

**NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT**  
**THE EXCHANGE, HIGH STREET, NITON ON MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2025 AT 7.15PM**

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

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

**Public Question Time:** Concerns were raised about several planning applications pending, nothing has been brought before the Parish Council at this time regarding these.

There is also concern regarding the recent flooding out of Bramble Drive onto Chatfeild Road. It was reported that the issue has been dealt with by the developer. Residents and Parish Council to monitor. The footpath by the school is still overgrown. This has been reported to Island Roads, using the up my street website, as it is IOW Council land.

**AGENDA**

Meeting opened at 7.15pm

**1. APOLOGIES:**

To receive apologies for absence – Cllr R Willis.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:**

To receive any declarations of interest – None received.

**3. MINUTES:** To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025.

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 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 23rd July 2025.

**Bank Balances as of 23.7.25 as follows:** Lloyds Community Account £129,433.21

Lloyds Commercial Instant Access Account £6,711.10

CCLA Public Sector Account £28,998.12

**RESOLVED:** that the financial statements dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 be received and approved.

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

**5. PLANNING:**

5.1 Planning Applications:

5.1a 25/00908/HOU 1 St Catherines Cottages, Blackgang Road, Niton PO38 2BW.

Proposed conservatory on west elevation.

Parish Council comments in Appendix II attached.

**For information only:**

Two appeals have been lodged with IOW Council regarding the refusal of planning permission on 1 St Catherines Cottages and 2 St Catherines Cottages as below.

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

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

One planning application for Listed Building:

LBC Bay Leaf Cottage, High Street, Whitwell, Re-instatement of internal fireplace – no objections.

**6. PLANNING DECISIONS** for week ending 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025. 25/00710/HOU Proposed detached garage with PV panels on roof. Fields Nursery, Town End, Niton PO38 2EA. – **GRANTED**

**7. FIELDS LANE NURSERY SITE:**

To receive an update on the proposed land transfer to the Parish Council from Foreland Homes Ltd. Agree Parish Council position on terms being proposed.

**RESOLVED:** Issues of concern that have been raised by our solicitors and Parish Councillors will be discussed with the developer at a meeting on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025.

**8. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY:**

Agree methodology and costing to update a housing needs survey for the Parish. Approve the estimate provided by Plan Research dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**RESOLVED:** To approve the costed estimate from Plan Research for the updated Housing Needs Survey. Clerk to liaise to commence implementation.

**9. REPORT AND UPDATE FROM THE NITON RECREATION GROUND WORKING PARTY:**

New equipment for the recreation ground has been ordered to include a new slide and two toddler rides. As agreed for Phase I.

**RESOLVED:** To implement Phase II which is to make a buried pipe play-area, to purchase two replacement picnic benches constructed of re-cycled plastic, and to construct a climbing frame of wooden posts.

**10. ALLOTMENT ROAD CAR PARK MANAGEMENT:**

To discuss a draft of a public statement of our intentions for restrictions of use on the car park land. To formulate and agree with suitable wording for these restrictions.

**RESOLVED:** The agreement drafted and circulated to Councillors before the meeting was accepted and to be made public through our social media websites and to display prominently in the car park.

**11. WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT:** for information only:

**12. COUNCILLOR REPORTS:** for information only.

Cllr Martin reported on his attendance at the last IWALC meeting.

Cllr Boileu Goad reported on his communication with a cctv company to install cameras at the recreation ground and public toilets to try to combat the occurrence of vandalism. A firm quote to be produced for our next meeting.

Cllr Critchison reported that the waste bin has at last been moved from the High Street in Whitwell to the end of Nettlecombe Lane next to the village map.

Cllr Addison reported on the issue of a metal stile being removed on a Whitwell footpath with no notice from the Council.

Cllr Sheerin reported on the concerns about the Military Road erosion noted at Blackgang Theme Park on the A3055 and surrounding areas, also the existing problems that still exist in Ventnor. An approach to all surrounding Parish and Town Councils is proposed to discuss the issues.

