

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON & WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE EXCHANGE, HIGH STREET, NITON, ON 26th January 2026 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, Cllr C Ould. Cllr C Critchison.

IN ATTENDANCE: Sherlie Burridge (Parish Clerk) K Stay (Parish Warden)
One member of the public

Public Question Time: Three members of the public present -no questions from the public.

Meeting opened at 19.15

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES:

To receive apologies for absence: A Resignation letter has been received from Cllr Boileu Goad. He has completed many years of service both as a Councillor and Chair of the Parish Council. His resignation was accepted by the Chair.

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 24th November 2025.

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes of 24th November 2025 as accurate.

4.0 FINANCE:

4.1 Financial Statement: To receive financial statements as of 22nd January 2026.

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

4.2 Payment of Accounts: To confirm and approve the payment of accounts for December 2025 & January 2026

RESOLVED: To accept payment of accounts as presented.

4.3 Annual Budget Report: To discuss budget and precept proposals with Parish Council Financial Advisor. Our financial advisor presented his recommendations.

RESOLVED: To accept the budget and proposals including a precept increase of 3.4% in line with CPI. This is equal to an increase of £1.56pa on a band D property.

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

5.0a 250/01692/HOU 1. St Catherines Cottages, Blackgang Rd, Niton PO38 2BW.

Proposed Porch on Western Elevation – **Granted 12/1/26**

5.0b 250/01847/3RPA Dean Farm, Whitwell Road, Whitwell, PO38 2AB.

Prior approval for change of use from agricultural barn to a flexible commercial use.

5.0c 25/0176/HOU Land End Cottage, Nettlecombe Lane Whitwell PO38 2AD.

Proposed single storey extension on front elevation, single storey extension on rear Elevation; two dormer windows on rear elevation.

5.0d 26/00066/FUL Buddle Homestead, Sandrock Road, Niton PO38 2NG.

Propose greenhouse – Edwardian Style – lbc also applies.

Comments for planning applications attached in Appendix I

6.0 PLANNING DECISIONS:

Application No: 25/01469/HOU

Location: 15 Verlands Close Niton Ventnor Isle of Wight PO38 2BG

Proposal: Demolition of sunroom; proposed single storey side/rear extension; new porch; roof mounted solar panels; alterations

Decision Date: 11/12/2025

Decision: **GRANTED** Another application received to change the porch to a flat roof with minor adjustments.

Application No: 25/01623/HOU

Location: Jestynah Cottage Ashknowle Lane Whitwell Ventnor Isle of Wight PO38 2PP

Proposal: Proposed replacement raised roof over western end of dwelling to create additional living accommodation at first floor level; with cladding

Decision Date: 02/01/2026

GRANTED

Application No: 25/01600/RCV

Location: Dean Crossing Nurseries, Whitwell Road, Whitwell PO38 2AB

Proposal: Variation of condition two on 24/001756/RCV to allow alterations to the appearance of the building.

Decision Date 19/12/25

Decision: **GRANTED**

Application No: 25/01692/HOU

Location: 1 St Catherines Cottages Blackgang Road Niton Ventnor
Isle Of

Proposal: Wight PO38 2BW
Proposed porch on western elevation

Decision Date: 12/01/2026

Decision: **GRANTED**

6.1 Any other decisions made up to week ending 23rd January 2026:

25/01682/DIS 4 Hillside Terrace, High St, Whitwell, PO38 2PY.

Condition compliance application on P/01549/15 relating to condition 9 (Flood warning and Evacuation plan) to be discharged.

Whilst the application form states that development commenced in 2017, this was without discharge of condition nine, which is a pre-commencement condition.

Officers are unable to discharge a pre-commencement condition where development has commenced. Therefore, this condition is not discharged.

19.35 Our Financial Advisor left the meeting.

7. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE:

To receive any updates on the progress of the questionnaire and discuss methods of circulation.

An Artwork has been received but it was felt that the format needs setting out again, and the illustrations to be amended with pictures taken from our village maps.

RESOLVED: The product is to be tidied up into an A4 format for ease of reading with substituted illustrations, and possible additional questions. Cllr Addison kindly offered to organise. A copy will then be circulated for signing-off and a copy will be held in The Exchange.

8. NITON RECREATION GROUND:

To receive any replies to the published tender for works to the Recreation Ground and discuss.

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

No tender applications have been received. The recently purchased infant rocking equipment has been installed. The current quote received for the proposed building works received was discussed.

RESOLVED: Further quotes for the safety rubber matting to be obtained to allow the slide to be installed when the weather allows. The current quote received for the proposed building works to be checked as it has been more than 30 days since received. Other companies to be approached direct for quotes. The works to be carried out once the weather has improved

9. THE WHITE LION PUBLIC HOUSE:

To discuss applying for the White Lion to be recognised as an Asset of Community Value.

