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NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NITON & WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE EXCHANGE, HIGH STREET, NITON, ON 27th July AT 19.15.

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

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

Twelve members of the public.

Public Question Time: Questions were raised about Ashknowle Lane trees, who is responsible for any that block the bridleway? it was confirmed that the responsibility is the landowners. Rights Of Way are responsible to keep it clear for walkers, horse riders etc.

Problem with a car getting vandalised in Allotment Road Carpark. MOP requested installation of cctv in the car park.

There are problems with the attenuation pond in Bramble Drive. The developer is aware, as is IOW Flood manager, who has contacted him direct.

MOP thanked the PC for the work due to be done for disability access crossings at Norris Stores area.

MOP expressed concerns about a footpath needed between Southford Lane and Whitwell Village. A request for a footpath to be made. The landowner has to be contacted to make this possible. The Footpaths Working Committee will meet and invited the mop to attend.

MOP expressed a need for a 20mph speed restriction in the villages. A Speedwatch initiative is being co-ordinated.

Meeting opened at 19.16

1. APOLOGIES:

To receive apologies for absence: None received before the start of the meeting, Cllr Ould resigned later that evening in writing. Cllr Logan absent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:

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To receive any declarations of interests: Cllr Willis declared a pecuniary interest in Item 5.1.

3. MINUTES:

To take as read and confirm as accurate the minutes of the Meeting held on the 29th June 2026.

RESOLVED: To accept the Minutes of 29th June 2026 as a true and accurate record.

4.0 FINANCE:

4.1 Financial Statement: To receive financial statements as of 23rd July 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 July 2026

RESOLVED: To accept payment of accounts as presented as a true and accurate record.

5.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

5.1 26/00729/OUT Land at Ladyacre Farm, Pan Lane, Niton.

Outline permission applied for three detached dwellings with access to be considered.

NO OBJECTIONS RAISED

5.2 26/00868/FUL Puckaster Close, Puckaster Lane, Niton.

Continued use of land as campsite to include retention of two yurts for tourism accommodation, one in association with caravan; retention of third yurt to be used as a changing room in association with mobile sauna; retention of mobile sauna, decking and plunge pools (chattel); retention of lean to in spa area including toilet and shower; retention of ancillary home office; retention of landscaping improvements.

NO OBJECTIONS RAISED

5.3 26/00782/LBC Burstalls, High Street, Whitwell.

Listed Building Consent for replacement of five windows

NO OBJECTIONS RAISED

6.0 PLANNING DECISIONS:

6.1 26/00830/11BPA Puckaster Farm, Puckaster Lane, Niton.

Prior approval for demolition of farmhouse and ancillary outbuildings comprising farm barns.

PRIOR APPROVAL GIVEN

6.2 26/00831/6PA Puckaster Farm, Puckaster Lane, Niton.

Agricultural Prior Notification for proposed Agricultural storage barn.

PRIOR APPROVAL REFUSED

6.3 Appeal ref 6004428 – 3&4 St Catherines Cottages, Blackgang Road, Niton.

Storage shed application refusal appeal – **ALLOWED 16/7/26**

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Any other decisions made during week 20th- 24th July 2026: NONE

7.0 NITON RECREATION GROUND:

To receive update on the installation and delivery of the new equipment.

To discuss installing solar-powered CCTV Cameras at the recreation ground in view of the latest graffiti and the new equipment recently purchased.

To discuss the need for a CCTV installation in the Allotment Road car park.

A vote of thanks was made to our Parish Warden, Keith Stay, for all the work he did in facilitating the works carried out at the Recreation Ground for the installation of the safety surfaces.

It was agreed that the works and new equipment will be of great benefit to the parish. Thanks were expressed to all involved.

A new bench is required to replace the old, damaged unit, a unit made of re-cycled material is to be sourced.

RESOLVED: Meeting of the Recreation Ground Working Party in September to be held to finalise the exact needs and requirements for the CCTV on the recreation ground site. This is to protect the Parish Councils investment made in the recent new equipment.

It was decided that no Parish Council funded CCTV could be installed in the car park, it was confirmed that any parking there is at the vehicles owner's risk.

It was confirmed that the courtesy disabled parking spot in the carpark is for all users, not for any individual's personal use.

19.55 MOP left the meeting.

8.0 HOUSING SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE:

To receive any updates after the completion date of the questionnaire and discuss any lessons learnt.

All Surveys are now with Plan Research for processing. The numbers returned were between 300/400.

RESOLVED: That the facilitators be requested by the Clerk to produce the report for presentation at our September meeting.

9.0 DISABILITY ACCESS PLAN AT NORRIS STORES:

Discuss proposed layout change concerns.

RESOLVED: To request that the pinch point at the junction of Church St and Newport Road and the pedestrian access point outside Norris Stores on Newport Rd to be removed from the current plan. This will prevent the difficulty that large vehicles will experience to access Newport Road from Church Street. It will also prevent the deliveries to Norris Stores being compromised. Another pedestrian access is to be installed on Church St. outside Edward Edwards Library.

Ward Councillor to inform IOW Council of the Parish Councils requests.

Concerns were raised that at no time was any consultation held between IOW Council and the local residents.

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10. RAISED FLOWERBEDS OUTSIDE THE EXCHANGE, NITON, UPKEEP:

Permission requested to install a trellis and a new key safe, for use to access the water supply in the toilet block, both to be attached to the Exchange building.

Request to replace the water hose that is now considered no longer fit for purpose.

RESOLVED: The trellis has been allowed and is now in situ. The hosepipe is to be stored in the toilet block. The Clerk to purchase replacement hosepipe and reel and a key safe. The key safe will be attached to the Exchange building. The Clerk will also organise a copy of the key for the toilet.

11. ISLE OF WIGHT COOUNCILLOR'S REPORT: for information only. The pedestrian access works are scheduled to start in the last two weeks of September. There will be a traffic diversion in place for the duration of the works.

Lower speed limits requested in both villages, police visits to be requested, IOW Council speed review ongoing. Volunteers for the Speedwatch project in Niton and Whitwell are still needed

12. COUNCILLORS REPORTS: for information only. Cllr Addison expressed thanks to Keith, our Parish Warden, for all the hard work he has done in Whitwell on the water hydrants and the Whitwell telephone box.

13. CLERKS REPORT; for information only. To confirm that the ACV has been awarded to the White Lion. The replacement swing seat is to be installed in the rec shortly. The old swing seat has been donated to the Wildheart Trust in Sandown for use in the monkey enclosure. Next IWALC meeting is on 30/8/26.

14. PARISH WARDENS REPORT: for information only. The phone box in Whitwell has been re-painted. The benches outside the Exchange are being re-furbished currently.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.29

Signed..... Dated Chair

Signed.....Dated.....Clerk