

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING of CHALE PARISH** held on **Monday, 10 May 2021** via zoom due to the ongoing restrictions because of the corona virus pandemic, commencing at 7.02pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

## **Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Dian McWilliam, Pete Gosling.

**IW Councillor:** Not Present

**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey

**Public:** 6

### **1. WELCOME**

Cllr Ron Groves, Chairman, welcomed everyone present.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE 2020 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The minutes of the 2020 Annual Parish Meeting held on 11 May 2020 were approved and signed by the Chairman

### **3. ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF CHALE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Annual Chairman report was circulated prior to the meeting to all Councillors and Placed on the Parish Council website. Councillors were asked if there were any questions raised from the report. No questions were asked.

### **4. TO RECEIVE THE 2020/21 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT**

all financial report relating to 2020/21 were presented at the April meeting. Receipts of £18427.76 were received. Expenditure was £17766.22 leaving a balance of £22259.74 to carry forward to 2021/22. Funds are ringfenced for the Hoy Monument, disposal of the community hut and general hut expenses amounting to £12596.27. The outstanding vat refund of £173.36 has now been received and total assets value is now £2769.00.

### **5. TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM:**

#### **5.1 CHALE WOMENS INSTIUTE REPORT FROM MRS SALLY KENNY**

The report was read out on behalf of Lynda Burrows

This year has certainly been a year full of challenges!

Throughout this last year the Chale WI Committee have worked extremely hard to keep contact with our members. Many members have been on a steep learning curve to enhance their skills with technology. But we have all kept in touch by any means available to our members, via WhatsApp, email, telephone, social distance doorstep visiting, and more recently, our own Newsletter. Our members have been encouraged to be involved at every stage, and they have responded with their usual can-do attitude. I am very proud to be their President, and to be part of helping our group find solutions to any difficulties we may have experienced this year. The Committee have served above and beyond their usual duties, and gone much more than the extra mile, to provide our members with an accessible integral, and sound base.

Whilst some other WI's have lost members, or sadly, begun to close, our hard work and dedication has been rewarded, resulting in five new members. We look forward to when we can meet face to face in the year to come. As you are all aware, the WI are also the Managers of our historic Community Hall. To help rebalance our loss of revenue, during the Pandemic we were awarded one-off Government funding. As the Hall was empty for much of this past year, the Committee have used part of this fund to employ a Surveyor to provide us with information on the structure of the building, and a timetable of short, medium and long term works to be carried out. The Committee also added a list of

improvements to this initial plan. The work involved has included treatment for woodworm on the right-hand side of the building, unblocking and repositioning roof gutters, fitting a water filtration system to the kitchen pipes, repositioning an overhead kitchen heater, and in the toilet, the installation of a new heater and new “hands free” hand washer. Some of our WI members took the opportunity to repaint our interior notice boards, giving the hall a brighter feel. We would like to thank local tradesmen, volunteer residents, and WI ladies, for helping us achieve this stage. We now have the immediate plan completed. We hope all these, and the continuing improvements will help to provide an even better experience for our future customers, including the Parish Council! Looking ahead, we see a bright future, both for our WI, and for our much loved Hall.

## **5.2 CHALE HORTICULTURAL SHOW**

No report was received

## **5.3 SUSTAINABLE CHALE LTD**

Report received prior to the meeting and circulated for all Councillors to read.

## **5.4 CHALE RECREATION GROUND**

Report received prior to the meeting and circulated for all Councillors to read.

## **5.5 CHALE CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE**

No report was received

## **5.6 SWAY**

Andy advised Councillors that the next regular SWAY update is due in June which the Parish will receive a copy. As of March last year SWAY started working online with young people managing to keep 3 youth groups online. Throughout the winter the Friday evening session turned into a box project where families were invited to come and cook with SWAY. Ingredients were delivered to families of which 3 were from Chale. About 20 young people came online with their families and they were shown how to cook a substantial meal. It's been great fun. As lockdown as eased, SWAY has managed to do some outdoor events. Due to the different COVID guidelines with young people we were able to take a group kayaking and we are hoping to take a group of young people to the Lake District this year. The Hut has not been used for over a year now. There is no running water and is not particularly fit for purpose. Although we did decorate it as a lounge area to meet young people. We are aware some more families have moved into the Chale area and we are keen to get back into the community once lockdown is complete. We are hoping to run some summer holiday activities this year depending on the latest covid guidelines on how we can do that.

The Chairman thanked Andy of all SWAY for all their hard work and everything they do with the young people and families within Chale. The Chairman then invited Richard from SWAY to update Council regarding the HUT.

Richard advised that SWAY have reached an agreement with both Southern Housing and Portsmouth Diocese with regards to obtaining a lease to build a community hub on the land adjacent to the HUT. They are awaiting due process to be completed. They are now at a point of a draft design (which was then shown to Council) and an initial consultation with the Planning Dept has been completed. Obviously support from the Parish Council would be appreciated. SWAY would like to hold an information day on the green for local residents to come and see the proposed plans and ask any questions. We will be doing this in collaboration with Southern Housing who will be writing to all their tenants in Spanners Close before the proposal goes public. Funding is now in place to get it to planning. Once planning is obtained then we will launch a major funding appeal. Tree and ecological reports will be completed along with some landscaping proposals. We are hoping to complete the building works within 12 months of planning approval.

Richard was reminded that the Parish Council have funds of £1500 towards the

disposal of the current HUT.

**5.7 CLLR DAVID STEWART.**

No report was received.

**6. PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chairman opened the meeting for Parishioner's comments and questions. No questions received.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.39pm

Chairman.....

14<sup>th</sup> June 2021