

MINUTES OF THE NORTHWOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at Northwood Primary School, Wyatts Lane, Northwood.

Present: Councillors: Steph Flux (Chair), Peter Baker, Mark Coventry, Paul Fuller, Monique Gallop, Tom Harding, Richard Martin and John Nicholson.

Also in attendance:
Mrs Katie Riley (Clerk)
3 members of the public

The Chair welcomed the members of the public to the meeting, all of whom had come to express their concerns about flooding on Wyatt's Lane, agenda item 84/25-2, and so it was agreed to move this item to the start of the agenda (minute no. 80/25-26).

Ref	Minute
77/25-26	<u>Apologies</u> None, all present.
78/25-26	<u>Members' interests</u> Cllr Fuller declared an interest in Planning (minute no. 81/25) due to his membership of the IWC's Planning Committee, and in Flood Issues on Wyatts Lane (minute no. 80/25-26) due to his membership of the Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee. No written requests for dispensation were received.
79/25-26	<u>Safety neighbourhood issues</u> No report received.
80/25-26	<u>Flood Issues on Wyatt's Lane</u> The Chair invited the three members of public to speak about the problems they were facing every time there was heavy rain on Wyatts Lane stemming from a drain outside the scout hut. The volume and force of the water was torrential, flooding out their garages and for one neighbour, his toilet was backing up each time it happened. So far they had been unable to resolve the matter with Island Roads and had simply been advised to make use of sandbags. Members shared their opinion that it was Southern Water's responsibility. Cllr Nicholson offered to take the matter up on their behalf and Cllr Fuller advised the person to engage with at the IWC was Flooding Officer Sam Aide and provided contact details for him. RESOLVED: THAT Cllr Nicholson push for a long-term solution to resolve the flooding issues on Wyatts Lane for these residents.
81/25-26	<u>Minutes of the meeting</u> RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Northwood Parish Council meeting, held on 1st July 2025, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair. The Clerk had circulated matters arising including that she had asked Lee Renouf to install the new noticeboard but this still had not been done some 2 months after receiving planning permission. RESOLVED: That Cllrs Baker and Martin would follow up with Lee directly to ensure it is installed as soon as possible.
82/25-26	<u>Planning</u> a. To consider the following applications: i. Application No: 25/01005/RVC Location: 424 Newport Road PO31 8PP Proposal: Variation of condition 2 on 20/01100/FUL to allow alterations to elevations, floor layout and site plan (revised description) (readvertised application) RESOLVED: That Northwood Parish Council raise no objection to this application ii. Application No: 25/01128/HOU Location: 36 Pallance Road PO31 8LW Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension; formation of two dormers at first floor level; alterations; proposed porch RESOLVED: That Northwood Parish Council raise no objection to this

application

- iii. Application No: 25/01052/RVC
Location: Land Adjacent Somerton Farm Cottage Newport Road PO31 8PE
Proposal: Variation of conditions 4 and 5 on 24/01632/FUL to allow use of different package treatment plant
RESOLVED: That Northwood Parish Council raise no objection to this application
- b. The following decisions were noted:
- i. Application No: 25/00804/HOU 17
Location: Pallance Road PO31 8LN
Proposal: Retention and completion of replacement front porch
Decision: Granted
- ii. Application No: 25/00750/CLEUD
Location: Oak Magna 222 Newport Road PO31 8PE
Proposal: Lawful Development Certificate to establish compliance with condition 1 on 21/02552/FUL to establish a legal commencement of works for this development
Decision: Granted
- iii. Application No: 25/00987/1APA 24
Location: Coronation Avenue PO31 8PN
Proposal: Prior approval for demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey extension
Decision: Prior Approval Granted
The Clerk had circulated notification of a new planning application with a closing date for consultation of 26th September 2025, prior to the next scheduled Northwood Parish Council meeting:
Application No: 25/01209/HOU
Location: 408 Newport Road PO31 8PP
Proposal: Proposed loft conversion with dormers to front & rear; change to exterior materials
RESOLVED: THAT if other planning applications arise with sufficient public interest, a special planning committee meeting would be called on 16th September for members to debate and make formal comments.
- 83/25-26 Finance:
- a. To ratify payments made since the last meeting
RESOLVED: THAT the following payments totalling £2033.88 made since the last meeting be ratified:
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| • JW Services (watering) | £1,346.00 |
| • Aubergine (new website) | £598.80 |
| • K Riley (August and September expenses) | £89.08 |
- b. To approve the Bank Reconciliation for July and August 2025
RESOLVED: THAT the Bank Reconciliation for July and August 2025 be approved
- c. To approve the Payment Schedule for September 2025
RESOLVED: THAT the following payments totalling £ 2,148.63 be approved:
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| • Community Action IW (September Salary) | £987.63 |
| • Northwood Village Hall (Warm Space August) | £192.00 |
| • JW Services (Watering) | £969.00 |
- 84/25-26 New Website
The Clerk reported that the new gov.uk website was underway in line with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines and would be www.northwoodparishcouncil.gov.uk which email addresses would also mirror. A sitemap had been drafted listing the various sections and drop-down menus on the new website which members were asked for feedback on, and to provide any photos and information to be added to the site.
RESOLVED: THAT initials be requested for usernames and members to forward photos and information to be added to the new site.
- 85/25-26 Review of the Parish Council's Assets
To receive the annual review of assets and agree on any maintenance required.



