

MINUTES

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHITWELL ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7:15 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Burridge (Clerk to the Council), K Stay (Parish Warden) and one member of the public.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Concern was raised about parking on grass area at the junction of Bannock Road and High Street, which is causing the grass to be damaged. Parking around the villages will always be a problem, which has been aggravated by the extra yellow lines that have been installed. Various solutions suggested but the remedy seems to lay with Island Roads.

The meeting opened at 7: 15.pm.

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Alison Logan, Cllr J Boileau Goad,Cllr S Biles.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS: NONE

3. MINUTES:

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2025 to be taken as read and confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

4.0 FINANCE:

4.1 Financial statement: **RESOLVED** – To receive and approve the financial statement of 19th February 2025

4.2 Payment of accounts: **RESOLVED** – To receive and approve the list of payment of accounts as for February 2025

5.0 PLANNING:

5.1 Planning Applications:

Condition compliance 22/00741/FUL relating to condition 3 (materials). Land between Seawynds and St Catherines House, St Catherines Road Niton PO38 2NA.

RESOLVED – that there were no objections or comments

5.2 Demolition of garden room 25/00097/HOU proposed single storey side extension to form utility and rear extension to ensuite: formation of covered walkway. Highcroft, Sandrock Road Niton PO38 2NQ
RESOLVED – that there were no objections or comments.

6.0 Planning decisions during week 15-24th February - NONE

7.0 Parish Council upcoming Elections on 1st May 2025 discuss the necessary arrangements and financial implications. Discussions took place regarding the requirement for all Parish councillors to apply to be elected, (if they wish to do so) to enable them to continue to be a Councillor. . The financial implications have not yet been received from IOW Council. – **RESOLVED** – Clerk to report any instructions and costs to Parish Council when received.

8.0 **Dog Fouling in Niton and Whitwell areas** – to receive latest reports and to agree suggested solutions. **RESOLVED** – the sites to be agreed and Island Roads to be approached to supply extra bins and move existing bins as required. Possible signs to be put up or on parish council Facebook page asking dogwalkers to use the bins provided Cllrs Critchison and Ould to deal.

9.0 **Whitwell W I** -To consider the received grant request to continue caring for the War Memorial in Whitwell. **RESOLVED** – Agreed to donate £100.00 as requested.

10.0 **Ashknowle Lane** – to consider and agree the maintenance funding for Ashknowle Lane upkeep and signage indicating the safe route between Whitwell and Niton. The first part of the lane at Whitwell is in need of repair because of the potholes formed by the water running down. **RESOLVED** – to fully inspect the damage and assess repairs needed. Item deferred to the next Parish Council meeting. The blue safe/quiet route signs to be sourced and installed at both Whitwell and Niton ends of the lane. Island Roads to be contacted for prices.

11.0 **Niton Public Toilets** – To consider and agree the quote received for refurbishments of the Niton Public Toilets and the proposed mural for toilet block outside wall. The toilets will be closed for two weeks to enable these works to be carried out.
RESOLVED – Quote presented and accepted Also the mural which has been offered by a parishioner for the price of materials only was accepted.

12.0 **To agree dates for 2025 Parish Council Meetings, the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting.** **RESOLVED** – New Calendar agreed. The 27th May meeting will be on a Tuesday. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 28th April (before 1st May Elections) and The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th May immediately before the normal Parish Council Meeting.

13.0 **Isle of Wight Councillors Report** for information only: The village maps have been delivered and are in the Exchange ready for installation. IWALC report given. Training for ROSPA inspections has been offered. The Parish Clerk was nominated to attend a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace in May, her name was entered into the draw by IWALC, and she was lucky enough to be selected.

14.0 **Clerks Report** for information only: Insulation for the loft at the Exchange has been donated and a parishioner has offered his services free of charge to install.

15.0 **Councillors Reports** for information only: Cllr Addison is meeting with the developer of Fields Nursery site to discuss the arrangement of the offered Community area. The ACV of the White Horse Inn in Whitwell was explained. Cllr Addison is meeting with the freeholder, pension trustees, and beneficiaries of the White Horse Inn.

16.0 **Parish Wardens Report** – for information only: Evidence of fires has been discovered at the Windy Corner car park and have been disposed of. The stopcock cover in the high street outside the village hall was removed for the third time – no reason known – now replaced again.

MEETING CLOSED AT 20.23

**NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

| Type | Date Paid | Payee | Details | Amount/VAT |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| DD ** | 10.2.25 | XLN - Daisy Comms | Internet for the Exchange | 53.63 |
| DD ** | 17.2.25 | EDF | Electricity for Niton W/Cs | 15.00 |
| E-trans** | 10.2.25 | Parish Clerk | Stipend for May 2024/April 2025 | 1500.00 |
| E-trans | 3.3.25 | Community Action IOW | Payroll | 492.50 |
| E-trans | 3.3.25 | Top Mops | January Cleaning | 257.04 |
| E-trans** | 10.2.25 | Gareth Hughes | Auditor work for 2023/24 financial yr | 300.00 |
| E-trans | 3.3.25 | Cartridge People | Paper and Printer ink | 123.79/20.63 |
| E-trans | 3.3.25 | SLCC | New Clerk Training | 24.00/4.00 |
| E-trans | 3.3.25 | Richard Hurrell | Minibus hire for day trip | 160.00 |
| E-trans | 3.3.25 | Gareth Hughes | Restatement of records 2023/24 | 100.00 |
| TOTAL | | | | 3,025..96 |
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