

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE EXCHANGE, NITON ON MONDAY 24TH MARCH 2025 AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison (Chair), L Sheerin (Vice Chair), C Critchison, B Attrill, C Ould, R Willis, B Martin.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Burridge (Clerk to the Councill), K Stay (Parish Warden) and 3 members of public

In the absence of any questions or statements from the members of the public Cllr T Addison (Chair) explained the current situation regarding the land being made available to the Parish Council from Mr J Gentleman, under S106, who is developing Fields Nursery in Niton. The Parish Council are currently drawing up a plan to landscape the area with Natural Enterprise and also formulating a head of agreement for this Community land between the developer, with the help of our solicitors.

Meeting opened at 7:15pm.

1. APOLOGIES: Received from - Councillors S Biles, J Boileau Goad, and A Logan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: None

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2025 to be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

4. FINANCE:

4.1 Financial Statement: Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £96,360.26p in the general funds, £28,577.35p in the Public Sector Deposit Fund and £6,373.69p in the Bequest Account.

RESOLVED: that the financial statements as of the 20th March 2025 received and noted.

4.2 Payments for Authorisation: A schedule of accounts for payments for April were set before the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the accounts listed, were approved for payment.

Type	Date Paid	Payee	Details	Amount/VAT
DD**	10.3.25	XLN - Daisy Comms	Internet for the Exchange	36.66
DD**	17.3.25	EDF	Electricity for Niton W/Cs	15.00
E-trans**	3.3.25	Whitwell W I	War Memorial Upkeep	100.00
E-trans**	3.3.25	Business Stream	Water for Exchange	273.22
E-trans**	27.2.25	SSE Energy Solutions	Electricity for Exchange	273.08
E-trans		Community Action IOW	Salary and processing Payment	402.50/12.50/312.00/78.00
E-trans		Wight Computers	Microsoft and anti-virus subscription	113.80/18.97
E-trans		RJR Developments IOW Ltd	Supply and erect Shelter at Niton Rec	6240.00/1040.00
E-trans		SSE Energy Solutions	Electricity for The Exchange	185.85/8.85
E-trans		Top Mops	Cleaning Niton Public Toilets and Materials	257.56/42.93
E-trans		XLN	Charge for landline in The Exchange	63.48/10.58
E-trans		Phil Tarling	Materials for insulating Exchange loft	168.00
PAY**	18.3.25	Lloyd Bank	Monthly Service Charge Community a/c	4.25
PAY	18.3.25	Lloyds Bank	Monthly Service Charge no 2 a/c	4.25
TOTAL				5629.08

5. PLANNING:

5.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

RESOLVED: Comments are set out in the Appendix which forms part of these minutes.

6.0 PLANNING DECISIONS: As at 19.3.25

6.1 DLBC/2500003/LBC and 25/00002/FUL – Demolition of existing orangery and replacing with a new orangery – GTD

Any other decisions made during the week 15-24th March 2025 - NONE.

7. To agree amended date for 2025 Annual Parish Council Meeting if elections are needed. The Annual Parish Council Meeting has to be held within 14 days of the Councillors coming into office on 1st May – date at the moment is 27th May 2025.

RESOLVED: To rescheduled to Thursday 8th May 2025 at 7.15, meeting will be held at the Exchange, Niton. Notices to be amended.

8. To discuss any proposed commemorations for VE and VJ Day on 5th May 2025.

RESOLVED: No plans so far but Councillors to bring any proposals to the next Parish Council Meeting on 28th April.

9. To approve the appointment of a replacement Internal Auditor and our current Internal Auditor to be appointed as our Financial Advisor.

RESOLVED: That Mr S Milford to be appointed as our Internal Auditor and Mr G Hughes to be appointed as our Financial Advisor.

10. To approve the movement and installation of new Dog Waste Bins.

RESOLVED: To instruct Island Roads to move the bin situated opposite Whitwell Garage in the High Street to the bottom of Nettlecombe Lane. The limit to pay Islands Roads for this is service was voted to be up to £300.00. Another request to be put to Island Roads to install a bin at the top of Slay Lane in Whitwell.

11. To consider an application from FACE (Friends of Ashknowle Cemetery) for £650 funding to cover fuel and maintenance of their ride-on mower.

RESOLVED: To agree to make the grant this year. Cllr T Addison to contact FACE for a more detailed, itemised, request for next year.

12. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT for information only – Comments are set out in the appendix which forms part of these minutes.