The required nomination form has been completed with twenty-six signatures. The reasons behind the proposal was explained, as per the ACV carried out and completed for the White Lion Inn, Whitwell, in November 2024.

RESOLVED: To complete application and forward to IOW Council for consideration.

10. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: for information only. See Appendix II.

11. COUNCILLORS REPORTS: for information only.

The use of the disabled parking bay in Allotment Road has been found to be causing an obstruction to emergency vehicles. Island Roads to be informed.

Wightfibre has finally been installed at the end of Ashknowle Lane.

The well-attended funeral of our former colleague and long-time Parish Councillor, Keith Fradgley took place recently at Whitwell Church.

A presentation will be made to Cllr J BG at the next PC Meeting.

12. CLERKS REPORT: for information only.

I have reduced the Parish Council expenditure on services including broadband and electricity by switching suppliers. PCSO/Ward Councillor surgeries at the Exchange confirmed so far this year for 4/2, 4/3, 1/4 and 29/4 all at 10.30-11.30.

13. PARISH WARDENS REPORT: for information only.

Water Hydrants in Whitwell are to be re-painted in the spring official written permission has been received.

Members of the public and press to be asked to leave the meeting to enable a confidential matter to be discussed.

- 14. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM.** This item was fully discussed and the Parish Council voted and agreed unanimously to support the motion put forward.

Signed.....Chair
Dated

Signed.....Clerk
Dated

Appendix I – comments on planning applications.

25/01847/3RPA Dean Farm, Whitwell Road, Whitwell - concerns were raised about the increase in traffic at the access point and the visibility of the splay. Speed limit is on that road in the iow road survey to be reduced and the Parish Council would support this. No Objections.

25/01276/HOU Land End Cottage, Nettlecombe Lane, Whitwell – Large footprint but as it is hidden from view there are No Objections.

26/00066/FUL – Buddle Homestead, Sandrock Road, Niton – Also a Listed Building Concern. No Objections.

Appendix II – ward councillors report.

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

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For road closure updates and general information please visit:
www.facebook.com/clairechalenitonshorwell
Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Policing Contact Details:

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PC 29602 Liz Clapp – Landline 101- Work Mobile 07974049899
Email: Liz.Clapp@hampshire.police.uk

CLlr community catch up/surgery sessions.

Niton: Wednesday 4th February 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange
Wednesday 4th March 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange
Wednesday 1st April 10.30 – 11.30am, Exchange
Chale Pantry: March date, tbc

SWAY hub at Chale Green

The hub is now open and holding youth groups, warm spaces, and food pantry sessions. Residents of Chale are keen for the shop to open and for more activities to be available at the hub. Equipment needs to be purchased, and internet strengthened. The Sway manager has been in touch with Wight fibre about the box being located on Sway land.

Proposed Footway Works - Rectory Road / A3055 Niton (Norris Junction)

These works will be commissioned in the New Year (January 2026) for delivery asap in 2026 when network space is available giving consideration to the diversion that will be required. The works will also include an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on Church Street. Once instruction has been given to Ringway Island Roads for delivery of the project a detailed program of works and traffic management plan will be provided to ensure that the works are delivered in the most efficient manner, to minimise disruption. Please note that due to the location and nature of the works there will be a need for periodic closure of Church Street, Newport Road and Rectory Road as different elements of the scheme are delivered. Acknowledging the one-way nature of the village and location of the works unfortunately access for through traffic and residents will need to be restricted with wider scale diversion routes being made available. Program of delivery will also need to take into consideration wider network projects.

Winter Energy Saving campaign to encourage people to save money off bills.

The government has recently issued advice to UK households around the simple low-cost actions that can be taken to reduce energy bills by up to £100. Some of the tips include:

Reducing the boiler flow temperature to 60°C. Lowering your combi boiler flow temperature to 60°C makes your boiler run more efficiently and could save you money.

Finding and fixing draughts. Check for gaps around doors, windows, floors, and pipes. Look out for light shining through, listen for rattles on windy days, but do not block essential ventilation like extractor fans.

Turning radiators down, not off. In lesser used rooms, turn the radiator down rather than switching it off completely. This helps avoid damp while saving energy.

How-to guides and more simple tips:
<https://cleanenergy.campaign.gov.uk/> or visit www.greeniow.org.uk

Utility Voucher Scheme

This scheme gives financial support for pensioners aged over 79 toward utility bills.

Eligible pensioners will be sent a letter to be able to apply, and this is open until mid-February so if you have been sent a letter, please apply before the deadline.

If you are struggling with costs but are not eligible, please contact the Footprint Trust on 01983 822282