**13. CLERKS REPORT:** For information only:

A Grant application has been received from Niton Parish Church for help in upkeeping the churchyard. Email sent for exact amount required.

Niton Rec equipment ordered, and delivery confirmed to be to the Exchange.

Donation of memorial tree for Whitwell in memory of a previous resident ongoing, site discussed.

Training by IWALC for councillors is being held on Wednesday 29/7 at Newport Quayside.

**14. PARISH WARDEN REPORT:** For information only:

The electronic speed sign outside Whitwell had broken down, after being repaired it now reads 20mph instead of 30mph. Complaints have been received, and the sign will be re-set shortly.

**MEETING ENDED 8.30pm**

SIGNED.....CHAIR SIGNED.....CLERK

**APPENDIX I****NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL****PARISH PAYMENTS SCHEDULE FOR JULY 2025**

Type	Date Paid	Payee	Details	Amount/VAT
DD **	15/7/25	EDF	Electricity for Niton W/Cs	15.00
E-trans**		Community Action IOE	Payroll	1,918.39
E-trans**		John O'Conner	Mowing Niton Rec x2	458.68/76.45
E-trans		Top Mops	Cleaning Niton Public Toilets	344.51/57.42
DD**	21/7/25	IWC-CT & NNDR	Council Tax for the Exchange	40.00
DD**	10/7/25	XLN Daisy Comms	Internet for the Exchange	65.50/10.92
PAY**	18/7/25	Lloyds Bank	Service Charge for account 00098286	4.25
E-trans		Melvyn Jones	Painting of Niton Public Toilets	165.00
E-trans		Gareth Hughes	Accounts and VAT Claim	625.00
E-trans		Playdale	Recreation Ground Equipment	10,874.40/1,812.40
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>14,510.73</b>

**APPENDIX II****Comments on Planning applications:**

5.1a 25/00908/HOU 1 St Catherines Cottages, Blackgang Road, Niton PO38 2BW.

Proposed conservatory on west elevation.

No objections, but the Parish Council voiced concerns that the rear fence on the property has been removed which could be a safeguarding issue in view of the number of children that use the Football Pitch.

### **APPENDIX III**

#### **Ward Councillors Report**

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

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Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

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Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions.

**Niton: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August & 17<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 — 11.30am, Exchange**

**Chale Pantry: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August and 19<sup>th</sup> September 12.30-1.30pm, Village Hall**

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#### **Castlehaven**

Meeting took place with IW Council officers to discuss the drainage scheme. This was followed by a community meeting to understand any concerns and answer questions.

I have requested that all wells are serviced and an audit of all equipment.

The compressor electrics have been checked, and we are awaiting feedback. Once a full health check on all equipment has taken place a proposal for new compressors and any further equipment replacement can be produced.

Floating Bridge - The public is being asked to give its views on the future of the Cowes/East Cowes floating bridge. More information can be found at [www.iow.gov.uk/floatingbridgeconsultation](https://www.iow.gov.uk/floatingbridgeconsultation). The consultation is being publicised Island-wide and directly to floating bridge users and ends on 22 August 2025.

There will be drop-in sessions between 3-7pm at East Cowes Town Hall on July 22, Northwood House, Cowes, on July 23 and The Riverside Centre, Newport on July 31. Online sessions will take place on 7 August 12-1.30pm and 12 August 6-7.30pm

#### **Winter Fuel Payments**

We are receiving an increasingly 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>

Chale Food Pantry — Following the closure of the mobile pantry, Chale Parish Council have agreed to fund the pantry once a month. This will continue to be available on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of July, August and September from 12.30 — 1.30pm.

It has been very well received. It was agreed that Niton, Shorwell, Atherfield and Yafford residents can access the pantry. Residents can also use Ventnor Food Pantry.