

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON & WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL, ON MONDAY 27TH APRIL 2026 AT 19.15.

PRESENT: Cllr L Sheerin (Chair), Cllr T Addison (Vice-Chair), Cllr R Willis, Cllr B Martin, Cllr C Critchison, Cllr C Ould, Cllr S Biles.

IN ATTENDANCE: Sherlie Burridge (Parish Clerk) K Stay (Parish Warden)
Four members of the public and one member of the press.

Public Question Time: Concerns were raised about the lack of speed calming measures in the villages; volunteers at the meeting came forward to support the community speed watch training. Concerns about the continued flooding risk in Allotment Road was discussed.

The Meeting opened at 19.15

MINUTES

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr A Logan and Cllr B Attrill.
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 March 2026.
RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes of 23rd March, with the requested amendments to the layout, to dispense with the attachment of the Ward Councillor Report, and the wording on Item 11 to be amended so it does not read that this item was adopted, as a true and accurate report.
4. **FINANCE:**
 - 4.1 **Financial Statement:** To receive financial statements as of 23rd April 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 April 2026.
RESOLVED: To accept payment of accounts as presented.
 - 4.3 **Annual Budget Report:** To receive the end of year accounts from the Parish Council Financial Advisor, Gareth Hughes.
RESOLVED: That the Annual Budget Report be accepted as a true and accurate record.
 - 4.4 **AGAR REPORTS:** Discuss the reports and vote on accepting.
 1. **Internal Audit** – To receive the report from the internal auditor. **RESOLVED:** To accept the report from the Internal Auditor as a true and accurate record.

2. Certificate of Exemption – To consider whether to complete a Certificate of Exemption Form submission to the External Auditor due to being under the £25,000 threshold or to have a Limited Assurance Review (for Form 2). **RESOLVED:** It was agreed that neither of these were required.

3. Annual Governance Statement – to consider the questions and respond accordingly.

RESOLVED: All agreed.

4. Accounting Statements – to consider and agree the accounting statement figures. **RESOLVED:** All agreed.

5. Electors Rights – to note the dates of the Exercise of Public Rights 3/6/26-14/7/26 these to be signed. **These were duly signed and will be displayed on our notice boards and website.**

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

To receive a presentation from applicant.

A presentation was made by Mr Simon Rhodes,

A unanimous vote was taken, and Mr Rhodes was duly elected as co-opted member on the Parish Council as the representative of the Niton Ward.

Mr Rhodes then duly signed the Acceptance of Office and took his place at the meeting.

6.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

6.1 Prior notification for demolition of farmhouse and ancillary outbuilding comprising farm barns. 26/00431/11BPA - Puckaster Farm, Puckaster Lane, Niton PO38 2LZ. Public Consultation End Date 21/4/26. **Application has now been withdrawn.**

6.2 Proposed two units of self-contained holiday accommodation and associated works and alterations to **vehicular access.** 26/004/FUL – Land adjacent to Copperfields, Kingates Lane, Niton. Public Consultation End Date 27/4/26. **No Objections.**

A planning application for two houses in Whitwell High Street was discussed. This application came onto the Isle of Wight Council planning portal too late to be included on our agenda. As the end of consultation date is the date of our next meeting, it was agreed that we approach our Planning Advisors to review this application and provide the Parish Council with guidance.

7.0 PLANNING DECISIONS:

7.0a Variation of condition number 2 on 25/01469/HOU to allow for a revised design - 15 Verlands Close, Niton - **GRANTED 27/3/26**

7.0b Proposed single storey rear extension; new dormer window on rear elevation 26/00181/HOU – 1 St Catherines Villas, Niton – **GRANTED 2/4/26**

7.1 Any other decisions made up to week ending 24th April 2026: NONE

8. UPDATE ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR THE FIELD NURSERY SITE. PAPERS DISTRIBUTED.

Council to be updated on meeting held on Friday 17/4/26 with the developer, Cllr L Sheerin, Cllr C Critchison and IOW Planning Officer L Hardy.

Cllr Sheerin updated the Parish Council. The developer's proposals for the donated green space were discussed.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council voted unanimously to abide by the decisions on use previously agreed by the Parish Council including no right of way across the land.

An exact plan for usage of this ground will be decided by a collaboration between the Isle of Wight Council as the arbiter, and Niton and Whitwell Parish Council, as the responsible body.

9. **NITON RECREATION GROUND:** To discuss latest estimates received for safety matting installation. **RESOLVED:** The estimates received were accepted.

The quote for the slide base was approved. Subject to suitable weather, the area will be excavated and the base laid.

Once the base works are complete, the matting suppliers will be informed that the site is ready for installation. The Clerk will notify both companies that their quotes have been accepted.

10. **GRANT APPLICATIONS:**

- 10.1 Niton Parish Church, grass cutting of the burial ground. **RESOLVED:** To obtain further information regarding what this grant is specifically to be used for.
- 10.2 Niton W I, maintenance of the raised flower beds outside the Exchange. **RESOLVED:** A grant of £80 to be awarded.
- 10.3 Friends of Ashknowle Cemetery Whitwell, maintenance, repairs, fuel costs, new equipment. **RESOLVED:** A grant of £650 to be awarded.
- 10.4 Whitwell W.I. – maintenance of Whitwell War Memorial. **RESOLVED:** A grant of £100 to be awarded.

11. **REPLACEMENT WINDOWS FOR THE LADIES IN NITON PUBLIC W/CS**

Consider the estimates received for the replacement windows. **RESOLVED:** To accept an estimate for replacement windows with Rosewood exterior and White interior. Exact dark colour to be confirmed.

Clerk to deal.

12. **ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT:** for information only.

13. **COUNCILLORS REPORTS:** for information only. Concerns about the current road closures on the Island were expressed.

14. **CLERKS REPORT** for information only.

15. **PARISH WARDENS REPORT** for information only.

Meeting closed at 20.26.

Signed.....Chair

Signed.....Clerk

Niton & Whitwell Parish Council Payments for April 2026

Type	Date Paid	Payee	Details	Amount/VAT
E-TRANS	29/4/26	SHERLIE BURRIDGE	PURCHASE OF POSTAGE BOXES FOR HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY	9.60
E-TRANS	29/4/26	GARETH HUGHES	FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS AND AGAR	500.00
DD	21/4/26	BRITISH GAS	ELECTRICITY FOR NITON PUBLIC TOILETS	4.01/0.19
E-TRANS	29/4/26	JOHN O'CONNER	NITON RECREATION GROUND MAINTENANCE	174.48/29.08
DD	20/4/26	BT	INTERNET FOR THE EXCHANGE	38.50/6.42
E-TRANS	29/4/26	COMMUNITY ACTION IOW	PAYROLL AND CHARGES FOR CLERK AND PARISH WARDEN	1,862.02
E-TRANS	29/4/26	CARTRIDGE PEOPLE	INK CARTRIDGES FOR THE EXCHANGE	84.15/14.03
DD	20/4/26	IWC CT & NNDR	BUSINESS RATES FOR THE EXCHANGE	42.06
PAY	20/4/26	LLOYDS BANK	SERVICE CHARGE FOR ACCOUNT 00098286	4.25
E-TRANS	29/4/26	M JONES	CLEANING OF NITON TOILETS	350.00
TOTAL				3,069.07

