

NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NITON AND WHITWELL PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT NITON YOUTH CLUB BUILDING ON MONDAY 28th JANUARY 2013 AT 7:15 PM

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

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J J W Attrill, R Barclay and M A Innes.

M01/01/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor	Item	Minute Ref	Interest	Reason
J Boileau Goad	Request for local sports funding	M08/01/13	Personal	Knows applicant
J Boileau Goad	Rectory Lane	M02/01/13	Personal and prejudicial	Home address

M02/01/13 RECTORY LANE

The state of repair of Rectory Lane was discussed.

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Mr Peter Hayward, Strategic Manager Highways & Transport, Isle of Wight Council, asking if Rectory Lane is to be included in the Island Roads PFI contract and asking for clarification of the Isle of Wight Council’s responsibility of ownership for the lane as an Urban Footway.

M03/01/13 MINUTES

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

M04/01/13 FINANCE

Members had before them a schedule showing a cashbook balance of £26,878.24 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 22nd January 2013 be received and noted.

* Already paid; for ratification only

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Amount £
1156*	SSE	Electricity for Niton Public toilets	215.96
1157*	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk’s salary – December 2012	374.05
1158	Hobbit Print	Printing for Parish Plan presentation	169.90
1159	Niton PCC	Maintenance of Niton Churchyard	375.00
1160	The Landscape Group Ltd	Mowing/stripping of Niton recreation ground – September and October 2012	242.26
1161	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk’s salary – January 2013	374.05
1162	Mrs V J Ford	Clerk’s expenses – January 2013	30.99
		Total	1,782.21

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

M05/01/13 DRAFT BUDGET

Members had before them a draft budget for 2013/14.

RESOLVED: that the general contingency becomes an emergency reserve of £3,000 to be retained; this is to be used as a contingency for training etc.

RESOLVED: that the draft budget for training, grants and donations and the general contingency becomes a General Youth Fund (£850 in 2013/14).

RESOLVED: that the One Million Blooms money is spent in 2012/13 or returned.

RESOLVED: that an increase to the Clerk's hours of work is discussed at the February meeting.

RESOLVED: that the draft budget is adopted subject to the above amendments.

M06/01/13 PRECEPT FOR 2013/14

Under previously delegated authority (PM05/01/13), the Clerk had granted dispensation to all members present to discuss and vote on the Precept.

RESOLVED: that the Precept for 2013/14 is raised by £300 to £14,500. (Proposed by Cllr Young, seconded by Cllr Peach, majority in favour)

M07/01/13 RISK ASSESSMENT

Members had before them a detailed risk assessment which had been prepared as part of the budget-setting process.

RESOLVED: to adopt the risk assessment as presented by the Clerk.

M08/01/13 REQUEST FOR LOCAL SPORTS FUNDING

RESOLVED: that a grant of £200 be awarded to the applicant from the newly created General Youth Fund on 1st April 2013; this to be reviewed annually.

M09/01/13 PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 7th January 2013 be taken as read, confirmed and signed as an accurate record of the proceedings.

M10/01/13 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.

M11/01/13 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

RESOLVED: that One Million Blooms is included on the February meeting agenda:

- Whitwell planting scheme;
- Local help with maintenance of Bert Sprake Memorial Garden.

Councillor Young outlined the new Development Levy Tax which had been explained at a recent IWALC meeting. He also reiterated that there had been no Parish Council involvement in nominating Article 4 properties in connection with the proposed Conservation Areas in Niton.

M12/01/13 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2013/14

RESOLVED: to accept the calendar of meetings as prepared by the Clerk.

RESOLVED: that the Annual Parish Meeting be held on 20th May, with the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council immediately following.

M13/01/13 NITON RECREATION GROUND ANNUAL INSPECTION

RESOLVED: that the Clerk arranges for Mr Andy Figgins to carry out the annual safety inspection.

M14/01/13 ELECTRICITY SUPPLY FOR NITON PUBLIC TOILETS

RESOLVED: that the Clerk accepts the Micro Business contract with SSE.

M15/01/13 IW COUNCIL ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Clerk reported that Mr Bowen had kindly agreed that his donation could be used for any local project in appreciation of the work to re-open the Niton Tunnels footpath.

RESOLVED: that the funding for the repair of the skateboard half pipe and the Niton Tunnels footpath is prioritised by the Clerk in the light of actual expenditure and that she requests the appropriate matched funding from Mr Chris Mathews of the Isle of Wight Council.

M16/01/13 BLACKGANG ROAD BOUNDARY OF BROOKSIDE COTTAGE DEVELOPMENT

RESOLVED: that the Clerk writes to Mr Peter Hayward and the IW Council Property Services department asking for the temporary boundary fence to be moved back to the original boundary line.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9:35 pm

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

APPENDIX TO MINUTES

COMMENTS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. P/00024/13 – AGN/21651/E – Agricultural Prior Notification for storage barn at Hermitage Court Farm, Downcourt Lane, Whitwell: **NO OBJECTION; recommend approval**
2. P/01961/12 – TCP/13560/J – Variation of condition no.8 on P/00020/09 TCP/13560/E to allow the shepherds accommodation to be used as holiday accommodation from 01 June to 31 December in any calendar year (revised scheme) at Couthy Butt, Downcourt Farm, Downcourt Lane, Whitwell: **OBJECTION; recommend refusal** on the grounds that the building is still inaccessible to emergency vehicles. The Parish Council suggests that the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue service attempt to reach the building in a fire appliance.