

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, WHITWELL 23rd JUNE 2025 AT 7.00PM

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

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

Public Question Time: No questions or statements from the public.

AGENDA

Meeting opened at 7.15pm

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence - None received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of interest – Cllr R Willis in respect of item 5.1 on the agenda.

3. MINUTES: To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Meeting held on 27th May 2025.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 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 19th June 2025.

Bank Balances as of year-end 19.6.25 as follows: Lloyds Community Account £127,131.58

Lloyds Commercial Instant Access Account £6,707.24

CCLA Public Sector Account £28,892.55

RESOLVED: that the financial statements dated 19th June be received and approved.

4.2 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS: To confirm and approve the payment of accounts for June 2025 as below Appendix I attached.

4.3 To review and complete the form which confirms no conflict of interest with outside auditors BDO LLP

The form was signed to confirm there are no conflicts of interest with BDO LLP.

5. PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

5.1a 24/011067/6PA Condition compliance application, Conditions 2 (PROW materials and sightlines), 4 (Hedgerow Regulations), 5 (CMP) and 6 (Drainage)

to be discharged. Ladyacre Farm, Pan Lane, Niton PO38 2BU ref no 25/00841/DIS

5.1b 25/00732/FUL Demolition of barn; Proposed dwelling with parking.

Fields Nursery, Town End, Niton, PO38 2EA

Parish Council comments in Appendix II attached.

6. PLANNING DECISIONS for week ending 20th June 2025.

6.1 Proposed garage and car port (revised scheme) 25/00597/HOU
1 St Catherines Cottages, Blackgang Road, Niton PO38 2BW – **REFUSED.**

6.2 Proposed single storey outbuilding forming store and car port (revised scheme) 25/00598/HOU
2 St Catherines Cottages, Blackgang Road, Niton PO38 2BW – **REFUSED.**

6.3 Non-Material Amendment 24/01249/RCV To adjust the position of the car barn on plot 1 and alignment of the road into the courtyard and position of the patio areas for plots 4 + 5
Fields Nursery, Town End, Niton PO38 2SA – **GRANTED.**

7. UPDATE ON HOUSING NEEDS IN THE PARISH.

After discussion it was recognised that the current Housing Needs Survey for Niton and Whitwell needs updating.

RESOLVED: To plan for an updated Housing Needs Survey for the villages, to facilitate accurate planning decisions. Our professional consultant to be approached for guidance.

A link to the previous survey will be sent to Councillors for their comments and suggestions.

8. PARISH INVESTMENT PLAN

To receive a report on the response to the social media appeal to the parishioners for suggestions.

The responses included requests for more dog refuse bins, put a bench along Ashknowle Lane and improvements to the Recreation Ground in Niton. This will be discussed later on the agenda item 9.

RESOLVED: To decide and put out specific suggestions for the public to comment on.

9. REPORT FROM THE NITON RECREATION GROUND WORKING PARTY

A meeting of the working party was held recently at the recreation ground to discuss what improvements are required after the recent ROSPA inspection and report. It was noted that very few pieces of equipment were suitable for very young children.

RESOLVED: Repairs to be conducted as required. To purchase two spring animal play seats. To investigate the installation of ramps and pipes to make a bicycle assault course and a possible dirt track around the outside of the recreation ground. To replace the wooden picnic bench that has deteriorated beyond repair with a table made of re-cycled plastic and to add another.

Budget funds to be allocated to the working party to purchase equipment as required.

10. WARD COUNCILLOR REPORT: For information only.

Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions.

Niton: Wednesday 9th July 10.30 – 11.30am. The Exchange

Highways meeting

Parish Council representatives and I had a meeting with Highways staff to discuss the crossing point at Norris Stores.

This can move onto the stage 2 audit which will take 4-6 weeks to implement. If that is approved, then a TRO (traffic regulation order) process in Autumn for additional yellow lines required on Rectory Road. Implementation of the scheme is planned for Spring 2026.

Castlehaven

Meeting with IW Council officers to discuss the drainage scheme, has been arranged at the compressor site. This will be followed by a community meeting to understand any concerns and answer questions.

National Landscapes

Landscapes Connections funding proposals being created.

Meetings with town and parish councils being arranged. Niton and Whitwell parish plan to be included.

Important to get input from the community to drive and direct project.

20's plenty webinar

Delivering 20 with exceptions to 30:

How 20mph limits lay the foundation for Vision Zero.

I will attend the third online seminar in the highly popular Delivering 20 series on Tuesday 24th June, hosted in partnership with 20's Plenty for Us, where they explore the transformative role of lower speed limits in delivering Vision Zero.

Disposables vape ban

Very pleased to see the ban on disposable vapes has now come into effect. They create litter and encourage younger people to take up the habit. I hope we see less of them discarded on the roads in the future.

11. COUNCILLOR REPORTS: For information only.

Cllr Logan reported that a new community group is being set up in Godshill (Godshill Matters), looking at local activities, which they hope to extend to Niton.

Cllr Sheerin has sourced a decorator for the Men's Public Toilets. This will be completed as soon as possible.

Cllr Crichison brought to the attention of the meeting the mention of the mural at the toilets in the latest Connections magazine.

12. CLERKS REPORT: For information only:

I have found out that Island Roads only allows memorial plaques on benches, not trees. I have informed the family who wish to have a memorial tree placed – long-time residents of Whitwell - about this and await their response.

13. PARISH WARDEN REPORT: For information only:

I will be back to normal working soon and would like a letter of thanks to go to the Parishioner who has been keeping the Bert Sprake Garden tidy in my absence. Clerk to deal.

MEETING ENDED 20.16.

Signed CHAIR

Signed.....CLERK

APPENDIX I

PARISH PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2025

Type	Date Paid	Payee	Details	Amount/VAT
DD **	16/6/25	EDF	Electricity for Niton W/Cs	15.00
E-trans**	29/5/25	Plan Research	Planning Objection Letter	300.00
E-trans**	26/6/25	Community Action IOW	Payroll	1694.14
E-trans		Cartridge People	Stationary	36.32/6.05
E-trans		John O'Connor	Mowing Niton Rec x2	246.26/41.04
E-trans		Top Mops	Cleaning Niton Public Toilets	237.12/39.52
E-trans**	29/5/25	SWAY	Contribution to Summer Camp	250.00
DD**	20/5/25	IWC - CT & NNDR	Council Tax for the Exchange	44.19
E-trans		ROSPA	Annual Safety Inspection	144.00/24.00
DD **	10/6/25	XLN - Daisy Comms	Internet for the Exchange	63.74/10.62
PAY**	17/6/25	Lloyds Bank	Service Charge for account 00098286	4.25
E-trans		Eureka	Blue Paper Roll	14.34/2.39
E-trans**	26/6/25	SSE Energy Solutions	Electricity for the Exchange	383.26/18.25
DD	30/6/25	Business Stream	Water Supply	46.81
DD**	20/6/25	IWC-CT&NNDR	Council Tax for the Exchange – June	40.00
TOTAL				3519.43

APPENDIX II

Comments on Planning applications:

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to be discharged. Ladyacre Farm, Pan Lane, Niton PO38 2BU ref no 25/00841/DIS

NO OBJECTIONS

5.1b 25/00732/FUL Demolition of barn; Proposed dwelling with parking.

Fields Nursery, Town End, Niton, PO38 2EA **OBJECT**

The Parish Council feel this is an inappropriate infill of land and out of keeping with the surrounding plots.

It is immediately adjacent to a bridleway. It completely changes the look of the development. This proposed building was not on the original application. The land was originally to be left as a landscaped area.