

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Meeting of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Mon 14th March 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 prayer for those currently suffering from the Ukrainian/Russian conflict. This was followed with a presentation by Carole Lee and Darren? from WightFibre on the current status of the implementation of Fibre Broadband into the village and relevant dates. WightFibre hopes that the installation will be complete by the end of 2022. WightFibre will advise the PC of relevant dates and maps which will be added to the PC website. 2 Large maps were left with the PC for display in the WI hall if agreed by the WI of Chale.

25/22 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED: All Present.

26/22 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 29/22 due to claiming expenses for CRAB and C4C grant money. CLLR Pete Gosling claimed an interest at 29/22 due to claiming expenses for mileage.

27/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2022.

Clerk raised outstanding issues from last meeting to be resolved. Clerk advised that the pension issue has now been addressed. The LGPS will require the PC to contribute 23.5% for employers' contribution which would amount to £1586.00. The PC insurance Co requires a risk assessment to be completed asap for the Beacon Lighting for the Queens Jubilee. Other issues will be covered in Clerks report.

RESOLVED: NONE

28/22 PLANNING

A. NONE

B. 21/02345/FUL Location: Land Adjacent 1 Spanners Close Chale Isle Of Wight.

Proposed single storey community building with parking; formation of vehicular access.

Case Officer: Richard Holmes Decision: **GTD**

Ward Councillor Critchison advised that fund raising is now up and running for this build.

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FINANCE

5.1 To note bank reconciliation for February 2022.

RESOLVED. That reconciliation was noted.

5.2 Receipts and payments for March 2022

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| 28/2/22 | DD | Electricity – The Hut | £49.17 |
| 14/3/22 | chq 1319 | WI – Hall Hire Feb & Mar | £30.00 |
| 14/3/22 | chq 1320 | Chale Churchyard Comm Grant | £250.00 |
| 14/3/22 | chq 1321 | Netguides – Domain name renewal | £48.00 |
| 14/3/22 | chq 1322 | R. Peyton – C4C food purchase | £178.03 |
| 14/3/22 | chq 1323 | Community Action - payroll | £698.16 |
| 14/3/22 | chq 1324 | R. Peyton – C4C food purchase | £149.01 |
| 14/3/22 | chq 1325 | R. Groves – C4C food purchase/mileage | £200.73 |
| 14/3/22 | chq 1326 | P. Gosling – mileage | £10.00 |
| 14/3/22 | chq 1327 | M. Bailey – Clerk Expenses | £45.45 |
| Total | | | £1658.55 |

RESOLVED: Payment and receipts agreed. Clerk advised that another estimated Bill from SSE for the Hut is included BUT an accurate reading has been given.

5.3 To note the new Dog Bin emptying charges

RESOLVED: That charges were noted.

5.4 To note Clerk pay award.

RESOLVED: Back dated pay award noted in March payments.

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QUEENS JUBILEE

Clerk advised that the risk assessment is required for the walk from the Niton rec ground up to the beacon and may have to be covered from the insurance of Chale PC. Councillors felt and agreed that PC do not have liability on a public right of way but the issue will be if people attending are directed in a certain direction. Clerk read out an email from the PC insurance broker highlighting their requirements for any event held. WC Critchison advised that the National Trust will also require a risk assessment for the event as it is on their land.

A meeting was held at Niton last week regarding events. Niton may also hire a mini bus to take those with mobility issues up to the beacon. The fete will have stalls for local charities to raise funds. Cllr Gosling also mentioned advising Island Roads as people may park at Blackgang Viewpoint and walk across the road.

RESOLVED: Cllr Gosling and Council Member Stewart will look further into this and liaise with other Parish Council's and attend the next Niton meeting.

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TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

CLERK. Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk updated that the listing on the Phone Box at Chale Green has been rejected. The feasibility forms for the electric charge point have been submitted and PC now awaiting a date for that. The SSE rates on The Hut are going up. Query over the parking charge at Blackgang Viewpoint? IWC wrongly have car park on their list. The C4C grant money does not have to be returned at the end of March but a date will be given in the future. Island Roads have advised that they will not be loaning us litter pickers for the litter pick in April. Various charities have asked us to place posters on our Notice Board. Chairman Groves advised that there is little space for this. However, if website links are safe then perhaps it could go on a separate page on CPC website or refer to the IWC website.