13. Clerks Report for information only

M13/04/2024 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR REPORT: Cllr Critchison informed all that an inspection at Sandrock Road has been conducted in the affected area, and the road will remain closed for public safety at this time. Cllr Critchison will set up a meeting with the Island Roads Steward to get further updates. In the meantime, Cllr Critchison included the following announcement in the local newsletter *Niton and Whitwell Parish Council are looking at options for a shuttle service to the village a couple of times a week to meet the bus service. If you are interested in using the shuttle service please contact me or clerk@nitonwhitwell.org.uk*. Cllrs Critchison highlighted the Hampshire & Isle of Wight's Police & Crime Commissioner election is scheduled for Thursday and the requirement for photo ID at polling stations. These rules will also be in effect for the upcoming General Election, whenever it is scheduled.

M14/04/2024 CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk reached out to the Brighstone Parish Council Clerk to understand how they successfully designated the Sun and Three Bishops as an Asset of Community Value (ACV). Based on this information, the Clerk has completed the necessary template for the proposal and has obtained the Unincorporated Body Nomination Form, which requires 21 signatures to obtain the White Horse Inn as an ACV, this proposal will be on Mays PC agenda. In addition, the Clerk has begun preparing the Community Response and Backup (CRAB) plan for addressing the potential impacts of landslides, including provisions for essential food and supplies, materials, and resources. This includes drafting a response plan and reviewing the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). Furthermore, the Clerk will be processing the invoice for the telephone kiosk locker kit intended for installation as soon as possible.

M15/04/2024 COUNCILLORS REPORT: Cllr Boulieau Goad reported on the status of accessibility kerbs, indicating that two outstanding quotes from Gilbert and Dempsey are still pending, while a proposal from Crown Park has been circulated for review. The Ward Councillor has offered to explore whether the Local Authority can provide additional support, but the quote from Crown Park appears to be reasonably priced. Furthermore, Cllrs Boulieau Goad received an email from Island Roads stating that they are willing to work with the council to create the needed access points. Cllr Boulieau Goad responded by emphasizing that no further delays would be tolerated, but if Island Roads are genuinely interested in collaboration, he would be happy to meet with their representative to ensure the access points are placed according to the council's requirements. The importance of these access points and the urgency of avoiding further delays were reiterated by the councillors. Regarding the red telephone kiosk project, Cllr Boulieau Goad announced that it is entering its final stages, with electricity installation pending the delivery of an automatic locking system, which had caused delays due to budget constraints. It is expected that the project will be completed

during the upcoming weekend (27/28 April). Once operational, the kiosk will offer either a timed automatic locking/unlocking system or a manual system controlled via Wi-Fi and a dedicated app. The project includes a black phone, and some 30 stories, along with a song, have been recorded by A.O. and local children, among others. After the equipment is installed, signage in the style and fonts from the 1960s and 1970s will be acquired. The goal is to have the project ready by the summer holidays, but due to concerns about potential vandalism, the Project Team recommends a low-key opening event. Cllr Boulieau Goad also mentioned upcoming roadworks on Castlehaven Lane and highlighted the potential impact on residents. He asked the Clerk to contact Wight Fibre for further information. Critchison shared details from a conversation with Ventnor Towns Mayor, Steve Cooper, about coordinating efforts to manage traffic on Leeson Road and Undercliff as they both have a direct impact on traffic in Niton and Whitwell. Cllr Logan reported on a discussion with Natasha Dix regarding structural changes to her property in the Undercliff area. A building surveyor was dispatched to investigate whether there is a connection between the recent St. Lawrence Landslip and the possible impact on water supply in related regions. Additional work is planned to assess the potential impact on the broader area.

M16/04/2024: PARISH WARDEN REPORT: Mr Stay let Cllrs know the previously mentioned fallen tree in Ashknowle Lane has now been cleared out. Parish warden also raised the need for the grass to be cut in the rec, Cllr J Hill did state this has been raised with the maintenance company and will be happening soon. Mr Stay also raised how he has been working his way round the village bench upkeep.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:55 pm.

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

APPENDIX I TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

5.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

24/00291/HOU Meadow Rise Laceys Lane, Demolition of garage; proposed single storey side extension,; alterations to external materials including new roof and render – **NO COMMENT**

24/00442/FUL St Josephs RC Church Rectory Road, Proposed change of use from redundant chapel to yoga studio – **SUPPORT**

24/00462/FUL Dean Crossing Nurseries, Whitwell Road, Proposed new nursery building (revised scheme) – **SUPPORT**