

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT
WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 19.15.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Burridge (Clerk to the Council) and K Stay (Parish Warden)

Public Question Time: No Members of the Public were in attendance, no questions received by the Clerk.

AGENDA

Meeting opened at 19.15

1. APOLOGIES:

To receive apologies for absence – Cllr S Biles.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

To receive any declarations of interest – Cllr J Boileau Goad ref item 6.1.

3. MINUTES: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 28th July 2025, and the planning committee meeting held on 14th August 2025.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th July 2025 and the planning committee meeting held on 14th August 2025 to be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

4. FINANCE:

4.1 Financial Statement: to receive financial statements as of 18th September 2025.

RESOLVED: that the financial statements dated 18th September 2025 be received and approved.

4.2 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: To confirm and approve the payment of accounts for August and September 2025. Appendix I attached.

RESOLVED: that the payment of accounts for August and September 2025 be received and approved.

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE: To propose Cllr B Martin as the Chair of the Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: That Councillor B Martin is appointed as the Chair of the Planning Committee.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

RESOLVED: No Objections.

6.2 25/01289/HOU 3 & 4 St Catherines Cottages, Blackgang Road, Niton PO38 2BW.
Retrospective application for the retention of a storage shed shared between the properties.
RESOLVED: No Objection's, proposed planning application was agreed with amendments. Details in Appendix II.

- 7. PLANNING DECISIONS** Any other decisions made during August and 18th September 2025:
25/01008/LBC Bay Leaf Cottage, High Street, Whitwell PO38 2QE. Listed Building Consent for reinstatement of fireplace: Decision – **GRANTED**.
- 8. CCTV PROPOSAL FOR NITON PUBLIC TOILETS AND NITON RECREATION GROUND:**
The quotes set before the Council were discussed. It was felt that the monthly and yearly charges were high, and the images may not have the clarity we need to identify anybody conducting the damage etc.
RESOLVED: As the incidents of vandalism at both sites seems to have abated, it was proposed that further quotes be obtained for the next meeting. Cllr Ould to obtain these.
- 9. HOUSING SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE:** To receive any updates on the progress of the questionnaire and discuss.
The addition of more framed questions was recommended.
RESOLVED: These will be forwarded to Councillor Addison within the coming week.
- 10. NITON RECREATION GROUND:** To receive update on delivery of the new equipment and to discuss the proposed siting.
The new equipment has arrived and has been checked ready for installation.
The digger has been booked for Monday 29th September to start preparing the site.
RESOLVED: The pipes to be ordered for delivery on that day, Parish Warden to drop the poles to allow access.
- 11. NITON PUBLIC TOILETS:** To discuss the termination of current cleaning contract (three months' notice required) and to send out approved tender for replacement cleaners.
RESOLVED: The proposed tender was approved for publication.
- 12. OVERHANGING HEDGE AND TREE PRUNING AT HOWARD CLOSE, NITON:**
To consider the quotes received for conducting this work, and to remove and dispose of the green waste.
The owner of the adjoining property to be consulted regarding the removal of the trees and hedge.
RESOLVED: To send out for amended quotes for complete removal of the trees and the stumps to be ground down to earth level to make the ongoing maintenance of the verge easier. These quotes to be put before the Council at the next meeting.
- 13. ISLE OF WIGHTS COUNCILLORS REPORT:** for information only. Report attached as Appendix III.
- 14. COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** for information only. Cllr Ould requested that a list of the footpaths and bridleways that get waterlogged during the winter be reported to IOW Council now to pre-empt

the problems experienced. Cllr Martin confirmed that he is attending the Planning Training tomorrow. The Clerk is also attending. Cllr Sheerin has received complaints about leaves blocking the drains in Niton, Island Roads to be informed.

15. CLERKS REPORT: for information only.

Legionella risk assessment conducted at public toilets in Niton, no reported issues. Best Kept Village Award Presentation Evening in Brightstone on 2nd October at 19.00.

16. PARISH WARDENS REPORT: for information only.

All the water hydrants in Whitwell have now been located and need refurbishment. Details of colour paint needed to be confirmed.

MEETING ENDED 20.09.

SIGNED.....CHAIR DATED.....

SIGNED.....CLERK DATED.....

