

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD REMOTELY ON MONDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2020 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison (Chairman), B Attrill, J Boileau Goad, S A Burrige, P K G Fradgley, 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 S Biles and M Hughson

M01/11/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

M02/11/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th October 2020 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M03/11/20 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £83,436.37 in the General Funds, £25,482.51 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 16th November 2020 be received and noted.

* Already paid; for ratification only

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
E Trans*	John O'Conner (GM) Ltd	Mowing/strimming Niton Recreation Ground	213.00
E Trans*	Top Mops Ltd	Consumables for Niton public toilets	30.96
E Trans*	Top Mops Ltd	Daily cleaning Niton public toilets	672.00
DD*	EDF Energy	Electricity for Niton public toilets	12.00
E Trans	John O'Conner (GM) Ltd	Mowing/strimming Niton Recreation Ground	123.00
E Trans	V J Ford	Clerk's salary: November 2020	728.42
E Trans	V J Ford	Clerk's expenses: November 2020	21.64
E Trans	Chillerton and Gatcombe Parish Council	Southern Vectis No 6 winter Sunday service 2020/21	2,457.00
E Trans	Top Mops Ltd	Consumables for Niton public toilets	37.60
		Total	4,295.62

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

M04/11/20 PLANNING APPLICATION

Members had before them one Niton 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.

Councillor Burridge asked members to look at planning application 20/01932/FUL with a view to possibly holding a Planning Committee meeting on 14th December.

M05/11/20 PLANNING DECISION

Members were notified of the following planning decision:

1. 20/01576/HOU: Proposed detached timber garage at 4, St Catherine's Cottages, Blackgang Road, Niton: **GRANTED**

M06/11/20 SOUTH WIGHT AREA YOUTH PARTNERSHIP (SWAY)

The Chairman commented on SWAY's financial position. It was noted that the organisation's fund-raising programme had been adversely impacted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Members commented on the disparity of funding from other Parish Councils in the SWAY area.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman write to Brighstone and Chale Parish Councils prior to budget-setting asking them to increase funding.

A discussion of SWAY's work took place.

RESOLVED: that a grant of £5,000 be awarded to SWAY in line with the provision of the 2020/21 budget.

M07/11/20 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE 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

CONFIDENTIAL

CM01/11/20 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE FOR NITON RECREATION GROUND

Members had before them one tender for the mowing and strimming of Niton Recreation Ground during the 2021 season.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk instruct John O'Conner (Grounds Maintenance) Limited to undertake the work in Niton Recreation Ground, carrying out up to 16 cuts and 8 strims throughout the year, January to December 2021.

M08/11/20 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Stewart reported that the Island had recorded 917 cases of Covid-19 to date, sadly with 90 deaths. The current rate of infection was the lowest in England. He added that the Isle of Wight Council and the Island Member of Parliament had made representations to the Government for the Island to be treated separately from the mainland for the purpose of determining the risk level on 3rd December when National Restrictions would end.

The Isle of Wight Council was hoping to be able to balance the books for the current financial year but would be facing a big challenge next year.

Small business Saturday would be taking place on 6th December, if possible.

The Isle of Wight Council had agreed that a representative from the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) and a representative of the Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC) could become non-voting members of Scrutiny Committee.

The public consultation on the Diamond Races event was reaching a climax. The installation of speed cameras on the Military Road had been approved. Safety was being emphasised. If the event went ahead, a review would be held afterwards.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Stewart for his report.

M09/11/20 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries regarding details and cost of HALC membership, as opposed to IWALC. She had received a request for one of the waste bins to be moved from Whitwell High Street to the Kingates end of Kemming Road and she was pursuing this with Island Roads. The Whitwell telephone kiosk had finally been painted. A local craftsman had volunteered to make new shelves for the books and Jewsons of Sandown had offered to provide the materials required free-of-charge.

The Clerk gave a brief update on the action being taken by the Parish Council's Solicitor with regard to Castlehaven.

M10/11/20 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Logan reminded Councillor Stewart that she had raised concerns regarding the water supply at Westcliffe and shared ideas relating to County Farms via e-mails.

Councillor Stotesbury reported that NT29 public right of way was partially blocked by ivy and blackthorn. He raised concerns that the barn in Chatfeild Road may be used for residential occupation; and the drainage ditch near the entrance to Niton Manor Farm needed clearance.

Councillor Burridge reported that she had attended the IWALC Annual Meeting: the new Chair was Councillor Diana Conyers, Vice Chair Councillor Mick Lyons. The County Officer had resigned and Maxine Warr was standing in as interim.

Councillor Boileau Goad reported that SWAY was hoping to sing Christmas carols in the villages. The Community Backup And Response (CRAB) Team was organising Christmas meals; details were on the CRAB website.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Stewart for the invitation to the remote Cabinet on the Road meeting. He was pleased to report that the additional mowing of the seaward verge along the Blackgang Road was about to happen. Finally, he thanked Councillor Sheerin for inviting the children of Niton Primary School and Preschool to make the beautiful decorations for the village Christmas trees.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:15 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATION

1. 20/01938/6PA: Agricultural prior notification for proposed extension to agricultural building at Ladyacre Farm, Pan Lane, Niton: The Parish Council noted Island Roads' comment but has **no objection**.