

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 14 June 2021** via zoom due to the ongoing restrictions because of the corona virus pandemic, commencing at 7pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Dian McWilliam, Pete Gosling, Mary Kershaw.
IW Councillor: Claire Critchison
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
Public: 3

- 60/21 APOLOGIES**
To receive and approve any apologies for absence
RESOLVED: None received.
- 61/21 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 a pecuniary interest in item 65/21 as he had an expense claim from both the CRAB fund and Chairman allowance.
- 62/21 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
To approve both sets of minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2021
RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2021 are approved and duly signed
- 63/21 CO-OPT OF NEW COUNCILLOR**
Councillors were advised that only 1 application had been received for the advertised Councillors' vacancy, Mr Dave Stewart.
RESOLVED: Councillors agreed to Co-Opt Mr Stewart as Councillor to Chale Parish Council.
- 64/21 PLANNING**
A. Planning app 21/01113/HOU was received today and discussed by Councillors.
Clerk explained that the application is a retrospective one as a result of an enforcement notice being served upon the applicant and that it relates to a new pitched roof being erected upon an existing tractor shed.
RESOLVED: Clerk to report to planning that No Objections are raised by Council.
B. None received.
- 65/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS**
1 To note the bank reconciliation
RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation for May is noted
2 To note receipts and authorise payments
RESOLVED: the following payments were approved.
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| Chq No 1280 Mr Ron Groves, Crab & Chairman expenses | £83.49 |
| Chq No 1281 Community Action, Payroll. | £573.97 |
| Chq No 1282 Michala Bailey, Clerk expenses | £59.79 |
| TOTAL | £717.25 |

3. To discuss letter and Grant application from Victim Support
Clerk highlighted to Councillor's reason for application was to help Victims of Domestic Violence. Councillor Stewart advised that there were funds available through other sources within IWC and he would be happy to liaise with VS over this.
RESOLVED: Councillor Stewart to liaise with Victim Support. CPC unable to assist due to lack of funding this financial year.

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WEBSITE.

Clerk advised Councillors that a number of requests from outside agencies had been received asking that website links be added to CPC website offering advice and guidance to residents. Clerk advised that not all links were safe and some contained adverts embedded selling products which is how some agencies etc make money. Guidance had been sought from CPC website host who confirmed this.

RESOLVED: CPC agreed that no outside agency website links would be added at this time.

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VIRTUAL MEETING UPDATE.

Further discussion took place regarding ongoing future use of zoom for meetings. Whilst some councils had resumed face to face meetings, not all had due to ongoing lockdown measures. Clerk highlighted the importance of maintaining social distancing and how this was going to be achieved? PPE supply for those who do not have any and who was going to pay for this? And who was going to clean the hall pre/post meetings?

RESOLVED: Meetings would continue via zoom until September 2021. That is only one more meeting and Government guidance may be clearer with a way forward. Any issues with decisions at meetings until then can be ratified then should the need arise.

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Clerk advised council that a planned holiday was due to commence on the 10th September so would Council consider bringing the September meeting forward to the 8th?

RESOLVED: Council agreed to bring meeting forward to 8th.

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TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

1 **The Clerk including correspondence received**

The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting to all Councillors. Clerk updated that a complaint from MOP had been received regarding grass verge cutting along The Military Road, which had involved liaising with Island Roads, IOW Council Parks And AONB but so far it appears to be a safety issue for pedestrians walking along road to the bus stop situated opposite the Chine. There has also been a complaint of an Unauthorised vehicle crossing in Southdown which Island Roads are now dealing with.

RESOLVED: None

2. **Parish Councillors**

Councillor Dian McWilliam reported that the South Wight Health and Wellbeing Forum seems to have gone very quiet and there has been no meeting recently. Councillor asked the Clerk is there was any update regarding the No 6 Bus Service. Clerk advised that no update has been received.

Vice-Chairman Pete Gosling asked whether the Parish had received an update as to whether Chale Show as going ahead? No update received but concerns raised regarding the number of visitors to the village, contingencies around bad weather and visitors clambering into the marquees and the general well-being of those who organise the event. Concerns around PPE, hand washing, cleaning of toilets need addressing.

RESOLVED: Chairman to send a letter to Chale Show Committee advising them of PC concerns of safety of show of those attending and those organising.

Councillor Dave Stewart confirmed that he had previously spoken to owner of Whale Chine and has been given permission to clear the site.

3. **Chairman** – Councillor Ron Groves has spoken to complainants over the grass verge issue and Southdown vehicle crossing. He virtually attended (whilst on holiday) the latest meeting with Bob Seely but couldn't get any sound so nothing to report. There has been a suggestion made that Defib training could be beneficial and that the church could be used as a venue.

The situation with the clear up of Whale Chine has been discussed with Ward Councillor Critchison and agreed that Island Roads or Amey need to confirm they will attend to clear rubbish immediately it is retrieved rather than leave it lying around. Amey have agreed to remove the rubbish from private land as long as it is retrieved to the top of the chine.

Sadly, Brian Harding has recently suffered a nasty accident and is going to have a slow, lengthy recovery. Chairman has sent him a Devon Cream Tea and suggested sending a letter wishing him well and thanking him for his past service to the Parish Council. Chairman has been asked by IWC to give a report on the Chale helpline and its activities since stating last March. This was carried out by telephone. She was pleased how we worked with other Parishes, CRAB, and has taken this on board for the future. She appeared particularly impressed how CRAB has helped the vulnerable, both young and elderly.

RESOLVED: Chairman will look at Defib training once latest lockdown released. Ward Councillor Critchison will co-ordinate a convenient date to clear the Chine. Chairman to send a letter of well wishes to Brain Harding.

- 4 **Ward Councillor Claire Critchison** – it is now 5 weeks since I started as Ward Councillor. During which there has been a full council meeting. Administration is now set for the council and I am now Vice-Chair. Local residents have contacted her regarding the fly-tipping at Whale Chine as well as the local press who want to do a general piece on fly tipping around the island. She has also been contacted regarding the grass verge situation and the waste bins at Blackgang overflowing etc.

RESOLVED: Clerk to forward the response from Island Roads regarding Safety Issue on grass verge cutting.

Ward Councillor to look at what is happening with 'Welcome Back' funding in relation to Chale PC suggestion it could be used to support emptying bins on a more frequent basis.

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions were received prior to the meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting to the public at 7.56 at pm

Further discussion took place after the meeting was concluded in relation to "Chaler of the Year" for 2020 and 2021. The Chairman confirmed that arrangements have been made to present the recipient of the 2020 award in July and that "Chaler of the Year" 2021 recipient has been awarded. Both awards will be posted on the Chale Parish Council website in due course.

Chairman.....

12th July 2021