NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 28TH September 2026 AT 7:00 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Sherlie Burridge (Clerk to the Council), K Stay (Parish Warden) and six members of the public. Including Daniel James from Plan Research – see item 5.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: Questions were raised concerning the broken gate at the bottom of Ashknowle Lane. The tenant is to be made aware as it was felt that it is a landowner/tenant issue. Concern was raised about the surface of the Bridleway NT20 which runs beside The Field Nursery site. The section106 money has been released; Rights of Way will begin works once the schedule for next year has been arranged. The flower trough at Bannock Road needs caring for, Whitwell W I will be asked first if they can maintain it, if not, there is a near neighbour who has volunteered. A plaque was requested to be installed at our Bert Sprake Gardens to display information about him. PC agreed and will deal.

The Meeting opened at 7:15pm.

1. APOLOGIES: Received and accepted from Cllr Attrill.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None declared**.**

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 27th July 2026 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 Financial Statement:

RESOLVED: that the financial statement as of 23rd September be accepted as a true and accurate record.

4.2 Payment of Accounts:

RESOLVED: that the payment of accounts presented for August and September 2026 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

5. HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Daniel James of Plan Research presented the results of the Niton & Whitwell Housing Needs Survey

RESOLVED: Copies of the forty-four pages of the report to be issued to Council members for their perusal and the findings will be reported back at a planning meeting.

6. PLANNING

6.1 Planning application 26/01030/HOU, Riquewhir, Laceys Lane, Niton PO38 2DN.

RESOLVED: A Response of no objections to be entered onto the IOWC planning portal.

7.0 PLANNING DECISIONS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

7.1 26/00782/LBC Burstalls, High St, Whitwell PO38 2QQ

Listed building consent for replacement of five windows **– GRANTED 7/9/26**

7.2 26/00958/HOU 2 Weeks Farm Cottages, Whitwell Road, Whitwell PO38 AA

Proposed two storey side extension **– GRANTED 7/9/26**

7.3 26/00762/HOU Downlands, Newport Road, Niton PO38 2QP
Change of use of outbuilding to provide ancillary accommodation**– GRANTED 29/7/26**

Any other decisions made during week ending 25th September 2026:
26/00868/FUL Continued use of land as a campsite to include retention of two yurts for tourism accommodation, one in association with a caravan: retention of a 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 – **GRANTED 18/9/26**

8. NITON RECREATION GROUND AND ALLOTMENT ROAD CARPARK
to review estimates received and discuss installation of wheelchair accessible swing, safety matting, replacement benches, and the installation of a locked container in the carpark.
RESOLVED: To accept the estimate for the safety matting and path installation which includes the tarmac surface.
To re-visit the accessible swing unit design. An inclusive unit would be preferred.
To accept the quote for the 1.6m brown bench constructed of reformed plastic. Three benches to be purchased.
To accept the quote and purchase a 10'x10' locked shipping container to be installed on the carpark. Cllr Biles to visit the on-Island supplier to inspect the unit first.

9. NITON PUBLIC W/CS
To review estimates and discuss installation of sanitary bins in both the Ladie and Gents public w/cs.
RESOLVED: To accept the quote and get a re-quote for two bins only, one in the Ladies and one in the Gents to be emptied by the company once a fortnight.

10. THE EXCHANGE
To discuss the proposed replacement/repair of the crazy paving outside the Exchange building.
RESOLVED: To accept that the proposed tender to be published. The paving example to be used was produced and was accepted.

11. PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WORKS: For information only

The installation of accessibility dropped kerbs will start with the first phase along Rectory Road on Monday 12th October. The road will be closed but access to Norris' car park will remain open from the Whitwell end of Rectory Road. Newport Road will close during the second phase but safe pedestrian access to Norris Stores will remain open. The third phase will close Church Street resulting in traffic management around the village. There will be parking restrictions around the village during these works. There is a diversion in place for HGVs. Southern Vectis have been informed. There will be a traffic manager on site during works. These works are hoped to be completed in two weeks.

12. PROPOSAL TO INSTRUCT NEW SOLICITORS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL
RESOLVED: To consolidate all items and records we have, and use Glanvilles Solicitors for any future instructions.

13. FOOTPATH WORKING PARTY REPORT: For information only
The verge alongside the road through Whitwell is deemed to be too narrow to allow for the requested footpath, the landowner will be approached to cut back the overhanging hedge and Island Roads to be asked to cut the verge regularly. The dangerous tree at Dock Lane was taken down. The bridge along NT93 has been reported as needing attention and ROW have been informed. The confusing signage for King Charles III Way to be reported and hopefully rectified.

14. RECREATION GROUND WORKING PARTY REPORT: For information only
CCTV install to be discussed at a later date.

15. ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLORS REPORT: For information only

The Safe Homes Service is available via Blue Lamp Trust www.bluelamptrust.org.uk
The new document on Island Planning Strategy has now been passed.

16. CLERKS REPORT: For information only

No response to the co-option of PC Member notice that was dated so another has been created and published which is open ended.
I will be attending an e-learning GDPR training run by SLCC.
Current Council Risk Assessment to be updated and presented at the next meeting.
New ROI form has been created as per instructions regarding private addresses being published.
A copy will be forwarded to all PC members.
AGAR audit passed, this will be presented, alongside the half-yearly accounts at the next meeting.

17. COUNCILLORS REPORTS: For information only

Cllr Critchison reported that the Niton Village Lantern Parade this year is on Sunday 6th December. Workshops to make the lanterns will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon throughout November in the Methodist Hall.
Cllr Rhodes questioned management of Allotment Road car park.

18. PARISH WARDENS REPORT: For information only

The swings in the rec have now been re-painted, the Niton public w/cs are being monitored whilst the usual cleaners are on holiday all well at time of report.

Members of the public and press to be asked to leave the meeting

19. CONFIDENTIAL ITEM FOR DISCUSSION BY PARISH COUNCILLORS ONLY

Two items were discussed and proposed resolutions were agreed by the full Council.

Meeting Closed at 8:57pm

Chair…… Dated……

Clerk…….. Dated……