

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NITON PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 28th MARCH 2011 AT 7:15 PM

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

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

APOLOGIES: IW Councillor D Stewart.

M01/03/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
J A Stotesbury	Niton Library	M14/03/11	Personal	Member of management committee

M02/03/11 NITON PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROJECT

The Chairman welcomed Mr Jon Boileau Goad to the meeting. Mr Boileau Goad outlined his role as a community governor of Niton Primary School in seeking to increase visibility of the school within the community and greater involvement of school pupils with the community as a whole. In particular, Mr Goad suggested that pupils could be friends to vulnerable people as part of the Parish Council emergency plan, with nominated families being linked to other vulnerable families. Mr Boileau Goad also suggested that the school minibus could be used to support the local community.

RESOLVED: that Niton Primary School should be included as a community resource in the Parish Council emergency plan.

RESOLVED: that Councillors Arnold and Stotesbury and the Clerk prepare a draft emergency plan and present it to the Parish Council for consultation.

M03/03/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2011 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M04/03/11 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £23,719.14 in the General Funds and £5,973.77 in the Bequest Account and a schedule of accounts for payment. The Clerk reported that the NIPPA group had repaid all monies loaned to it.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement to 22nd March 2011 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1051	Keith J Plant	Hedgecutting in Niton Rec ground	90.00
1052	Isle of Wight Council	Clerk's salary February 2011	367.91
		Total	457.91

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

M05/03/11 VALUE OF PARISH COUNCIL ASSETS

Members had before them the list of the values of Parish Council assets which formed part of the receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010.

RESOLVED: that, for the receipts and payments accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011, all values are depreciated by 60%.

M06/03/11 PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 14th March 2011 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

M07/03/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them one Niton and one Whitwell 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.

M08/03/11 PLANNING DECISION

Members were notified of the following planning decision:

1. P/00048/11 – TCP/30368/A – Outline for detached cottage parking and shared driveway (revised scheme) on land adjacent to Greystone Cottage, High Street, Whitwell:
REFUSED

RESOLVED: that the planning appeal decision be noted.

M09/03/11 WHITWELL PLAYGROUND

The Clerk informed members that she had written to a local landowner to enquire about the possibility of the Parish acquiring some land in Whitwell for a playground. She had not yet received a reply to the letter. The Parish Council reiterated its commitment to acquiring suitable land in Whitwell so that a playground could be built with money from a bequest.

M10/03/11 NITON PUBLIC TOILETS

The Parish Council discussed its rôle in the immediate future of the toilets to prevent closure by the Isle of Wight Council on 1st April 2011. Members had before them some cost information and a Tenancy at Will document received from the Isle of Wight Council; they were also informed that the IW Council would continue to cover buildings and public liability insurance provided that the Parish Council continued to follow the current cleansing contract specification, including the inspection regime, during any period of tenancy.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Mr Barry Cooke, Head of Property Services, IW Council stating that the Parish Council:

- Has insufficient information to make a decision regarding the future of the public conveniences at Niton on the basis of its communication to date with the Isle of Wight Council;
- Would need to see the requirements of the cleansing contract and would have to submit the the Tenancy at Will agreement to NALC (through IWALC) for scrutiny from a legal perspective before signing;
- Requests an extension of three months to the deadline of 1st April to allow it to complete its information-gathering and/or to explore the possibility of a charitable trust being established to assume responsibility for the toilets.

Members composed a letter to the Isle of Wight County Press newspaper informing residents why the Parish Council is not taking over responsibility for the toilets.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk submits the letter for publication.

M11/03/11 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Members had before them a report submitted by Councillor Stewart.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stewart's report be noted.

M12/03/11 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Stotesbury requested that tidying up and providing a bench for the Bert Sprake Memorial Garden be placed on the next agenda. He also reminded members that a section of the hedge at Niton Recreation ground behind the skateboard half pipe was still to be trimmed.

Councillor Peach stated that the hedge was overhanging the pavement in Church Street, Niton.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Niton Parish Church asking for the hedge to be cut.

Councillor Innes complained that the signpost to Blackgang Chine at the bottom of Boxers Lane, Niton, had still not been replaced.

RESOLVED: that the clerk contacts IW Council Rights of Way Department regarding this.

M13/03/11 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk asked if members were aware of the disabled parking bay in Niton High Street being blacked out in November, as ordered by the IW Council. Members stated that the work had been carried out but that the markings had reappeared within a week.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Jenine Gardiner, IW Council Highways, to inform her that the disabled bay should be blacked out permanently.

M14/03/11 NITON LIBRARY

Councillor Stotesbury gave an update on the progress made towards opening a Library Local.

RESOLVED: to defer consideration of a grant to Niton Library Local for the present.

M15/03/11 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

RESOLVED: that Councillor Wyatt-Millington attends the meeting on 31st March (previously 24th March).

M16/03/11 IW COUNCIL REVISED PAYROLL CHARGES

The Clerk had received a letter from IW Council giving details of the increase in charges for using the payroll system with effect from 1st April. Charges will be increasing from £5.88 per month to £16.67 per month excl VAT.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contacts HMRC to check on payroll legislation with a view to withdrawing from the IW Council payroll system; decision to be deferred until April.

M17/03/11 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE & POLLING DISTRICTS & PLACES REVIEWS

Members had before them a summary of the points raised during the review and the recommendations arising from them.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk informs Mr Clive Joynes, Electoral Services and Local Land Charges Manager, IW Council, that the Parish Council is happy with the recommendations of the review.

M18/03/11 PARISH MASTERCLASS

RESOLVED: that consideration of this item be deferred until April.

M19/03/11 UPDATE OF PARISH PLAN

RESOLVED: that consideration of this item be deferred until April.

M20/03/11 COMMUNITY ACTION AWARDS

No nominations were proposed.

RESOLVED: that members inform the Clerk of any nominations by e-mail.

M21/03/11 BENCH SEAT BETWEEN NITON AND WHITWELL

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the owner of Jobson's Farm Cottage asking if the Parish Council could site a bench seat on land at the entrance to the property on the Niton – Whitwell Road (Chatfield Road).

M22/03/11 REPLACEMENT OF TREES ON STRATHWELL CRESCENT GREEN

RESOLVED: that the Clerk suggests that the enquiry be directed to the IW Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:45 pm.

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. P/00270/11 – TCP/13601/A – Householder Application – Demolition of workshop and detached garage; proposed two storey extension to provide additional living accommodation including two dormer windows on east elevation with french doors and juliet balconies; porch; detached garage at Vine Cottage, Newport Road, Whitwell: **OBJECTIONS to the plans for the garage on the following grounds:**
 - (i) **Loss of daylight/sunlight and overshadowing of the neighbouring cottage;**
 - (ii) **Concerns regarding the drainage into the neighbouring garden, which already has drainage problems;**
 - (iii) **The size of the garage plus the height of the roof are out of proportion with the existing building.**

2. P/00229/11 – TCP/05150/J – Householder Application – Installation of ground mounted photovoltaic panels and solar thermal collector single storey hot water store on side elevation; storm porch on front elevation at The Paddock, Saint Catherines Road, Niton Undercliff: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval.**