

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th May 2022 AT THE EXCHANGE, HIGH STREET, NITON AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor L Sheerin (Chairman Niton and Whitwell Parish Council), T Addison, B Attrill, J Boileau Goad, S Burridge, C Critchison, J Hill, A Logan, K. McLaren (Clerk to the Council) Mr A Osborn, Mr K Stay

APOLOGIES: Councillor S Biles

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting. She commented that the preceding twelve months had been very productive and enjoyable.

2. MINUTES

Those present had before them the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 26th April 2021

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26th April 2021 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 2021/2022 (see copy attached).

The Chairman remarked that it had been a busy year and that all the activities of the Parish Council were important, and she was pleased with what had been achieved.

Councillor Burridge asked if Niton Church had requested funding, and the Clerk confirmed that they had not.

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 31st March 2022.

RESOLVED: that the Annual Accounts be received and noted.

6. ANNUAL REPORT FROM WARD COUNCILLOR

Cllr Critchison provided a written report - attached that she outlined at the meeting.

7. COMMENTS, REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ELECTORS

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

Councillor Hill suggested that children in the Parish are involved with the Parish Council and suggested the possibility of a Youth Council or a Youth Representative. Everyone present agreed that it would be good to get opinions and input from young people. It was noted that young people's opinions in conjunction with educational benefits would be very worthwhile.

Councillor Burridge asked what is happening at Castlehaven about the building that has fallen into disrepair on the Village Green. This should be addressed going forward by the Castlehaven working party.

Mr Andy Osborn stated that he was really concerned about road safety issues and that he would like to see a crossing point in Niton.

There followed a short debate, Cllr Logan asked if the Parish Council could potentially set up hardship grants, due to the current economic climate. Councillors' Hill and Critchison suggested that the Parish Council actively signpost available funds, via Citizens Advice. Cllr Critchison said that she has asked Citizens Advice to attend a future Parish Council Meeting. Councillor Boileau-Goad recounted that the Community Action Back Up Group had been offered financial help from local businesses during lockdown - Covid 19 and that this was possibly a way to generate funds. He also said that he would like the Parish Council to do more at Christmas with support for local people, possibly foodbanks – Cllr Logan stated she did not agree with foodbanks and would prefer local people to be able to grow their own food and participate in community projects.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7:21pm.

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