

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE EXCHANGE, HIGH STREET, NITON, 8TH MAY 2025 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillors T Addison (Chair), Councillors L Sheerin (Vice Chair), C Critchison, B Attrill, B Martin, S Biles, J Boileau Goad.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Burridge (Clerk to the Council), K Stay (Parish Warden) C Ould, R Willis, A Logan

Public Question Time: No questions received.

Cllr Martin presented the Council with a hand carved gavel and stand.

Meeting opened at 7.15pm by Chair Cllr T Addison.

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence - None received.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

To elect the Chair for the coming year.

Cllr Lorraine Sheerin was proposed by Cllr C Critchison and seconded by Cllr J Boileau Goad.

The Council voted unanimously to accept Cllr L Sheerin as Chair, and she duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Cllr L Sheerin then took over the meeting as the new Chair

3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

To elect the Vice Chair for the coming year,

Cllr Tim Addison was proposed by Cllr L Sheerin and seconded by Cllr B Attrill.

The Council voted unanimously to accept Cllr T Addison as Vice Chair, and he duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4 COUNCILLORS ELECTED UNOPPOSED AT ELECTION ON 1ST MAY 2025

To read and sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillors J Boileau Goad, C Critchison, B Attrill, S Biles, B Martin duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interests – None.

6. OTHER APPOINTMENTS

6.1 Appointment of Standing Committees and Working Parties/Groups: See attached Appendix 1.

6.2 Appointments to Outside Bodies: See attached Appendix 2.

Cllr S Biles left the meeting.

7. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

7.1 Standing Orders – RESOLVED: To accept the current Standing Orders with no amendments necessary this year. Proposed by Cllr T Addison, Seconded by Cllr C Critchison.

7.2 Financial Regulations – RESOLVED: To accept the current Financial Regulations with no amendments necessary. Proposed Cllr J Boileau Goad, Seconded by Cllr T Addison.

8. FINANCE

- 8.1 **Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year endedn31st March 2025.**
RESOLVED: To defer to next meeting to await the results of the Internal Audit.
- 8.2 **Subscriptions**
To approve the payment of yearly subscriptions to any bodies considered appropriate:
RESOLVED: To continue subscriptions to National Association of Local Councils (NALC) and to the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC).
9. **WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT** for information only. Rights of Way have written to residents of Greenlydd Close and Vernon Close concerning encroachment onto NT26 which is affecting the public right of way.
10. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS** for information only: Cllr Addison reported that a site for a CCTV at the Recreation Site has been identified. Also, that Ashknowle Lane will require repairs to the road surface soon.
11. **Clerk's Report:** Information only. Notice will be circulated immediately to fill the three vacancies on the Parish Council (one for Niton and two for Whitwell).

MEETING ENDED 19.50.

SignedChair

Signed.....Clerk

APPENDIX 1

APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

RESOLVED: that the following appointments be made:

Planning Committee	All members (Chair – deferred)
Footpaths/Community Transport Working Party	Cllrs Critchison, Biles, Attrill, Martin, Sheerin, and Boileau Goad
Recreation Ground and Allotment Road Car Park Working Party	Cllrs Attrill, Biles, Critchison and Boileau Goad.
Youth Working Party	Cllr Martin to be the point of contact
Castlehaven Working Party	Cllrs Addison, Attrill, Sheerin, Martin, and Boileau Goad

APPENDIX 2

APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED: that the following appointments be made:

IWALC Executive Committee IWALC Deputy	Cllr Critchison Cllr Martin
Health and Well-being Advocate	Deferred to next meeting
Age Friendly Champion	Deferred to next meeting
Environment	Deferred to next meeting