

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON & WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT THE EXCHANGE, HIGH STREET, NITON, ON 26th May 2026 AT 19.15.

Because of an administrative error the Annual Parish Council Meeting was suspended and re-scheduled to 19.00 on Monday 29th June at Whitwell Village Hall.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Sherlie Burridge (Parish Clerk) K Stay (Parish Warden)
Five members of the public

Public Question Time: Multiple concerns were raised about the possible delay on the final decision for the planning application 26/00525/FUL, as this happened with a previous application around this site. It was unanimously felt amongst the members of the public attending that a quick decision was required. The wildlife, flooding risk, vehicle access, the footpath, and the threat to the listed water hydrant on this site were discussed.

Meeting opened at 19.15

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr S Biles, Cllr B Attrill, Cllr C Ould.

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 27th April 2026.

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes of 27th April as a true and accurate record.

4. **FINANCE:**

4.0 **Financial Statement:** To receive financial statements as of 21st May 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 May 2026.

RESOLVED: To accept payment of accounts as presented.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

5.1 **26/00252/FUL – Land rear of Rosewood and Trenale and including St Michaels, High St, Whitwell. Proposed Two Dwellings and Formation of Vehicular Access with Associated Landscaping.**

RESOLVED: This application was objected to by the majority of the Parish Council.

- 5.2 **26/00613/FUL** 4 Hillside Terrace, Whitwell.
Retention and Completion of Former Bake House to Form Unit of holiday Accommodation.
RESOLVED: The Parish Council have no objections to this application. Although concerns were made concerning lack of parking for motor vehicles.
- 5.3 **26/00601/HOU** 2 Glen Approach, Niton.
Replacement Flat Roof to Existing Single Storey Rear Extension; Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension.
RESOLVED: The Parish Council have no objections to this application.
6. **PLANNING DECISIONS as at 22.5.26 – 26/00230/HOU 1 The Glen, Niton:**
Proposed Carport – Refused as out of keeping with the area.
No other decisions to report.
7. **HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY:** To receive an update and discuss distribution.
The surveys have been printed and delivered to the Exchange; a copy was distributed to the Councillors.
RESOLVED: weekend of 5/6/7th June was allocated for delivery around the villages; the Councillors present volunteered their services for this. They will be numbered for on-line replies and the responses to be collated at the end of July.
8. **NITON RECREATION GROUND:** To receive an update on the building works and discuss the timeframe for installation of the new slide.
The dates for the works at the entrance and the base for the slide were discussed.
RESOLVED: To confirm the dates of beginning of June for both works to be completed. The bare dirt around the new installation to be re-inspected with a view to tidy up and re-seed the area.
9. **ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT** for information only.
The planning appeal on Bridge Cottage was finally dismissed, so now the enforcement notice must be complied with. Fireworks at Blackgang for the summer season will have the usual temporary closure of the surrounding footpaths. Blackgang Chine will be reminded to clear away any debris.
10. **CLERK’ S REPORT** for information only. ACV for the White Lion has been sent again, when asked for an update it was revealed that the IOWC had lost the application. The grant for the Niton Church application for upkeep of the burial ground will be put on the agenda for the next meeting as we are still waiting for more information.
11. **COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS** for information only. Cllr Addison reported that the potholes at Ashknowle Lane will be repaired at the beginning of June. The planting of the ground at Fields Nursery has been discussed with Natural Enterprise to include native species of trees, hedging, and plants.
12. **PARISH WARDEN’S REPORT** for information only. The refurbishment of the Whitwell Water Hydrants is well underway. The sign by the Whit Well needs repainting as it is unreadable. The Whitwell Telephone Box is next on the list for painting.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 19.54

Signed..... Dated Chair

Signed..... Dated Clerk

Bank Balances as of 20/5/26

Lloyds Bank Balances:

Community Account 00098286 £138,766.30

Commercial Instant Access Account

00004745 £6,744.00

Total = £145,510.30

Savings Accounts

CCLA Public Sector Savings Account at 30.4.26

£29,975.35

GRAND TOTAL = £175,485.65

Niton and Whitwell Parish Council Payments Schedule 20th May 2026

Type	Date Paid	Payee	Details	Amount/VAT
E-trans	29.4.26	Parish Clerk	Expenses for Annual Parish Meeting	16.58
E-trans	28.5.26	M Jones	Cleaning of Niton public w/cs	350.00
E-trans	29.4.26	Whitwell W I	War Memorial Upkeep	100.00
E-trans	29.4.26	Friends of Ashknowle Lane Cemetery	Upkeep of Cemetery Grounds	650.00
E-trans	29.4.26	Niton W I	Upkeep of raised flowerbeds Niton	80.00
E-trans	28.5.26	Parish Warden	Expenses for petrol mower	7.99
DD	18.5.26	British Gas Lite	Electricity for Niton Public Toilets	1.63/0.27
Pay	18.5.26	Lloyds Bank	Service Charge for 00098286	4..67
E-trans-	28.5.26	White Windows	Replacement window for Ladies public toilet, Niton DEPOSIT	136.00
DD	19.5.26	B T Business	Internet at the Exchange	38.50/6.42
E-trans	28.5.26	John O'Conner	Niton Rec Maintenance	174.48/29.08
E-trans	28.5.26	Clear Insurance	Annual Council Insurance	1,350.48
DD	20.05.26	Isle of Wight Council	Business Rates for the Exchange	41.00
E-trans-	28.5.26	Parish Clerk	Cleaning supplies for Niton w/cs	52.42/8.74
E-trans	28.5.26	S Milford	Internal Auditor fees	130.00
E-trans	28.5.26	Parish Clerk	Mileage claim for cleaning supplies 20miles x 55ppm	11.00
E-trans	28.5.26	Community Action	Payroll for Clerk and Parish Warden	2,508.90
DD	15.5.26	Scottish Water	Water Supply for the Exchange	137.69
E-trans	28.5.26	Cartridge People	Ink Cartridges for the Exchange	70.76/11.80
E-trans	28.5.26	Solent/Island Holiday Media Ltd	Printing of Housing Needs Survey	1026.02/171.00
TOTAL				6,888.18