

**NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT  
WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7:15 PM**

**PRESENT:** Councillors W C Arnold, J J W Attrill, R Barclay, J Boileau Goad, M A Innes, C R Peach, J A Stotesbury (Chairman), J C Young.

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors P K G Fradgley and S Haytack

**M01/09/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Minute Ref</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Reason</b>
J J W Attrill	Planning Application P/01287/12	M06/09/12	Personal and prejudicial	Applicant
J J W Attrill	Speeding restriction in Ventnor Road, Whitwell	M10/09/12	Personal	Lives in Ventnor Road, Whitwell

**M02/09/12 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings.

**M03/09/12 FINANCE**

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £30,990.68 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 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and noted.

\* Already paid; for ratification only

<b>Cheque Number</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1141*	Urbaser Ltd	Dog waste bin emptying 3.4.12 - 2.9.12	105.60
1142*	County Fencing Supplies	Timber for skateboard half pipe	604.80
1143*	Kompan Ltd	Replacement slide section	212.76
1144*	Audit Commission	External audit fee 2011/12	162.00
1145	The Landscape Group Ltd	Mowing/strimming Niton Rec	309.41
1146	Carol Court	Analysis of Parish Plan questionnaires	750.00
1147	Wight Maintenance	Labour for repair of skateboard half pipe	400.00
1148	Society of Local Council Clerks	Clerk's annual subscription 2012/13	97.00
1149	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – September 2012	23.32
1150	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk's salary – August and September 2012	748.10
1151	S P Carpentry	Labour for repair of skateboard half pipe	500.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3,912.99</b>

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

**M04/09/12 ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT**

The Clerk informed members that the External Audit for 2011/12 had been completed and that the auditor's report was unqualified. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her work on the annual accounts and Annual Return.

BDO LLP had been confirmed as external auditor to the Parish Council for five years from 2012/13.

#### **M05/09/12 PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

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

#### **M06/09/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members had before them three Niton and one 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.

#### **M07/09/12 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Stewart reported that Chale Parish Council would soon be receiving 420 trees from the Woodland Trust and would like to offer some to Niton and Whitwell Parish Council.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk asks the Clerk to Chale Parish Council what types of trees are available.

Councillor Stewart had met with the developer hoping to build on Niton Football ground land. He outlined the proposed benefits to the community.

The Isle of Wight Council will soon be consulting on its budget for next year. There will be a cut in Government funding for Council tax benefit and the Isle of Wight council is looking to protect vulnerable persons and pensioners from its effects.

Councillor Stewart reported that he had been appointed to the Cabinet with responsibility for Public Health, Community Safety, Local Services and Heritage. Members of the parish Council offered their congratulations to him on his appointment.

#### **M08/09/12 ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC) MEETING**

Councillor Young gave a report on the meeting held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Clarification of the new regulations for disclosure of Councillors' interests had been received; councillors' spouses'/partners' interests should be declared but do not have to be declared separately.

#### **M09/09/12 BUS STOPPING ARRANGEMENTS IN WHITWELL**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Southern Vectis to say that the Parish Council wants the bus to stop outside the 'White Horse Inn' public house adjacent to the seat, and the Whitwell Church stop relocated to the end of Ashknowle Lane.

#### **M10/09/12 SPEEDING RESTRICTION IN VENTNOR ROAD, WHITWELL**

The Clerk had written to Mr Ian Middleton of the Isle of Wight Council Highways and Transport department asking for the speeding restriction in Ventnor Road to be extended to Dean Farm. Mr Middleton had rejected the Parish Council's proposal stating that the section of road has been assessed in accordance

with its adopted speed limit policy and referring to data collected in 2010 which indicates that the average speed of vehicles past Dean Farm is 33 mph with 85% of vehicles travelling at or below 38 mph.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk asks Mr Middleton for a copy of this data and the exact location from which it was obtained.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk asks the Police for any data that they may be holding on collisions outside Dean Farm.

## **M11/09/12 SALVATION ARMY CLOTHING BANK**

The Clerk had received an e-mail from Mr Julian Sharpe of the Salvation Army Trading Company enquiring about the siting of a clothing bank within the Parish.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk asks Mr Sharpe to visit Whitwell and suggest a site for a clothing bank, if appropriate.

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

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

## **APPENDIX TO MINUTES**

### **COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. P/01287/12 – AGN/31212 – Agricultural Prior Notification for a storage barn on Part OS Parcel 4071 adjacent Redhill Farm, Southford Lane, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTIONS; recommend approval.**
2. P/01293/12 – TCP/31120/A – Householder Application – Demolition of garden structure; proposed single storey building to provide studio; alterations to vehicular access to include removal of entrance gate; formation of parking area (revised scheme) at 5, Radio Station House, Castlehaven Lane, Niton Undercliff : **NO OBJECTIONS; recommend approval.**
3. P/01333/12 – TCP/31220 – Householder Application – Demolition of conservatory; single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation at 19, Priory Walk, Niton: **NO OBJECTIONS; recommend approval.**
4. P/01350/12 – TCP/24069/B – Householder Application – Demolition of existing annex; proposed single storey side extension to form swimming pool and associated facilities with glazed link at Cleveland House, Sandrock Road, Niton Undercliff: Niton and Whitwell Parish Council, having read the paperwork, resolved by 4 votes to 3 to make the following comments: **OBJECTION; recommend refusal** on the following grounds:
  - The proposed extension is higher than the original building;
  - The proposal is out of character with the AONB in which it sits;
  - Cumulative effect of multiple extensions to the original building;
  - Increased visibility from the road;
  - Overall footprint is larger than the original building.