

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON & WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE EXCHANGE, HIGH STREET, NITON, ON 23rd March 2026 AT 19.15.

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

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

Three members of the public

Public Question Time: Three members of the public present. A statement was read out by a member of the public regarding electronic-only payment machines at Isle of Wight car parks. A copy was given to the clerk.

Meeting opened at 19.15

MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr C Ould and Cllr S Biles.

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 23rd February 2026.

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes of 23rd February as a true and accurate record.

4. **FINANCE:**

4.0 **Financial Statement:** To receive financial statements as of 19th March 2026.

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

4.1 **Payment of Accounts:** To confirm and approve the payment of accounts for March 2026.

RESOLVED: To accept payment of accounts as presented.

The end of year accounts is currently being prepared and will be presented by our Financial Advisor, Gareth Hughes at the next parish council meeting on 27th April 2026.

Finance papers attached as Appendix III and Appendix IV

5.0 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

5.1 **26/00230/HOU** – 1 The Glen, Niton – Proposed Car Port.

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5.2 26/0001/REF APPEAL For retention of storage shed 3 & 4 St Catherines Cottages, Niton ref 25/0101289/HOU.

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6.0 PLANNING DECISIONS: 26/0006/FUL & 26/0007/LBC Buddle Homestead, Sandrock Road, Niton – Proposed greenhouse – **BOTH GRANTED 5/3/26.**

25/01726/HOU – Lane End Cottage, Nettlecombe Lane, Whitwell – Proposed single storey extension on front elevation, single storey extension on rear elevation; two dormer windows on rear elevation. **GRANTED 26/2/26.**

6.1 Any other decisions made in the week ending 20th March 2026: None.

7. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR THE NITON WARD:

To receive and discuss any applications for co-option as a Parish Councillor for the Niton Ward as advertised.

No applications have been received. Therefore, in line with advice from the Senior Electoral Services Officer, Nolan Winter the vacancy will continue to be advertised.

8. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE: Update on progress.

RESOLVED: The amended survey is to be finalised and the roll-out will start after the local elections on 7th May 2026.

9. ASHKNOWLE LANE REPAIRS: To consider allocating funds for repairs needed to the current potholes and cracks in the lane.

RESOLVED: To allocate the budgeted funds for repairing, and upkeep of the surface of the lane as in previous years. £3000.00 agreed by the full council.

10. NITON RECREATION GROUND: To consider the estimate received for supply and installation of the required rubber safety matting.

RESOLVED: To investigate further quotes and grants for this work.

11. CRAB: To discuss re-opening the CRAB initiative in view of the current economic crisis with fuel prices etc.

RESOLVED: Cllr Logan to circulate a suggested future emergency plan.

- 12. **ISLE OF WIGHT/WARD COUNCILLOR'S REPORT:** for information only.

- 13. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** for information only. The Annual Parish Meeting date is confirmed. This will be held on Monday 27th April at 18.30, before the Parish Council Meeting at 19.00. Both events will take place at Whitwell Village Hall. The parking for businesses in the village was highlighted.

- 14. **CLERKS REPORT:** for information only. Two grant applications have been received today; they will be on the next meeting agenda. A Report from the Parish Council should be in next months Connections Magazine.

- 15. **PARISH WARDENS REPORT:** for information only. Another office chair has been dumped in Niton Recreation Ground. The window in the Ladies Public Toilets needs replacing. Clerk to obtain quotes.

The meeting was closed at 20.08.

Signed..... Chair
 Dated

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Bank Balances as of 17th March 2026 Lloyds Bank

Balances:

Community Account 00098286 £ 89,935.34

Commercial Instant Access Account

00004745 £ 6,738.18

Total = £ 96,673.52

Savings Accounts

CCLA Public Sector Savings Account at 31/1/26

-£ 29,698.57

GRAND TOTAL = £ 126,372.09

Niton & Whitwell Parish Council Payments for March 2026

Type	Date Paid	Payee	Details	Amount/VAT
E-TRANS	25.3.26	CHURCHES FIRE AND SECURITY	ANNUAL INSPECTION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN THE EXCHANGE	35.60/5.93
DD **	20.3.26	IWC CT & NNDR	COUNCIL TAX FOR THE EXCHANGE	40.00
E-TRANS	25.3.26	PARISH CLERK	EXPENSES	1.86/0.31
DD	27.3.26	I C O	ANNUAL DATA PROTECTION FEE	47.00
ETRANS	25.3.26	WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL	HALL HIRE APRIL 2026- MARCH 2027	75.00
E-TRANS	25.3.26	COMMUNITY ACTION IOW	PAYROLL AND CHARGES FOR CLERK AND PARISH WARDEN	1,732.05
E-TRANS	25.3.26	PARISH CLERK	BOOKERS INVOICE FOR CLEANING ITEMS	105.53/17.59
E-TRANS	25.3.26	PARISH CLERK	TRAINING COURSE RE-IMBURSEMENT	86.40/14.40
DD	13.3.26	EDF ENERGY	CREDIT REFUND ELECTRICITY FOR NITON W/CS	Credit of £36.10.
PAY	17.3.26	LLOYDS BANK	SERVICE CHARGE FOR ACCOUNT 00098286	4.25
E-TRANS	25.3.26	M JONES	CLEANING OF NITON TOILETS	350.00
DD	17.3.26	BRITISH GAS	ELECTRICITY FOR NITON PUBLIC W/CS	0.70/0.03
E-TRANS	25.3.26	PARISH CLERK	MILEAGE CLAIM (22 miles @45p per mile)	9.90
E-TRANS		WIGHT COMPUTERS	SOFTWARE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	28.80/4.80
E-TRANS	25.3.26	STAMPS DIRECT	DATE STAMP FOR HOUSING SURVEY	54.03/9.01
E-TRANS	25.3.26	SSE ENERGY	ELECTRICITY FOR THE EXCHANGE	585.51/27.88
DD	19.3.26	BT	INTERNET FOR THE EXCHANGE (2MONTHS)	61.38/10.23
TOTAL			Received = £36.10	PAYMENTS 31783,218.01