

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 23rd APRIL 2012 AT 7:15 PM

PRESENT: Councillors W C Arnold (Chairman), J J W Attrill, J Boileau Goad, P K G Fradgley, S Haytack, M A Innes, J A Stotesbury, J C Young.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor D Stewart (Isle of Wight Council), Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council), 3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Barclay and C R Peach.

M01/04/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
J Boileau Goad	Puckwell Farm pond	M20/04/12	Personal	Neighbour
J C Young	Puckwell Farm pond	M20/04/12	Personal	Neighbour

M02/04/12 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 26th March 2012 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

M03/04/12 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £29,518.27 in the General Funds and £5,985.72 in the Bequest Account. A schedule of accounts for payment was also before the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the Financial Statement to 16th April 2012 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1119	Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC)	Annual subscription 2012/13	280.24
1120	Whitwell Village Hall	Hire of hall April – November 2012	30.00
1121	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – April 2012	12.70
1122	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk's salary – April 2012	374.05
		Total	696.99

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

M04/04/12 INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW

RESOLVED: to adopt the Audit Plan 2012-13 as prepared and presented by the Clerk.

M05/04/12 ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2012

RESOLVED: that the Annual Return be approved at the Annual Parish Council meeting.

M06/04/12 PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED: that, in the absence of Councillor Peach, Councillor Stotesbury be appointed to chair the planning section of the meeting.

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 10th April 2012 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

M07/04/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members had before them two Niton and 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.

M08/04/12 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/00192/12 – TCP/30908 – Householder Application – Demolition of conservatory; alterations; dormer window on rear elevation to provide additional living accommodation; replacement conservatory at Merry Weather, Blackgang Road, Niton: **GRANTED**
2. P/00225/12 – TCP/13510/B – Householder Application – Demolition of garage; alterations; extension at first floor level to provide ensuite bedroom to include juliet balcony on rear elevation; detached garage with room within roofspace at Rose Cottage, High Street, Whitwell: **GRANTED**

M09/04/12 NEW PLAYGROUND AT 'WHITE LION' PUBLIC HOUSE, NITON

The Clerk reported that she had received an e-mail from Sarah Jones, Area Compliance Officer for the Isle of Wight Council Planning Directorate, confirming that planning permission would be required for the new swing and climbing frame to be retained at the 'White Lion'. A deadline of 26th April has been given for the application to be submitted.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk asks if the application has been submitted and what action could be taken by the Isle of Wight Council if it is not.

M10/04/12 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Mr Peter Marsden, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group, gave a report on the work of the group to date. 450 completed copies of the questionnaire had been collected which was about 45% of those distributed; a trial of the 'Survey Monkey' software had been carried out but analysis work had been deferred pending the outcome of an application for funding from the Big Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme. In order to retain the outline model for the data, an extension to the licence for 'Survey Monkey' was now required.

RESOLVED: that payment of £199 for a one year on-line licence for 'Survey Monkey' software be approved.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk retains the completed questionnaires.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk sends a letter of thanks from the Parish Council to the steering group for all the work done so far.

M11/04/12 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Jenine Gardiner, Isle of Wight Council Traffic Management, stating that enforcement measures will be taken if a vehicle parked on the informal area opposite the doctors' surgery in Blackgang Road is overhanging the footway and thereby causing an obstruction.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk sends a copy of the e-mail to the doctors' surgery.

M12/04/12 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Stewart gave a verbal report.

The community bus service is potentially at risk due to lack of volunteer drivers if funding from the Isle of Wight Council for Southern Vectis drivers to cover the shortfall is withdrawn.

M13/04/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Stotesbury reported that he had heard from PCSO Chris Urry that some speed checks were to be carried out in Whitwell.

RESOLVED: that the extension of the speeding restriction out of the south of Whitwell be discussed at the Parish Council's June or July meeting.

M14/04/12 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that Mr Mike Evans had painted the Whitwell red water pumps on 27th March.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes a letter of thanks to Mr Evans and reminds him to submit the invoice for the red paint.

M15/04/12 WHITWELL WAR MEMORIAL

RESOLVED: that a grant of £25 be awarded to Whitwell WI towards maintaining the plant trough below the Whitwell War Memorial.

M16/04/12 PARKING IN NITON

RESOLVED: that the Clerk invites Mr Peter Hayward, Isle of Wight Council Highways Directorate, to carry out a site visit to discuss parking in Niton.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Mrs Ingrid Ramsdale-Capper, Headteacher Niton Primary School, asking if the school would open up the area behind Niton youth club building for use as a car park.

M17/04/12 COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON DEVELOPMENT

Members had before them a letter from Mr Tim Harris of Harris Consulting (IOW) Ltd.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Mr Harris suggesting that he organises a public meeting and invites all of the members of the Parish Council to it.

M18/04/12 NITON YOUTH CLUB

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Astrid Davies, Isle of Wight Council, expressing the Parish Council's interest in leasing the whole youth club site.

M19/04/12 NITON AND WHITWELL GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The Clerk reported that the Age UK IoW (formerly Age Concern) Good Neighbour Scheme in the Parish now has 9 volunteers, including Parish Councillor Simon Haytack. Age UK has decided that the Niton and Whitwell Scheme can be launched with just 10 trained volunteers so only one more is needed to make this happen.

M20/04/12 PUCKWELL FARM ATTENUATION POND

Members had before them a letter from a local resident complaining about the lack of maintenance of the Puckwell Farm attenuation pond.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Isle of Wight Council in support of the resident’s letter.

M21/04/12 WHITWELL RED TELEPHONE BOX

The Chairman reported that a local resident has offered to place second hand books in the telephone box for the use of local residents.

RESOLVED: that the Chairman asks the resident to submit a formal proposal in writing to the Parish Council.

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

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. P/00425/12 – TCP/13133/G – Proposed detached house with parking; formation of vehicular access off Blackgang Road (revised scheme) on land rear of Brookside Cottage, Church Street, Niton: **NO OBJECTIONS; recommend approval.**
2. P/00448/12 – AGN/30969 – Agricultural Prior Notification for a hay barn on land rear of Little Thatches, High Street, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval** but badly sited; the Parish Council would like to see the structure nearer to existing buildings.
3. P/00087/12 – TCP/30895 – Retention of stable block proposed tack/hay/tractor shed continued use of land for the keeping of horses (Revised description)(revised plans)(readvertised application) on land rear of Maybank, Barn End and The Barn, off High Street, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval** but badly sited; the Parish Council would like to see the structure nearer to existing buildings.
4. P/00485/12 – TCP/30981 – Householder Application – Demolition of single storey side extension and porches, two storey side extension to provide hall and shower room on ground floor with bathroom over, conservatory, dormer window on rear elevation at 35, Allotment Road, Niton: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval.**