

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2011 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors W C Arnold (Chairman), R Barclay, P K G Fradgley, S Haytack, C R Peach and J A Stotesbury.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J J W Attrill, M A Innes and S L Oatley.

M01/11/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
W C Arnold	Whitwell Village Hall Niton Youth Club	M10/11/11 M12/11/11	Personal Personal	management comm management comm
J A Stotesbury	Tender for maintenance of Parish seats	CM01/11/11	Personal and prejudicial	Son submitted a tender

M02/11/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2011 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M03/11/11 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £18,231.52 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 21st November 2011 be received and noted.

* Already paid; for ratification only

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1092*	Audit Commission	External audit – year ending 31.3.11	480.00
1096*	Niton Methodist Church	Grant for youth worker	500.00
1097	Whitwell Parish Church	Grass cutting in Ashknowle Lane cemetery	405.00
1098	English Landscapes Maintenance Ltd	Mowing/strimming Niton Recreation Ground	154.70
1099	Isle of Wight Council	Clerk's salary – October 2011	394.05
1100	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk's expenses November 2011	30.44
1101	Urbaser Ltd	Dog bin emptying 5.9.11 – 2.4.12	144.00
		Total	2,108.19

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

M04/11/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them two Niton 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.

M05/11/11 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/01187/11 – TCP/26317/A – Householder Application – Proposed conservatory at Puckaster Corner, Saint Catherines Road, Niton Undercliff: **GRANTED**
2. P/01049/11 – TCP/08772/G - Alterations and conversion of barn to form one unit of holiday accommodation with parking space at Buddle Homestead Sandrock Road Niton Undercliff: **GRANTED**
3. P/00783/11 – TCP/30623 – Construction of stable block comprising three stables and store/tack room proposed sand school formation of access track and concrete apron use of land for the keeping of horses on Part OS parcel 6691 land west of Paradise Cottages, Southford Lane, Whitwell: **GRANTED**

M06/11/11 LAND ADJACENT TO RILL FARM, NITON

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the owner of Rill Farm stating that the Parish Council has been made aware of local residents' concerns over the large mound of soil built up on top of the hill behind the Baptist Church and the effect it may have on the neighbouring properties; the Parish Council would also like to be made aware of the owner's intentions regarding this soil.

M07/11/11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Stotesbury reported that the seat by Point Cottage at the top of Church Street in Niton is in need of repairs which will cost approximately £150. Also several litter bins are in bad condition and need replacing, one by Niton school and one by Point Cottage.

The hedge alongside the Buddle Path had still not been trimmed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk reminds the Isle of Wight Council of the need to trim the hedge.

M08/11/11 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that she had received a request for comments on the Street Trading Application by 'The Jolly Fryer'.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to say that the request was received too late to be included on the present agenda but that the Parish Council was very supportive in 2009 and had indicated that there would still be support for the renewal of the trading licence.

M09/11/11 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

The Chairman gave an update on the situation with the Parish Plan with regard to the conditional offer of a grant from 'The Big Lottery Awards for All' and the Localism Bill, which recently received Royal ascent.

RESOLVED: not to accept the conditional offer of funding for the production and distribution of the revised Parish Plan.

RESOLVED: to continue work on the questionnaire, distribute it and collect and analyse the ensuing data up to a cost of £1,000.

M10/11/11 WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL PUBLIC TOILET

The Chairman reported that the request for a grant towards the upkeep of the toilet had been withdrawn.

M11/11/11 NITON PUBLIC TOILETS

RESOLVED: to defer any consideration of the draft lease until January 2012.

M12/11/11 NITON YOUTH CLUB

RESOLVED: that Councillors Arnold and Innes meet with officers from the Isle of Wight Council to discuss the possibility of the Parish Council leasing the Youth Club building.

Councillor Stotesbury gave an update on the work being done by the Community Youth Worker attached to Niton Methodist Church.

M/13/11/11 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Stewart outlined his Community Asset Preservation Plan, which will include facilities and services, and said he will be asking for help and information.

M14/11/11 AGE CONCERN 'GOOD NEIGHBOUR' SCHEME

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council supports the establishment of the scheme within the villages; the Clerk to liaise with Mr Mark O'Sullivan of Age Concern.

M15/11/11 PARISH CHRISTMAS TREES

A letter had been received from Whitwell Parochial Church Council saying that the Parish Council could decorate a tree in the Churchyard but that there was no external electricity supply available.

RESOLVED: not to provide a Christmas tree in Whitwell this year.

M16/11/11 PARKING IN NITON

RESOLVED: to include parking in Niton on the February meeting agenda.

M17/11/11 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

The Clerk read out an update from Mr Malcolm Groves of the Community Transport group. The Parish Council acknowledged and expressed appreciation for all the work that the volunteers have done.

M18/11/11 'PLANT A TREE FOR THE JUBILEE' AND JUBILEE HEDGE

A letter had been received from Mrs Hilary Knight of the Niton and Whitwell Horticultural Society.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Mrs Knight thanking her for the offer of a crab apple tree but asking if this could be planted in the Recreation ground rather than the Bert Sprake Memorial Garden. Also, a Jubilee hedge between Niton Churchyard and Niton barns would not be the Parish Council's concern and suggesting that the group contacts Revd Sandra Lloyd.

M19/11/11 RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded for the following item and that they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2) and Standing Order 57.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE THEN EXCLUDED FROM THE COUNCIL

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CM01/11/11 PARISH AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Council members had before them tenders for the mowing and strimming of Niton Recreation Ground during the 2012 season and for the maintenance of Parish seats.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk instructs The Landscape Group to undertake the work in Niton Recreation Ground, carrying out up to 16 cuts and 8 strims throughout the year, January to December 2012.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk instructs Mr Daniel Stotesbury to carry out the maintenance work on the Parish seats, starting no sooner than April 2012.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:55 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. P/01865/10 – TCP/05869/V – Outline for a detached dwelling (revised plans)(readvertised application) on land adjacent to Graytiles, St. Catherines Road, Niton Undercliff : Niton and Whitwell Parish Council would like to reiterate its original comments from 18th January 2011: **Objection; recommend refusal** on the following grounds:
 - i) The application site is outside the development envelope boundaries in the UDP and is contrary to UDP policies which restrict development in the countryside;
 - ii) The proposal would be detrimental to the rural character of the area due to the adverse physical appearance on the surrounding countryside;
 - iii) The proposal fails to protect and enhance the AONB;
 - iv) The application site has known ground stability problems and it may still be undergoing a period of settling following completion of the nearby coastal protection scheme at Castlehaven. This increases the risk of serious injury to future occupiers of the property and damage to the property itself;
 - v) The proposal includes the removal of sycamore trees which have a stabilising effect on the ground through extracting water.

The Parish Council would also like to be notified of the revisions made to the original plans.

2. P/01608/11 – TCP/30802 – Householder Application – Demolition of side extension and porch; alterations; two storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation at Puckwell Cottage, Puckwell Lane, Niton: **NO OBJECTIONS; recommend approval.**