

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON & WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE EXCHANGE, NITON, ON 27TH OCTOBER AT 19.15.

PRESENT: Cllr L Sheerin (Chair), Cllr T Addison (Vice-Chair), Cllr B Attrill, Cllr S Biles, Cllr R Willis, Cllr A Logan, Cllr B Martin,

IN ATTENDANCE: Sherlie Burrridge (Parish Clerk) K Stay (Parish Warden)

One member of the public

Public Question Time: No questions from the public.

Meeting opened at 19.15

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES:

To receive apologies for absence:

Cllr J Boileau Goad, Cllr C Ould, Cllr C Critchison.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

To receive any declarations of interests. None received.

3. MINUTES:

To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Meeting held on the 22nd September 2025.

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes of 22nd September 2025 as accurate.

4.0 FINANCE:

4.1 Financial Statement: To receive financial statements as of 22nd October 2025

RESOLVED: To accept the financial statements as a true and accurate record.

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4.1a Half-Yearly Accounts: To receive the half-yearly financial figures.

RESOLVED: To accept and approve as a true and accurate record.

4.2 Payment of Accounts: To confirm and approve the payment of accounts for October 2025

RESOLVED: To accept payment of accounts as presented.

4.3 Annual AGAR Report: To confirm details and approve for publishing.

RESOLVED: To accept and approve 2024/2025 AGAR report and signed by Chair and Clerk.

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- 5.0a** 25/01307/FUL Land Adjacent Copperfields, Kingsgate Lane, Niton. Proposed one unit of self-contained holiday accommodation with associated works and alterations to vehicular access.
- 5.0b** 25/01422/HOU 54 Bannock Road, Whitwell, PO38 2RD. Proposed single storey extension on front elevation.
- 5.0c** 25/01469/HOU 15 Verlands Close, Niton, PO38 2BG. Demolition of sunroom; proposed single storey side/rear extension; new porch; roof mounted solar panels; associated internal and external alterations.
- 5.0d** 25/01490/DIS Condition compliance application on 25/00732/FUL relating to conditions 3 (Drainage data and calculations) and 5 (Soft landscaping scheme) to be discharged.

Comments for planning applications attached in Appendix I

6. PLANNING DECISIONS:

6.1 Any other decisions made up to week ending 24th October 2025:

- 6.1a** 25/01121/HOU Random Stones, Rectory Road, Niton PO38 2AU. Proposed single storey rear extension to form additional living accommodation - **GRANTED**.

7. HOUSING SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE:

To receive any updates on the progress of the questionnaire and discuss. Cllr Addison updated the Parish Council on the progress of the survey. Four additional questions have been added to the draft. The planning consultants are going to produce a paper form and also initiate an online response option. The final draft should be ready for circulation at the next Parish Council Meeting. Delivery options for a full door drop around the Parish were discussed as we would like this distributed as soon as possible, preferably before Christmas.

8. NITON RECREATION GROUND:

To receive a report on the progress of the equipment installation and proposed new equipment.

The tunnel pipes and mounds have been installed and are currently fenced off to allow new grass seed to establish itself. The new play equipment still needs to be sited. The “bunny hops” for the cycle track are in place. The quote received for rubber matting to be installed was discussed. A tender to be put out for a hard base to be laid at the entrance to the rec to prevent the need for clearing away the scrubland every year was suggested.

RESOLVED: To confirm with our insurers that our Public Liability Insurance covers us for self-install of the new play equipment.

9. NITON PUBLIC TOILETS:

To discuss the tenders received, approve, and send confirmation to successful applicant.

The tenders received were discussed.

RESOLVED: To end the cleaning contract with our current cleaning company and award the contract to a local couple. This will take effect from the 26th January 2026 as our current cleaning company requires three months' notice of termination.

10. OVERHANGING HEDGE AND TREE PRUNING AT HOWARD CLOSE NITON:

To consider the quotes received for conducting this work. Discuss changes required as requested by adjoining property owner.

The tenders received were discussed. It was decided that a trim of the hedges and trees only was required.

RESOLVED: To award the tender to a local firm and obtain a date that this work will be conducted. Parish Warden to be present when the work is conducted.

11. CHRISTMAS TREES:

To discuss the purchasing and installing of Christmas Trees outside The Exchange and Whitwell Church.

RESOLVED: Cllr Biles to obtain the tree for Niton and organise the siting, Cllr Addison to obtain the tree for Whitwell and organise the siting. Current Prices to be obtained.

12. REMEMBRANCE DAY WREATHS:

To authorise the ordering of the usual two Poppy wreaths for Niton and Whitwell. To put through the expenditure under s137 claim. Volunteers needed to attend both of the laying services.

RESOLVED: Cllr Boileau Goad offered to lay the wreath at Niton Parish Church on 11th November 2025. The Parish Clerk will lay the Whitwell wreath on Remembrance Sunday 9th November 2025.

13. DONATION REQUEST FROM NITON LANTERN PARADE

To consider the donation request. No specific amount mentioned total costs estimated at £278 +.

RESOLVED: A donation of £200.00 was approved.

14. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: for information only. **None received.**

15. COUNCILLORS REPORTS: for information only.

Cllr Biles proposed that the Parish Council send a condolence card for local resident, Mr Yates, who recently passed away, Clerk to send on PC behalf. The advertising boards placed outside the exchange, on our land, were discussed.

Cllr Logan is attending a Tree Warden Training Day on 10th November.

Cllr Martin attended a recent Planning course organised by IWALC.

Cllr Addison reported that there is a problem with the lack of Wightfibre connection in Whitwell. Wightfibre are looking into the report. Allotment Road car park by-laws, to control the use of the parking bays, needs to be investigated.

Cllr Sheerin reported on the lack of road sweeping services in the area, Pan Lane especially.

16. CLERKS REPORT: for information only.

The missing bench from the green at Bannock Road that was damaged and removed by Island Roads has been chased again. The reported overgrown trees at allotment road overhanging the recreation ground have been reported to the Housing Association that owns the property. We have been informed that the existing copper wiring to our telephone line will have to be upgraded to digital in the near future. Our current suppliers XLN have sent an estimate for ongoing fees and a one-off charge to conduct the work. I am

approaching other companies for competitive quotes. A claim for VAT refund has been sent, and I expect the payment into our bank within the next few days. I am attending IWALC Finance Training on 29th October.

17. PARISH WARDENS REPORT: for information only:

Finally, the vehicles with no road tax or MoT have been removed from Allotment Road car park. There are still vehicles that have been parked there for some months, without movement, including high-sided vehicles.

Meeting Closed 20.22.

Signed..... Chair Date.....

Signed..... Clerk Date.....

Appendix I comments for IOW Council Planning Portal:

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