RESOLVED: WC Critchison to look into the parking charge error at Blackgang. Clerk to ask if our website manager would put this info on the PC website without charge.

CHAIRMAN. Chairman advised that Ventnor Food Bank have been in touch offering help for any residents in Chale. Meeting with Island Roads was held last week at Town Lane due to several near misses and a danger to residents exiting off their driveways. District Steward for Island Roads attended, measured the road and advised that he will submit the complaint to the IWC to be added to the Highway Safety and Improvement Register but this will take a long time. Blackgang Chine have been contacted who confirm they have nothing planned for

the Queens Jubilee. Some hedge cutting will take place at Blackgang Viewpoint. MP Bob Seely confirmed that he had a meeting with the Police regarding lack of Roads Policing Unit on the Island. Greenfield sites around the Island and a Green Park status for the Island will potentially bring in revenue. Red Funnel will build new ferries in Liverpool and Bob Seely will ask them for an update on their development plan. The pressure on GP surgeries still ongoing. Local dentists are in demand and more are being sought from India. More funding is required for affordable housing. Chairman requested clarity on the re-joining of IWALC. Councillors voted NOT to re-join this year.

RESOLVED: None

COUNCILLORS. Cllr Gosling will chase the build of the Beacon.

RESOLVED: NONE

WARD COUNCILLOR CRITCHISON. Cllr catch up/surgery sessions will be available on the dates below. Please get in touch if there is anything you wish her to look into.

Niton - Wednesday 27th April 10.30 – 11.30 am – Niton Exchange

Shorwell – Friday 6th May 10.30 – 11.30 am – The Crown

Chale – Saturday 21st May 10.30am – 11.30am – Chale WI Hall

Email: claire.critchison@iow.gov.uk

Bevois Farm, Lacey Lane, Niton, PO38 2DN

A recent highlight was representing the IW Council in her role as Vice Chair at the installation of the 10th Bishop of Portsmouth Rev Dr Jonathan Frost on 12th March. It was a beautiful service at Portsmouth Cathedral.

Glyphosate use: There has been a lot of public interest in the return of the use of weedkiller by Island Roads. Manual extraction had been trialled, but it was not a viable option long term. The PFI contract requires the effective clearing of the weeds to ensure safety and the integrity of the highway. Concerns of blanket spraying by quadbike are worrying many residents about public safety and wildlife. We are pressing for a more sympathetic approach to spraying and assured that only targeted road and pavement direct applications will be undertaken and avoidance of known areas such as where the wall lizards are, has been agreed. Wildflower areas and verges will not be sprayed.

Fix my street: There have been several reports of potholes and full up bins recently. There is a website that public can report any issues directly to Island Roads. This facility can be used for road problems, fly tipping and anything that effects the highway. It helps if the issues are reported so we have data to show where they occur and how often.

www.fixmystreet.com

SWAY: It is great news to hear that the plans for a hub run by South Wight Area Youth (SWAY) have been approved. They will be building a community facility on Chale Green, which will create a space for youth work, café, shop, and other activities. I attended the launch of their fundraising projects at Northcourt in Shorwell. They have grant funding for much of the cost but need to raise around £150,000. A cream tea event fundraiser at Claires home will be held in the summer.

Mental Health and Wellbeing: WC Critchison has recently attended mental health and suicide awareness training. It highlighted the importance of acceptance within our communities.

For useful wellbeing advice please visit the Action For happiness website and see the 10 Keys to Happier Living. <https://actionforhappiness.org/10-keys>

RESOLVED: None

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

Rodney Archer advised Council that he is now elected onto the executive committee for the bus and railway users' group and wanted to make the PC aware of the questions being asked regarding the no 6 bus route for Chale.

RESOLVED: WC Critchison will keep an eye on this as there must be a service to fulfil the needs of the rural community.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9.00PM

Chairman..... 11th April 2022