

## NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT WHITWELL VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7:15 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillors W C Arnold (Chairman), J J W Attrill, S Haytack, F A Norris, M A Innes, C R Peach and J A Stotesbury.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor D Stewart (Isle of Wight Council), Mrs V J Ford (Clerk to the Council), 10 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** None received.

#### M01/02/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

#### M02/02/12 PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED COMMUNITY HUB

The Chairman explained that the presentation was not being given as the community hub project had been deemed not financially viable. Councillor Innes expressed regret that the project would not be going ahead as it would have brought some good ideas for the community.

**RESOLVED:** that Councillor Stewart meets with Astrid Davies of the Isle of Wight Council for further discussion.

#### M03/02/12 MINUTES

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

#### M04/02/12 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £15,877.46 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 21<sup>st</sup> February 2012 be received and noted.

| Cheque Number | Payee                            | Details                               | Amount<br>£   |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1106          | Andy Figgins Inspections Ltd     | Annual safety inspection of Niton Rec | 132.88        |
| 1107          | IW Sports and Recreation Council | Annual subscription 2012              | 5.00          |
| 1108          | The Information Commissioner     | Annual Notification renewal           | 35.00         |
| 1109          | Mrs V J Ford                     | Clerk's expenses – February 2012      | 12.68         |
| 1110          | Mrs V J Ford                     | Clerk's salary – February 2012        | 374.05        |
|               |                                  | <b>Total</b>                          | <b>559.61</b> |

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

#### M05/02/12 PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

## **M06/02/12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members had before them two 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.

## **M07/02/12 PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members were notified of the following planning decisions:

1. P/01706/11 – TCP/25293/D – Householder Application – Alterations to vehicular access and formation of parking/turning area (revised scheme) at Bexhill Cottage, Newport Road, Whitwell:  
**REFUSED**
2. P/01848/11 – TCP/24069/A – Householder Application – Removal of greenhouse and gazebo; proposed summerhouse and enclosed gazebo at Cleveland House, Sandrock Road, Niton Undercliff:  
**GRANTED**

## **M08/02/12 PROPOSED CONSERVATION AREAS – NITON VILLAGE AND NITON UNDERCLIFF**

The Isle of Wight Council public consultation was discussed.

RESOLVED: that the Parish Council defers making its response to the consultation until its planning meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

## **M09/02/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk had received an e-mail from the War Memorials Trust with regard to the maintenance of Niton War Memorial.

RESOLVED: that Councillors Peach and Stotesbury assess the state of the war memorial.

RESOLVED: that, following this assessment, the Clerk writes to the Royal British Legion asking for a volunteer to carry out maintenance.

The Clerk had also received an e-mail from the IW Council giving an update on the situation with regard to the Niton Footpath NT46.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Alex Russell, Rights of Way Manager, asking what the Isle of Wight Council's intention is regarding enforcement.

## **M10/02/12 ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor Stewart gave a verbal report. The community bus service was discussed.

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

RESOLVED: that Councillor Haytack becomes the representative on the community bus service group for Niton and Whitwell Parish Council.

## **M11/02/12 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

RESOLVED: that the Clerk contacts Mr Harry Dea regarding the dog mess on footpaths in Niton.

Councillor Attrill raised the issue of the outside toilet at Whitwell Village Hall.

RESOLVED: that Clerk asks Miss Sue Oatley of the County Records Office if the deeds to Whitwell Village Hall are held in the County Archives.

RESOLVED: to include Parish speed limitation on March agenda.

## **M12/02/12 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that she had received a letter from the 'Beacon' magazine saying that there would be a charge of £120 per month for a quarter page article from May onwards; the monthly Parish Council report is currently being printed free of charge.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to the 'Beacon' magazine saying that, after May, the Parish Council will no longer be publishing a report each month.

## **M13/02/12 NITON PUBLIC TOILETS**

The Clerk reported that it had not been possible to obtain the services of a solicitor to look over the draft lease without incurring fees. She had consequently consulted with another more experienced clerk who had advised that there did not seem to be any reason why the lease could not be signed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk asks a solicitor to comment on the draft lease. (Proposed by Councillor Stotesbury, seconded by Councillor Peach, majority in favour)

RESOLVED: that the Clerk asks Mrs Lesley Kemp to look over the lease.

RESOLVED: that a provisional limit of £300 is set for the legal fees in connection with agreeing the lease.

## **M14/02/12 PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCIES**

The Clerk reported that an election had not been requested and therefore the two casual vacancies could be filled by cooption.

RESOLVED: to coopt two members at the next full Parish Council meeting (26<sup>th</sup> March).

## **M15/02/12 PARISH PLAN REVIEW**

RESOLVED: that the Chairman provides feedback regarding the questionnaire to the steering group at its next meeting.

## **M16/02/12 PROPOSAL FOR DESIGNATING A NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA IN NITON AND WHITWELL**

RESOLVED: to defer the submission of a letter to the Isle of Wight Council proposing the designation of a Neighbourhood Area pending further information.

**M17/02/12 IWC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS**

The Chairman gave an update on the applications submitted.

RESOLVED: to endorse the application for funding for the Whitwell Jubilee street party.

RESOLVED: to endorse the application for funding for Niton Primary School mini bus subject to the limit allocated by the Isle of Wight Council.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:55 pm

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

**APPENDIX TO MINUTES**

**COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. P/00087/12 – TCP/30895 – Retention of stable block; proposed tack/hay/tractor shed on land rear of Maybank, Barn End and The Barn, off High Street, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTIONS; recommend approval.**
2. P/00205/12 – TCP/30906 – Alterations, proposed decking to include screen fencing (caravan 8) at Castlehaven Caravan Site, Castlehaven Lane, Niton Undercliff: **NO OBJECTIONS; recommend approval.**
3. 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: **NO OBJECTIONS; recommend approval.**