

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT NITON PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 14th MARCH 2011 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT: Councillors W C Arnold, J J W Attrill, M A Innes, C R Peach (Chairman), J A Stotesbury and C W Wyatt-Millington.

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Barclay, P K G Fradgley, F A Norris, and S L Oatley. Also Councillor D. Stewart (IW Councillor).

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

PM01/03/11 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

PM02/03/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them two 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.

PM03/03/11 CONSULTATION IN RESPECT OF LOCAL BUS SERVICES

Members had before them the Isle of Wight Council consultation for local non-commercial bus services from 3rd September 2011.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to Mr Martyn Mullins, Public Transport Officer, IW Council, stating the following:

- Pointing out that all indicators on the 'Local Bus Service Performance Management Framework' are at the high end of the scale: the number of passengers per journey, index of multiple deprivation and primary journey purpose are all high while the availability of alternative services and subsidy per passenger are low;
- All journeys are of the highest priority and every effort must be made to retain them;
- With the cost of fuel rocketing, the lack of journeys on route number 6 is causing considerable rural poverty;
- The Parish Council would like to see an additional journey at lunchtime and a journey in each direction in the evening.

PM04/03/11 NALC POLICY CONSULTATIONS

Members had before them two policy consultations.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk submits the following comments to the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC):

P03-11: A Community Right to Buy:

The Parish Council feels it is nonsensical to buy a building which is already a public building especially when there is a need locally for that facility. The local need should override any

action of the Unitary Authority, which should have a duty to prove that the building is surplus to requirements before selling it.

P04-11: A Community Right to Challenge:

The Parish Council strongly supports the right to challenge. It supports the policy document providing it will not restrict and pre-existing rights to challenge under law. In addition, the Parish Council would like to know if P04-11 becomes law, will ordinary people still be able to challenge or will challenge only be possible through a legal process?

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:40 pm.

Signed Date

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. P/00231/11 – TCPL/30452/A – Householder Application – Construction of fenced compound on west elevation to house Air Source Heat Pumps at Old House, Wydcombe Manor, Downcourt Lane, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTION: recommend approval; the Parish Council is pleased to see the use of renewable energy.**
2. P/00133/11 – LBC/30452 – LBC for internal and external alterations to include replacement french doors and new rooflight on west elevation and replacement windows; construction of fenced compound on west elevation to house Air Source Heat Pumps at Old House, Wydcombe Manor, Downcourt Lane, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTION: recommend approval; the Parish Council is pleased to see the use of renewable energy.**