

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison (Chairman), S Biles, S A Burridge, P K G Fradgley, M A Innes, A Logan, L Sheerin and J A Stotesbury

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor D Stewart (Isle of Wight Council) and Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council)

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Boileau Goad and M Hughson

M01/02/20 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised the question of rollout of rural broadband, quoting from the Isle of Wight Council website. Broadband within the member of the public's postcode was due to receive intervention under the Rural Broadband Project from 1st October 2014 in order to deliver internet speeds of above 24Mbps. The member of the public stated that they currently have a broadband speed of around 6 Mbps with an intermittent connection and yet pay £33 per month. The member of the public said that the lack of continuity was more problematic than the speed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contact Ms Jayne Tyler, Isle of Wight Council Executive Support Assistant, to amplify the member of the public's comments and ask for an update on the superfast broadband rollout to rural areas.

M02/02/20 NITON PRESCHOOL PREMISES

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Jayne Hill, Chair of Niton Pre School Ltd charity, one other Director and an architect acting for the company. Mrs Hill had prepared a paper explaining the Pre School's problems in its present building, which she read out to Parish Council members. In conclusion, Mrs Hill stated that the company would like to explore the option of the relocation and rebuilding of a new permanent fully sustainable Pre School setting within the Niton Recreation Ground.

The Chairman asked if Niton Primary School had been approached concerning the relocation. Mrs Hill stated that a new build on the present site would be virtually impossible, mainly due to access problems. She confirmed that other sites were being considered. It was acknowledged that noise would be a potential issue for residents of Allotment Road.

The Chairman stated that it would be necessary to look at the terms of the freehold of the Recreation Ground and to carry out some consultation. He voiced the Parish Council's support in exploring the proposal, thanked Mrs Hill and the other Pre School representatives for attending and asked them to keep in touch.

M03/02/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

M04/02/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th January 2020 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M05/02/20 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £50,044.54 in the General Funds, £25,408.72 in the Public Sector Deposit Fund and £6,315.74 in the Bequest Account. A schedule of accounts for payment was also before the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement to 18th February 2020 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1638	IWALC	Subscription fee 2020/21, including NALC affiliation fee	458.15
1639	Whitwell Village Hall	Hall hire 2020	50.00
1640	Mr C S Hougham	Professional advice: planning application	180.00
1641	V J Ford	Clerk's salary: February 2020	708.90
1642	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses: February 2020	64.71
1643	SSE	Electricity for Niton public toilets	31.58
		Total	1,493.34

The Chairman stated that feedback he had received indicated that the Parish Council's comments on the recently proposed Whitwell development had been well-received by parishioners; and that the cost of obtaining professional advice had been justified and reasonable.

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

M06/02/20 PLANNING APPLICATION

Members had before them one Whitwell planning application.

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.

M07/02/20 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

- 19/01553/HOU: Proposed single storey extension on front elevation at 10, The Greenway, Niton: **GRANTED**
- 19/01635/FUL: Alterations and conversion of dwelling into two dwellings to include replacement raised roof and single storey rear extension (revised Scheme) at 14, Strathwell Crescent, Whitwell: **GRANTED**
- 19/01658/HOU: Proposed alterations and conversion of garage to create overspill accommodation at Kemming Cottage, Kemming Road, Whitwell: **GRANTED**

M08/02/20 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Dave Stewart reported that the Isle of Wight Council was expecting a response to its expression of interest in Government funding for the reinstatement of Undercliff Drive by summer.

Island Roads had cleared Pan Lane, Niton, of the stones deposited by the heavy rain.

Councillor Stewart suggested that Niton Community Football Club could attend a Parish Council meeting in a couple of months to give an update on progress with the new changing facilities.

The Island Line was to receive £68 million in additional (external) funding.

The Hampshire Constabulary would be benefitting from 250 additional Police officers, which had given rise to an increase of £10 per month per household on the Policing element of the Council Tax bill.

Councillor Stewart would be meeting the Minister responsible for the housing targets. He had reminded the Government of the Island Deal. He was also hoping to involve schools in the Tour of Britain cycle race.

M09/02/20 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Logan reported that the sign at the top of the Cripple Path had broken.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk report the damaged sign to the Isle of Wight Council Rights of Way team.

Councillor Logan also reported that she had been attending the Sustainability Forum and that she was involved in tidying up the Forum's strategy.

Councillor Burridge reported that the land at the rear of Barrack Shute had been sold prior to auction. She also informed members that the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) was considering the use of SKYPE as an alternative means of attending Executive Committee meetings.

M10/02/20 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that the railings around the Whitwell War Memorial were badly rusted and required maintenance. She had submitted photographs to the War Memorials Trust and had requested advice on recommended rust treatments.

The review of the effectiveness of the internal audit system and Clerk's performance review were due.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk arrange to carry out the reviews.

The Clerk informed members that the request to include Niton Recreation Ground within the areas covered by the Isle of Wight Council proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) had not been published as part of the public consultation. However, the Isle of Wight Legal Services Department had confirmed that the Parish Council's proposal could be considered by responding to the consultation with the appropriate evidence.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk resubmit the Parish Council's request as a response to the consultation.

The Chairman has asked the Clerk to remind members that Mr Stewart Chandler, Isle of Wight Council Highways and Transport Client Manager, would be attending the March Parish Council meeting. The Clerk invited members to inform her of any questions they wished to pose to Mr Chandler concerning the Highways Safety Improvement Register, the Whole Island Speed Review and the District Traffic Regulation Orders Review.

M11/02/20 SOUTH WIGHT AREA YOUTH PARTNERSHIP (SWAY)

The Chairman stated that, in accordance with the resolution of the previous meeting (M14/01/20), he had arranged to meet on 12th March with the trustees to discuss SWAY's finances. However, if members

wished to discuss the matter, the present agenda afforded an opportunity. Councillor Fradgley voiced his support for the award of a grant commensurate with the previous year.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £5,000 be awarded to SWAY.

M12/02/20 SOUTHERN VECTIS ROUTE 6 WINTER SUNDAY SERVICE

Chale Parish Council had been asked to consider if the Southern Vectis route 6 winter Sunday service, financed by Chale, Chillerton and Gatcombe and Niton and Whitwell Parish Councils, could be provided free of charge to all passengers.

RESOLVED: that the item be deferred until the March meeting when an idea of the associated cost implications should be available.

M13/02/20 EXCLUSION OF THE 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 item and that they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) and Standing Order 3d.

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

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CM01/02/20 CASTLEHAVEN VILLAGE GREEN

The Chairman gave an update on the situation with regard to the Village Green.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk seek the appropriate legal advice.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:22 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

1. 20/00190/HOU: Proposed 2 storey extension to form additional living accommodation at 3, Paradise Cottages, Southford Lane, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTIONS**