

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 27th JUNE 2011 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors J J W Attrill, P K G Fradgley, M A Innes, F A Norris, S L Oatley, C R Peach, J A Stotesbury and C W Wyatt-Millington.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor D Stewart (Isle of Wight Council) and Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council).

APOLOGIES: Councillor W C Arnold (Chairman).

M01/06/11 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor Oatley (Vice Chairman) act as Chairman for this meeting.

M02/06/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
J A Stotesbury	Niton Library	M09/06/11	Personal	Member of Management Committee
C W Wyatt-Millington	Niton Library	M09/06/11	Personal	Member of Management Committee

M03/06/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the annual meeting held on 23rd May 2011 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M04/06/11 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £31,560.49 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 23rd June 2011 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1061	The Niton Harbour Club	Maintenance of Castlehaven Village Green	50.00
1062	English Landscapes Maintenance Ltd	Mowing & strimming of Niton Recreation Ground	154.70
1063	Daniel Stotesbury	Winding of Niton village clock	60.00
1064	P H Plant	Digger hire for cableway ground work	90.00
		Total	354.70

RESOLVED: that the Parish accounts as listed above be approved for payment.

M05/06/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them one Niton planning application.

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.

M06/06/11 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/00065/11 – LBC/30513 – LBC for replacement window on south elevation at The Barn, High Street, Whitwell: **GRANTED;**
2. P/00289/11 – TCP/14349/P – Householder Application – Demolition of outbuilding; proposed single storey extension to form lounge; provision of new window at 1st floor level on rear elevation at Camellia Cottage, Sandrock Road, Niton Undercliff: **GRANTED;**
3. P/00431/11 – TCP/11835/E – Householder Application – Alterations including new roof to existing garage to form annexed accommodation with new link to dwelling at The Old School House, Newport Road, Whitwell: **REFUSED;**
4. P/00436/11 – TCP/30524 – Demolition of boiler house proposed single storey extension to form kitchen and w.c. at St. John the Baptist Church, Church Street, Niton: **GRANTED;**
5. P/00438/11 – TCP/14349/R - Demolition of detached chalet; replacement detached chalet to provide overspill accommodation (revised scheme) at Camelia Cottage, Sandrock Road, Niton Undercliff: **REFUSED;**
6. P/00491/11 – TCP/24723/B – Proposed installation of 42 ground mounted photovoltaic solar panels at Southcliff, Sandrock Road, Niton Undercliff: **GRANTED.**

M07/06/11 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Mr Mark O’Sullivan of Age Concern with a request to address the Parish Council regarding the Good Neighbour Scheme.

RESOLVED: that Mr O’Sullivan is invited to speak at the October meeting.

Councillor Fradgley enquired after the sign for the public toilet in Whitwell which has been removed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk sends an e-mail to Councillor Stewart regarding the removal of the sign.

M08/06/11 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

Councillor Stewart apologised for the lack of a report at the last meeting; he had prepared a one but it was not received by the Clerk due to a clerical error.

Councillor Stewart gave an update on the local Community Transport initiative explaining that it would provide 3 buses per day in addition to the current service and one extra Southern Vectis journey and would link Chale, Niton, Ventnor and Whitwell. The Isle of Wight Council has agreed to experiment with buses along Niton Undercliff. The scheme would run initially for one year and final details were yet to be agreed. Councillor Stewart expressed thanks to Councillors Malcolm Groves, Susan Scoccia and Edward Giles for their support. Councillor Innes emphasised the need for publicity of the extra services.

Councillor Stewart stated that using the Niton Youth Club building as much as possible would increase the security of the future for the Youth Club.

Councillor Stewart briefly outlined his plans to 'Walk the Ward' in which he is proposing to raise the profile of 'problem spots'. Councillor Oatley asked if Parish Council footpaths representatives could be involved.

A 'slow down' sign is to be put up in Chatfield Road by the Isle of Wight Council.

M09/06/11 NITON LIBRARY

On behalf of the library management committee, Councillor Stewart gave an update on progress towards running the library locally. It is estimated that the cost will be around £2,500 per annum. The committee has a grant from the Isle of Wight Council of £2,000 for this year and pledges from the local community of around £1,000. The committee is asking for £2,000 from the Parish Council to bring the total funds to £5,000 and allow the committee to apply for charitable status.

RESOLVED: to defer any decision on providing a grant to the library management committee pending:

- Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) legal advice on whether it is legal for the Parish Council to incur expenditure in running a library;
- a breakdown of Parish Council projected costs against budget.

M10/06/11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Fradgley reported that work on the borehole to investigate drainage on Niton Undercliff had suffered further delays but would be going ahead at any time.

Councillor Norris reminded members that Niton Tunnels footpath was still closed.

RESOLVED: to include Niton Tunnels Footpath on the agenda for the July meeting to discuss alternative ways of repair and suggest these to the Isle of Wight Council.

Councillor Innes reported that the signpost to Blackgang was still missing from the end of Boxers Lane in Niton and that the hedges in Sandrock Road, Niton Undercliff, should be trimmed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk sends details of action already taken with regard to the missing signpost to Councillor Stewart.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk asks Matt Shaw of the Isle of Wight Council to inspect the hedges in Sandrock Road.

Councillor Stotesbury reported that he would be removing the dead cherry tree in Niton Recreation Ground as soon as possible.

M11/06/11 NITON PUBLIC TOILETS

The Clerk had received a draft lease from the Isle of Wight Council and had requested an electronic copy for distribution to Councillors. She had also received a letter from the Isle of Wight Council asking if the Parish Council would have any interest in purchasing the land to the rear of the toilets.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Isle of Wight Council saying that the Parish Council would have an interest in leasing the land for use as storage facilities while it was leasing the toilets and asking for the decision to sell to be reconsidered as, since the Parish Council has a use for the land, it is no longer surplus to requirements.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stewart is asked to support this request.

M12/06/11 UPDATE OF PARISH PLAN

RESOLVED: that Councillors Norris and Oatley join the steering group as Parish Council representatives for Niton, with the representative for Whitwell to be appointed.

M13/06/11 COLD CALLING IN BANNOCK ROAD, WHITWELL

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council supports the scheme in principle.

M14/06/11 CASTLEHAVEN FOOTPATH NT46

Members confirmed that they had read the e-mails from Mr Thorne and his comments were noted.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:10 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. P/00809/11 – LBC/06261/K – LBC for replacement roof to orangery/conservatory at Mount Cleves, Sandrock Road, Niton Undercliff: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval.**