

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NITON PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 24th OCTOBER 2011 AT 6:45 PM

PRESENT: Councillors W C Arnold (Chairman), S Haytack, M A Innes, F A Norris, C R Peach and J A Stotesbury.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council).

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Barclay, P K G Fradgley, S L Oatley and Councillor D Stewart (Isle of Wight Council).

The Chairman welcomed Mr Mark O'Sullivan of 'Age Concern Isle of Wight' who outlined the new 'Good Neighbour Scheme'.

RESOLVED: to include the 'Good Neighbour Scheme' on the November meeting agenda.

M01/10/11 CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: that the vote for a co-opted member should be by ballot paper rather than a show of hands.

The two applicants gave a short presentation indicating their knowledge and experience of parish matters.

RESOLVED: that Mr Simon Haytack be co-opted as a member of the Council.

The new member signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.

M02/10/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
W C Arnold	Whitwell Village Hall	M12/10/11	Personal	On management committee
C R Peach	Planning application P/01365/11	M06/10/11	Personal	Works p/t for applicant
J A Stotesbury	Niton Lantern Parade	M15/10/11	Personal	Member of Niton Methodist Church

M03/10/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2011 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M04/10/11 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £19,768.63 in the General Funds and £5,973.77 in the Bequest Account. A schedule of accounts for payment was also before the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement to 18th October 2011 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1087	CANCELLED		
1088	Core Resource	Borehole drilling on Niton Undercliff	120.00
1089	English Landscapes Maintenance Ltd	Mowing/strimming Niton Recreation Ground	154.70
1090	Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerk's subscription fee 2011/2	95.00
1091	Isle of Wight Council	Clerk's salary – September 2011	394.05
1092	Audit Commission	External audit – year ending 31.3.11	480.00
1093	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk's expenses September 2011	53.94
1094	B & S Chains (Midlands) Ltd	New swing chains for Niton Rec	89.84
		Total	1,387.53

RESOLVED: that the Parish accounts as listed above be approved for payment except for the invoice from the Audit Commission; payment of this invoice is to be deferred until an explanation for the increase over last year's fee has been provided.

M05/10/11 STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS AGAINST BUDGET 2011/12

Members had before them a statement of variance against budget for the second quarter 2011/12.

RESOLVED: that the statement be received and noted.

M06/10/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them one Niton and one Whitwell planning applications.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk be asked to submit to the Isle of Wight Council the comments set out in the Appendix which forms part of these minutes.

M07/10/11 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/01034/11 – TCP/30679 – Householder Application – Demolition of conservatory, proposed alterations and single storey extension to form garage at 7, The Greenway, Niton: **GRANTED**
2. P/01110/11 – TCP/13133/F - Pair of semidetached houses with parking formation of vehicular access off Blackgang Road on land rear of Brookside Cottage, Church Street, Niton: **GRANTED**
3. P/01009/11 – TCP/26111/C – Householder Application – Retention of conservatory repositioning of greenhouse at Little Acres, High Street, Whitwell: **GRANTED**
4. P/01141/11 – TCP/30097/A - Proposed detached dwelling with vehicular access and parking on land adjacent to Little Thatches, High Street, Whitwell: **GRANTED**

M08/10/11 OTHER PLANNING ISSUES

RESOLVED: that the land adjacent to Rill Farm is included on the agenda for the November meeting.

M09/10/11 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Members had before them Councillor Stewart's written report, which was noted.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council was delighted to see that the library had been opened and commended the volunteers but was disappointed that there was no mention of the financial support that the Parish Council had given to the library.

M10/10/11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Stotesbury talked about the possibility of parallel parking outside Brookside Cottages in Blackgang Road, Niton.

RESOLVED: that this issue is included on the agenda for the November meeting.

Councillor Stotesbury also raised the problem of the bottle bank being removed from Niton village without the Parish Council being informed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Isle of Wight Council asking if it is intending to re-site the bottle bank elsewhere as its removal is a great loss to the village.

Councillor Peach had received a substantial donation for the running of the public toilets in Niton from two members of the public.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the donors to thank them for their generosity and encouragement.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the volunteers who clean the toilets to pass on the donors' thanks and encouragement.

M11/10/11 REQUEST FOR TENDERS TO PAINT WHITWELL RED WATER PUMPS

The Clerk reported that Mr Mike Evans had offered to paint the pumps in early 2012 without charge for his time.

RESOLVED: to accept Mr Evans' generous offer.

M12/10/11 WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL PUBLIC TOILET

The Clerk had received a request for a grant towards the upkeep of the toilet.

RESOLVED: to defer consideration of the award of a grant until the November meeting.

M13/10/11 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

RESOLVED: that the Clerk applies for a grant of £2,000 from the 'Big Lottery Awards For All' to cover the publication of the revised Parish Plan and the printing of a copy for every household in the Parish.

M14/10/11 PARISH CHRISTMAS TREES

RESOLVED: to purchase a tree for Niton village.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Whitwell Parochial Church Council (PCC) to ask if the Parish Council can decorate a tree in the Churchyard for Christmas.

M15/10/11 NITON LANTERN PARADE

The parade will take place on 2nd December, starting from Niton Methodist Church at 6:15 pm.

RESOLVED: to award a grant of £150 to the Niton Lantern Parade.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:40 pm

Signed..... Date.....

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. P/01450/11 – TCP/30759 – Proposed bungalow at The Mead, Slay Lane, Whitwell: **OBJECTION; recommend refusal on the following grounds:**
 - The proposed plans represent an over-development of the site;
 - Access will cause problems when all other nearby houses are occupied;
 - Proposed parking is inadequate in an area where there are already parking problems for other residents and problems for public transport caused by parked vehicles;
 - The plans are inadequate as they offer no measurements; 'The Mead' will overlook the new building;
 - The Parish Council strongly recommends a site inspection and requests a copy of the Isle of Wight Council Planning Officer's report;
 - There is a Tree Preservation Order on the ash tree in close proximity. The Parish Council is concerned that the tree will be damaged during excavations and requests that the Tree Preservation Officer carries out an inspection;
 - The proposed bungalow projects well in front of the building line of 'The Mead' and the adjacent property.

2. LDC/30770 – P/01365/11 – Lawful Development Certificate for continued use of chalet as permanent residential unit at 24, Westcliffe, Boxers Lane, Niton: **NO OBJECTIONS; recommend approval** provided that the chalet is only used by the present resident who is acting as caretaker of the other chalets; should she vacate the property or job, the original conditions of residency should be re-imposed i.e. from 15th February to 15th November plus two weeks at Christmas.