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2025 APPENDIX I

Type	Date Paid	Payee	Details	Amount/VAT
DD **	15/8/25	EDF	Electricity for Niton W/Cs	15.00
E-trans	22/8/25	Community Action IOW	Payroll	2,023.94
E-trans	22/8/25	John O'Connor	Mowing Niton Rec	167.77/37.20
E-trans	22/8/25	Top Mops	Cleaning Niton Public Toilets	335.28/55.88
DD**	20/8/25	IWC _ CT & NNDR	Council Tax for the Exchange	40.00
DD **	10/8/25	XLN - Daisy Comms	Internet for the Exchange	63.75/10.63
PAY	18/8/25	Lloyds Bank	Service Charge for account 00098286	4.25
E-trans**	31/7/25	Reformed Plastics	Benches for Niton Recreation Ground	1,123.20/187.20
E-trans**	31/7/25	Plan Research	Quote for Parish Plan	3,000.00
E-trans	22/8/25	Cartridge People	Stationary for the Exchange	88.79/14.80
E-trans	22/8/25	Parish Warden	Expenses (petrol for mower)	6.84
E-trans	22/8/25	Clerk	Expenses (postage stamps)	13.20
E-trans	22/8/25	Cartridge People	Stationary for the Exchange	58p/10p
E-trans	22/8/25	Cartridge People	Stationary for the Exchange	67.57/11.26
E-trans	22/8/25	Chair	Expenses	5.20
E-trans	22/8/25	Niton Village Hall	Hire of hall 14/8/25	20.00
DD	14/8/25	Scottish Water	Water for Niton Public Toilets	60.26
E-trans	22/8/25	IOW Council	May Election Charges	72.00
TOTAL				7,107.63

** denotes already paid

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
PARISH PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 APPENDIX I

Type	Date Paid	Payee	Details	Amount/VAT
DD**	15/9/25	EDF	Electricity for Niton W/Cs	15.00
E-trans		Community Action IOW	Payroll	1,818.30
E-trans**	11/9/25	John O'Connor	Mowing Niton Rec	167.77/27.96
E-trans		Top Mops	Cleaning Niton Public Toilets	465.55/77.59
DD**	10/9/25	XLN - Daisy Comms	Internet for the Exchange	63.48/10.58
PAY**	16/9/25	Lloyds Bank	Service Charge for account 00098286	4.25
E-trans**	11/9/25	Solent/Island Holiday Media Ltd	100yr Birthday card for parishioner	12.00/2.00
E-trans**	11/9/25	SLCC	FILCA Training for Parish Clerk	144.00/24.00
E-trans**	11/9/25	Cartridge People	Stationary for the Exchange	6.88/1.15
E-trans**	11/9/25	Focus Plumbing and Heating	Legionella risk assessment	99.00/16.50
E-trans**	11/9/25	Cartridge People	Stationary for the Exchange	26.42/4.24
E-trans		Stephen Milford	Internal Audit 2024/2025	130.00
E-trans		SSE	Electricity for the Exchange 31/5-31/8/25	333.39/15.88
E-trans		BDO LLP	External Auditor Fee	378.00/63.00
TOTAL				3,664.04

** denotes already paid

APPENDIX II

COMMENTS FOR PLANNING APPLICATION 25/01289/HOU 3 & 4 St Cathrines Cottages, Blackgang Road, Niton, PO38 2BW. Retrospective application for the retention of a storage shed shared between the properties. NO OBJECTION but would like to see the shed painted so as to merge with the existing hedge.

APPENDIX III WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

**Cllr Claire Critchison,
IW Councillor for Chale, Niton, Shorwell, Whitwell**

Email: Claire.critchison@iow.gov.uk Tel: 07855022429
For road closure updates and general information please visit:
www.facebook.com/clairechalenitonshorwell
Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions.

Niton: Wednesday 15th October 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange
Chale Pantry: Friday 17th October 12.30-1.30pm, tbc

Island Transport Plan - Please complete this 10-minute survey and highlight the need for lower speed limits on rural roads, especially those without pavements. You can also use this form to support the idea of quiet lanes between Chale and Brightstone to give pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders precedence. Cars would still be able to use them, but other road users would have priority.

The document outlines the Island's transport priorities from 2025 to 2040.

The plan highlights: supporting healthier communities through safer travel options, a transport network that reduces environmental impact and the importance of adapting to climate change.

The closing date for public comment is November 24.

Further details of the Island Transport Plan including the online consultation survey can be found here:
<https://www.iow.gov.uk/transport-and-parking/transport/transport-policy/consultations-on-island-transport/>

Niton Village Lantern Parade

Date for Diary Sunday 7th December 6.15pm, Niton Methodist Hall

If you can volunteer to help at the lantern making workshops in November or be a road marshal on the night, please let me know.

Winter Fuel Payments – There are a high number of reports from residents who have been contacted by someone purporting to be gathering information to enable them to receive a Winter Fuel Payment. There is no need for you to provide any information - the payment is automatic - the DWP know if you are eligible or not based on their records, for more information please read: <https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment>
