hire of minibus for Parish Excursion 9 th October 2019	70.00
1620	V J Ford	Clerk's salary: October 2019	708.90
		Total	1,054.90

Councillor Stotesbury asked the Clerk if the Legionella risk assessment could be carried out when a representative of the Parish Council was present. The Clerk said she would try to arrange this in future.

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

M05/10/19 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AGAINST BUDGET 2019/20

Members had before them a statement of variance against budget for the second quarter 2019/20.

RESOLVED: that the statement be received and noted.

M06/10/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them three 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.

M07/10/19 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. 19/00709/HOU: Demolition of detached garage; proposed detached garage and sunroom at Underwood, Sandrock Road, Niton: **GRANTED**
2. 19/00786/HOU: Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey rear extension at Puckaster Lodge, St Catherines Road, Niton: **GRANTED**
3. 19/00894/HOU: Proposed single storey side extension at Jolliffes Farm, Nettlecombe Lane, Whitwell: **GRANTED**

M08/10/19 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Members had before them Councillor Stewart's written report, which highlighted:

- The outcome of the Undercliff Drive survey had supported the Parish Council's position: Councillor Stewart to brief at the next meeting;
- Ongoing work at Castlehaven;
- Niton Community Football Club committee meetings now chaired by Councillor Stewart;
- In November, the Isle of Wight Council would circulate to town and parish councils a list of areas they may wish to consider adopting, including parking;
- Due to the traffic problems arising from the closure of Undercliff Drive, the Isle of Wight Council was considering a plan to address road safety through Niton and Whitwell: Councillor Stewart to give details at the next meeting;
- Godshell Road, Whitwell, and Newport Road, Niton, had remained in the published routes for winter gritting.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Mr Dave Evans, Isle of Wight Council Highways PFI Contract Manager, to ask how the Parish Council could be involved in determining the measures to be implemented.

M09/10/19 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Biles expressed his regret at the closing of Chale Stores and expressed an interest in acquiring the cycle hub facility for Niton in the event of the Stores remaining closed.

Councillor Sheerin reported that much concern had been expressed over the proposed Ladyacre Farm development. All present agreed that concerned residents should be advised to attend the public exhibition of the plans to be held on 30th October.

Councillor Hughson had attended the Police priorities meeting on Thursday 24th October. He reported that the main concern raised was speeding. Police had said that they were looking to Community Speedwatch to assist with the problem and that a new camera was available for volunteers' use.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact the Community Action Road Safety (CARS) Group to advise members of the new camera and ask when Speedwatch would be starting in the Parish.

The Chairman stated that he was intending to write to the Isle of Wight Council saying that the Parish Council was very encouraged by the result of the consultation and hoped the Isle of Wight Council would now get on with restoring this important Island A-road back to full operational use as soon as practically possible.

M10/10/19 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that, in accordance with minute reference M10/09/19, she would be requesting deletion of the three Parish Council dedicated e-mail addresses which had not been activated.

There had been no interest from Chale Parish Council for joint, locally held, Councillor training sessions.

The Clerk would be meeting with Paul Wigman, Island Roads District Steward, on Thursday 31st October and invited members to attend if they wished.

The Clerk said she would be circulating suggested designs for Parish Christmas cards and requested that members inform her of their preferred option as soon as possible.

M11/10/19 PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED PROJECTS

Members had before them a draft form designed to gauge public support for proposed projects prior to setting next year's budget. Some discussion on the format took place.

RESOLVED: that the final version of the form be published at the end of November/beginning of December.

M12/10/19 UNDERCLIFF DRIVE

The Chairman reported that he had written to Councillor Dave Stewart stating that he was very disappointed that the Isle of Wight Council had not shared the results of the Undercliff Drive consultation with the Parish Council before releasing to the press and public.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman write to the Isle of Wight Council saying that the Parish Council was very encouraged by the result of the consultation and hoped the Isle of Wight Council would now get on with restoring this important Island A-road back to full operational use as soon as practically possible.

M13/10/19 SMUGGLERS TRAIL PROJECT

Councillor Boileau Goad gave an update on the project. Mr Mark Tuckey had expressed enthusiasm for leading a smugglers' walk in summer 2020.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk ask the Isle of Wight Computer Geek for the cost of developing a page for the Smugglers Trail App on the Parish Council website.

M14/10/19 NITON COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Councillor Sheerin read out a report from the Secretary of the Football Club. It was noted that the Niton first team was second in the Isle of Wight League. The Football Club had requested a grant of £95 to buy training equipment.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £95 be awarded to the Niton Community Football Club for the purchase of training equipment.

M15/10/19 COUNCILLORS' CONTACT DETAILS

Councillor Boileau Goad outlined his suggestion that members may wish to provide photographs, background and/or their e-mail address on the Parish Council website.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk circulate an e-mail asking each member if they wished to provide any, or all, of this information; that the decision to provide the information would rest with each individual member.

M16/10/19 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF STREET TRADING CONSENT: JOLLY FRYER

Members had before them the details of the application.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk convey the Parish Council's support for the application to the Isle of Wight Council.

M17/10/19 PARISH CHRISTMAS TREES

Members had before them a quotation for purchase of Christmas lights and professional dressing of both trees. The Clerk also gave details of the cost of independently purchasing professional quality lights.

RESOLVED: that professional quality lights be purchased for both trees at a maximum cost of £200 per tree.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Sheerin invite a local Christmas tree seller to provide costs for a 15-foot tree for Niton and a 12-foot tree for Whitwell.

M18/10/19 GRANTS FOR NITON CHRISTMAS DAY

RESOLVED: that a grant of £100 be awarded towards the cost of Santa's Grotto, Niton.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £200 be awarded towards the cost of the Niton Lantern Parade.

M19/10/19 NITON RECREATION GROUND

Members had before them a quotation for Kompan spares for the multi action toddler unit and the daisy swing.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk purchase the replacement floor for the multi action toddler unit.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Boileau Goad check if repair of the daisy swing was feasible.

RESOLVED: that refurbishment and installation of the basketball hoop on the hard standing be included on the list of proposed projects at M11/10/19 above.

M20/10/19 CASTLEHAVEN VILLAGE GREEN

RESOLVED: that Imphouse Limited be asked to advise on the means of backfilling at the seaward end of the Village Green; that the work be authorised up to a maximum cost of £500.

RESOLVED: that, with regard to public footpath NT46, the Clerk ask the Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way Department if it would be possible to erect an additional signpost indicating the route along the sea wall; that a poster is displayed in the Castlehaven notice board informing visitors that the path is open.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:55 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. 19/00897/HOU: Proposed log cabin to provide en-suite bedroom and storage at Fairytale Cottage, Saint Catherine’s Road, Niton: **Recommend Refusal:** The Parish Council supports the objections to date of the local residents, in particular those relating to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The Parish Council is concerned that the application is misleading as it represents a separate building, not an extension as stated.
2. 19/00934/FUL and 19/00935/LBC: Alterations including dormer window and conversion of barn to form a dwelling and Listed Building Consent for alterations including dormer window and conversion of barn to form a dwelling at Niton Barns, Niton Manor Farm, Pan Lane, Niton: **No objection**
3. 19/01030/HOU: Replacement roof at Bridge Cottage, Saint Catherine’s Road, Niton: **The Parish Council is concerned** with the loss of trees in the area and would like reassurance that the Tree Officer has authorised the removal of trees. The Parish Council is also concerned about the proposed glazing and the potential resulting light pollution.
4. 19/01109/FUL: Alterations & conversion of dwelling into 2 dwellings to include replacement raised roof & single storey extension at 14, Strathwell Crescent, Whitwell: **No objection**