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Cllr Nicholson advised he had not yet completed the review but would do so in time for the next meeting.

86/25-26

Reports

- a. **Chair** – the chair reported that she had attended the Cowes Town Council Northwood House Reception in the summer and would be attending the Best Kept Village Awards evening on Thursday 2nd October, the Isle of Wight Poverty Reduction Workshop on 30th September, and Meet the Funders Sustainability Event on 8th October. She had been contacted by a resident asking about the status of the Somerton Farm application and Cllr Fuller confirmed that final details were still being discussed but there was no further update at this stage.
- b. **Clerk** – the clerk had circulated a written report and highlighted the £30 that had been donated by Plaza Ices for the Warm Space which would be added on to the latest community grant awarded for the purchase of food vouchers.
- c. **Councillor reports** – Cllr Martin provided an update on behalf of the Projects Group which had met on 15th July and set the date of next year's Village Day for 5th July from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. This time they were hoping to get the church and other community groups involved and work was already underway with bookings. The warm space would be closed next week due to Cllr Martin's leave but attendees had been informed and there had been a note in the Northwood News about it. After the break it would be moving from lunch to social afternoon tea from 12:30pm to 3:00pm serving hot & cold drinks, cakes and soup. Cllr Flux reported she would no longer be able to attend due to her new work commitments and so it would be just Cllrs Martin and Baker moving forward and she took the opportunity to thank Cllr Martin in particular who had done the lion's share of the work over the last 3 years. The question was asked about signage and whether any new people were attending and Cllr Martin confirmed that 2 new people had attended that day, totalling 47 people, and that they would adjust the timings on the sign accordingly. The current community grant application submitted for £900 had been successful but other funding had been harder to source largely due to the criteria set for charities rather than parish councils. Cllr Nicholson advised that Cowes Town Council would be happy to receive a grant application to support the warm space which many Cowes residents attend as do Gurnard residents. The Christmas event had been booked for the 16th December and the flower show, still to be confirmed, would be in August.
- The question was asked whether there was any more information about Hunnyhill Primary School pupils having precedence over local children for places at Cowes Enterprise College now that it was becoming part of Ormiston Academy and the Chair reported her meeting recently with Governor Rachel Richards who had advised it would not be detrimental to Northwood, and that numbers of applicants were thought to be very few anyway. Cllr Gallop reported Northwood Primary School were having conversations with Ormiston Academy about the possibility of also joining them.
 - Cllr Fuller had circulated a written report and highlighted concerns raised about a lack of hedge cutting which had been limited during the nesting season but that Island Roads would action from September. He'd also received a request about double yellow lines on the dog leg section of Pallance Road which had been forwarded to the IWC but warned it might adversely affect speeding. He'd attended IWALC's executive meeting on 23rd July and that the county officer had stepped down. Concerns had been raised about the lack of engagement with the IWC and that IW Cllr Jordan had started online monthly meetings in lieu of a new cabinet being set up which all members were welcome to attend. He was also due to hold the first cluster meeting with Northwood, Cowes and Gurnard PCs which he would arrange for October.
 - Following speculation about houses being advertised in the North of England members asked about who was able to occupy the new homes on the Horsebridge Hill Development and Cllr Fuller agreed to forward the advice from Ollie Boulter confirming the requirement for a local connection. Issues with the new traffic lights changing too quickly were raised with traffic backing up past Stag Lane but this was thought to have been resolved. It was requested that the next phase of the scheduled road closures be



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on the agenda to discuss next month.

- d. **Cllr Nicholson, the IWC Ward Member for Cowes South and Northwood** – Cllr Nicholson had circulated a written report which was noted and raised the mysterious noise that had been heard by several residents for a period of time at the end of July on Pallance Road which disappeared as mysteriously as it had arrived. Members suggested it could have come from the Fawley Refinery. He also raised Cowes Town Council's suggestion for park and ride customers at Somerton to be offered free bus travel into town to encourage its use, and this request had been forwarded to the IWC.

87/25-26 Statistics

RESOLVED: THAT the statistics be noted.

88/25-26 Correspondence

RESOLVED: THAT the correspondence be noted.

89/25-26 Agenda Items

Horsebridge Hill Works (2nd phase)

90/25-26 Next Meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday 7th October at Northwood Primary School at 6.30pm

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.17 pm.

Signed as a true Record

Chairman..... 7th October 2025