

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Meeting of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Mon 14th February 2022 at WI Hall, Chale Street, Chale commencing at 7.00pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Pete Gosling, Dian McWilliam, Liz Groves, Dave Stewart, Chris Parker.

IW Councillor: Claire Critchison

Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey

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The meeting was opened with a short presentation by Diana Conyers and Heather Rowell from IWALC on the benefits of re-joining IWALC and the issues around all T&PC's working together in the future for the benefit of its residents.

12/22 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED: All Present.

13/22 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and written requests for dispensations on items forming the agenda

RESOLVED: Chairman Ron Groves declared an interest at 16/22 due to claiming expenses for CRAB. CLLR Pete Gosling claimed an interest at 16/22 due to claiming expenses for tree purchase.

14/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2022.

Clerk raised outstanding issues from last meeting to be resolved. Clerk advised that a poster has been put up on the notice board as well as on the PC website regarding the forthcoming litter pick and that Island Roads have been contacted with regard to loaning litter pickers for the event. No response so far.

RESOLVED: NONE

15/22 PLANNING

A. NONE

B. B 21/02313/FUL Location: Box Cottage, Southdown, Chale, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight PO38 2LJ. Proposed extension to enlarge sun room with replacement raised roof to allow accommodation at 1st floor level. **GTD**

Ward Councillor Critchison raised the issue of CGS advising that the latest planning application has been withdrawn and new plans are shown on the Estate Agents website which shows that the 3rd property has been removed from plan and the parking spaces for the 2 houses will be on that site now. Clerk then advised Council about an email received from Mr Tyerman regarding the common land and the rights to park upon it.

Council Member Parker raised concerns over the extension to a barn at Chale Farm and whether there was appropriate planning permission given.

Ward Councillor Critchison advised that she had received a number of concerns from residents regarding the new Stubbings building.

RESOLVED: Clerk to email Mr Tyerman advising him to take his own legal advice regarding the common land or to make contact with the caretakers who are the IWC. Clerk to look at planning consent for Chale Farm.

16/22

FINANCE

5.1 To note bank reconciliation for January 2022.

RESOLVED. That reconciliation was noted.

5.2 To offer a work place pension for Clerk.

RESOLVED: Clerk advised council that she would not be taking up a pension this year. Member Stewart asked what the cost to the Parish would be if Clerk agreed to take a Pension. Clerk to get figures for Council.

5.3 Receipts and payments for February 2022

14/2/22	chq 1312	WI- Hall Hire	£15.00
14/2/22	chq 1313	R. Peyton -C4C/ Food Purchase	£263.20
14/2/22	chq 1314	Community Action -Payroll	£573.97
14/2/22	chq 1315	Ron Groves – CRAB/C4C exps	£46.80
14/2/22	chq 1316	Michala Bailey – clerk expenses	£203.20
14/2/22	chq 1317	D. Badman – Notice Board repairs	£56.36
14/2/22	chq 1318	P. Gosling – Purchase of Trees	£300.00

Total

£1458.53

RESOLVED: NONE

17/22

BUDGET 2022/2023

6.1 A draft budget was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. This was discussed. It was agreed that a budget of £400 be allocated to Councillor Training, S137 Grant to be increased to £1000 and a budget of £700 to be allocated for the Queens Jubilee celebrations. However, Councillor Gosling will approach local businesses to seek contributions towards this. Councillors discussed whether to re-join IWALC for 22/23. Councillors agreed not to join but to keep an open mind for the future.

RESOLVED: Budget Agreed.

6.2 Clerk explained and presented an explanation of the Council tax base and in line with the agreed budget what that meant in real terms and using money from reserves to top up expenditure.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that they could not warrant increasing the precept for 2022/23 due to ongoing increases in cost of living for residents but agreed to keep the precept the same as 2021/22 at £45.12 pa per Band D property.

18/22

TOWN LANE

Chairman Groves explained that he was concerned about the traffic speeding along Town Lane and issues for residents exiting their driveway due to a slight bend in the road and a large wall that obscures line of sight. Chairman believes that is the road is less than 20ft wide then there may be grounds for a pinch point.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Island Roads for meeting on site to discuss options.

19/22

ELECTRIC CHARGE POINT update

Clerk advised Councillors that contact had been made with JOJU, appointed suppliers of Charging points by IWC. They have offered to complete a feasibility study for £1 and make all the necessary enquiries with SSE and report back whether the PC could benefit from the negotiated contract by installing a free (to Parish) charge point.

RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange feasibility study at Chale Green, Blackgang Viewpoint.

20/22

WHALE CHINE

Chairman Groves advised Council that a large cliff fall has occurred at Whale chine. WC Critchison advised that Whale Chine is on the register for Island Roads, hence why the potholes were filled. However, Blackgang Viewpoint is not on the IR asset register therefore, will not be maintained by them.

RESOLVED: None

21/22

QUEENS JUBILEE

The brazier can not be found. Dave Badman has quoted approx. £700 for a new one to be built, however, this could be reduced by making something less impressive. Insurance must be looked into. Niton are having a fair/fete the same day and some attending that may walk up to the Beacon lighting that evening. Whitwell are having a street party on the Friday. Residents within Chale are asking for a party in Chale, however, the WI are having a tea party at the WI Hall and garden.

RESOLVED: Clerk to look at insurance for the Beacon Lighting. Chairman to speak with Blackgang to see what they have planned for the weekend.

22/22

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

CLERK. Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk updated that the listing decision on the Phone box near the Green has hit a snag in that H.E lost the application. Contact with them and a re-submission has been made. Island Roads were contacted regarding potholes at Blackgang Viewpoint. No response forthcoming. Councillors reminded that their feedback on IWC digital strategy was required. An email from the Beaver Introduction Officer has been received asking to come along to meeting and give a short presentation. Email from Linda Jones asking where people attending the walking festival on the 8th May could park.

RESOLVED: Contact Beaver Intro Officer to arrange a presentation. Contact Linda and advise that walkers can park on the left of the road and NOT on the green due to the tree and wildflower planting.

CHAIRMAN. Chairman advised that notice board repairs taking time as varnish is taking too long to dry. MP meeting with Bob Seely will take place next week.

RESOLVED: None

COUNCILLORS. **Councillor Groves** asked if the property at Southdown with unauthorised parking entrance has been dealt with. Clerk advised that Island Roads were dealing with this. **Councillor Gosling** advised that the door to the phone box will be repaired in situ.

RESOLVED: NONE

WARD COUNCILLOR CRITCHISON. School holiday consultation is currently taking place. MP boundary consultation is also ongoing.

RESOLVED: None

23/22

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

RESOLVED. None

24/22

The Meeting was then closed to the public in order for Parish Councillors to discuss 'Chaler of the Year'.

Nominees were put forward and councillors unanimously agreed to the recipient.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.45PM

Chairman..... 14th March 2022

