

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NITON PRIMARY SCHOOL ON MONDAY 26th MARCH 2012 AT 7:15 PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor D Stewart (Isle of Wight Council), Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council), 4 members of the public.

APOLOGIES: Councillor J J W Attrill.

M01/03/12 CO-OPTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

RESOLVED: that the vote for the co-opted members should be by ballot paper not show of hands.

The three applicants gave a short presentation indicating their knowledge and experience of parish matters.

RESOLVED: that Messrs Jon Boileau Goad and Jon Young be co-opted as members of the Council.

The new members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and were welcomed to the Council by the Chairman.

M02/03/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
W C Arnold	Niton Youth Club	M08/03/12	Personal	Management committee
J A Stotesbury	Youth worker	M13/03/12	Personal	Member Niton Methodist Church

M03/03/12 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2012 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as being an accurate record of the proceedings, with those present being amended to include Councillor P K G Fradgley and not F A Norris.

M04/03/12 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £16,318.25 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 19th March 2012 be received and noted.

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1111	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Branch conference 20 th March	46.80
1112	Carol Court	Production of Parish Plan questionnaire	750.00
1113	Carol Court	On-line licence for Survey Monkey software	223.00
1114	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk's expenses – March 2012	46.18
1115	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk's salary – March 2012	374.05
		Total	1,440.03

RESOLVED: that the Parish accounts as listed above be approved for payment with the exception of cheque number 1113, which was deferred for discussion under the Parish Plan review.

M05/03/12 PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 12th March 2012 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

M06/03/12 PARKING IN NITON

The car park in Allotment Road, Niton was discussed.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Stewart ascertains who owns the car park.

The time limitation on parking in Niton village was debated with regard to the parking needs of businesses and local residents with no off-road parking.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Mr Peter Hayward of the Isle of Wight Council requesting that the time limit for parking in Niton High Street is reduced to one hour, the restriction to apply throughout the year between the times of 8am and 6pm. (Proposed by Councillor Fradgley, seconded by Councillor Innes, majority in favour)

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Isle of Wight Council saying that the Parish Council understands that Niton Primary School will be vacating Niton Youth Club building and car park at Easter and that subsequently it requests that the car park be re-opened for public use.

RESOLVED: to continue discussions on parking in Niton at the next full Parish Council meeting.

M07/03/12 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Stewart gave a verbal report.

RESOLVED: that Councillor Haytack produces posters asking for volunteer drivers and displays them at bus stops in Niton and Whitwell Parish.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk invites Wendy Perera, Deputy Head of Planning Services (Policy) of the Isle of Wight Council to speak on Neighbourhood Plans at the Planning Committee meeting on 10th April.

M08/03/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Innes reported that a further £450 had been donated by Niton Youth Club funds for the repair and refurbishment of the skateboard half pipe in Niton Recreation Ground.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the young people and management committee of Niton Youth Club thanking them for their generous gift.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Isle of Wight Council expressing the Parish Council's disgust at the way in which Niton Youth Club management committee has been treated.

Councillor Peach reported that Niton war memorial needed cleaning.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the Royal British Legion in Ventnor to ask if there is anyone who would volunteer to do the required maintenance.

Councillor Stotesbury reported that he had thanked Mr Harry Dea for the good second hand waste bins he had provided at the Parish Council's request.

M09/03/12 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk asked the Parish Council to confirm the date of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council as being 28th May 2012.

RESOLVED: that the date for the meetings will be 28th May 2012.

M10/03/12 NITON PUBLIC TOILETS

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the solicitor looking at the lease, Mrs Lesley Kemp, recommending that local searches are carried out.

RESOLVED: to increase the limit for legal fees from £300 to £500 to include the searches.

RESOLVED: to delegate authority for the clerk to sign the lease pending the solicitor's satisfaction.

M11/03/12 PARISH PLAN REVIEW

The means of analysis of the Parish Plan questionnaire data was discussed.

RESOLVED: to withhold payment of £223 for a year's on-line licence for 'Survey Monkey' software but to approve a payment of £50 to cover 2 months' licence and preserve the data already entered.

RESOLVED: to invite Mr Peter Marsden, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Group, to give a full report to the Parish Council at its next meeting and to pass the hard copies of the questionnaires to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: to submit an application for a grant of £2,500 to the Big Lottery 'Awards For All'.

M12/03/12 IWC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS

The Clerk reported that the Isle of Wight Council had granted funding of £4,443 to be apportioned over four of the five proposed projects.

RESOLVED: to set the priorities for funding as previously agreed:

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| 1. Refurbishment of Skateboard Ramp | £1,000 |
| 2. Queen's Jubilee 'Big Lunch' | £500 |
| 3. Repair of NT30 Niton Tunnels Footpath | £1,000 |
| 4. Niton Primary School Minibus | £1,943. |

M13/03/12 FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY YOUTH WORKER

RESOLVED: not to reinstate the £500 grant for 2012/13; the clerk to inform Mrs Chris Kane of Niton Methodist Church.

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

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