



# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 13 January 2020** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7 pm.

## **Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Dion McWilliam, Pete Gosling and Mary Kershaw.  
**Clerk:** Mrs Sue Waters  
**IW Councillor:** Cllr Dave Stewart  
**Public:** 1

**01/20**

### **APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

#### **RESOLVED**

There were apologies received from Councillor Brian Harding.

**02/20**

### **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**

Councillors Kershaw and Gosling submitted dispensation forms which the clerk agreed, to allow them to participate in agenda item 5.3 and 5.4 in that they live within the parish. All councillors declared a pecuniary interest in this item, but have been previously dispensed in accordance with the regulations under the Local Government Act 1972.

**03/20**

### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2020

#### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2020 are approved and duly signed.

**04/20**

### **PLANNING**

No planning applications or decisions were received this month. There will be one planning application advertised on Friday this week.

**05/20**

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 To note the bank reconciliation for December

#### **RESOLVED**

The bank reconciliation for December is noted

2 To note the receipts and authorise payments

#### **RESOLVED**

The following payments are authorised:

Cheque No:

1183	Community Action Isle of Wight	£355.03
1184	Mrs S Waters – expenses	£ 54.02
1185	Chale WI – Hall Hire	£ 105.00
1186	Ron Groves – Mulled wine and gifts	£ 26.16
DD	SSE – Electric for hut K Joyce – Tree lights	£ 51.76

.3 The clerk presented a draft budget for the year 2020/21. As the Parish Council has used reserves to support a low precept for the previous three years, it is necessary to slightly increase the precept to allow reserves to build up to the recognised figure of six month's precept. The Parish Council reserves also include ringfenced amounts for both the Hoy Monument and Community Hut disposal.

## **RESOLVED**

To set a budget of £12,360.00 for 2020/2021.

- 4 **RESOLVED:** That after the Local Community Tax Support Grant the precept is slightly increased by £2.37 per annum for a band D property.

6/20

### **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

- 1 The Clerk provided a short-written report including correspondence received. It was noted that no response has been received from the IW Council regarding an all Island event to celebrate 75 years since the Victory in Europe
- 2 Parish Councillors had nothing to report this month.
- 3 Chairman  
Cllr Ron Groves has had a very busy month, organising the Carol concert around the Christmas tree, then taking off the lights for storage, taking down the tree and with help from Councillor Gosling and Keith Joyce, the tree has been removed and burnt. He has also installed the defibrillator on the wall of Stubbing's Brothers and advised the ambulance service of the new address (PO38 2JN).  
The WW2 Air Raid siren is now installed at the Wight Mouse and a loan agreement duly signed.  
He also attended the cabinet meeting at Whitwell last week, which was very useful as there was a session afterwards to discuss any issues with the local Town and Parish Councils with the Isle of Wight Council. Cllr Groves raised issues about some local roads and the lack of broadband speed in Chale. Another issue raised was the lack of a shop and post office now in Chale. Niton Parish Council are considering proving a minibus service for residents to Newport a couple of times per week. This could be a joint project with Chale Parish Council.  
He has also been speaking to the vicar to organise a local celebration for VE Day on 8 May 2020 which is a Bank Holiday. Various events have been suggested including a church service, exhibition and cream teas. This will form an agenda item next month for general discussion.
- 4 IWC Councillor – Councillor Stewart advised that the Isle of Wight Council Tax will be rising by 4%. He also advised that the IW Council's bid to stage the last section of the Tour of Britain cycling race is 99.9% certain which should bring lots of additional tourists to the Island. He thanked Councillor Groves for attending the cabinet meeting and will chase the issues raised by him.

07/20

### **WORLD WAR TWO AIR RAID SIREN**

Following his report last month, Councillor Groves has now moved the Air Raid Siren to the Wight Mouse and it is on public display. A loan agreement has been signed by the tenants of the Wight Mouse, and the item will be added to the Asset Register and Parish Council insurance.

#### **RESOLVED**

- That the World War Two siren is added to the Parish Council assets at a value of £250.00
- That the duly signed loan agreement for the Wight Mouse Inn to publicly display the World War Two siren is noted
- That the World War Two siren is duly added to the Parish Council's insurance.

08/20

### **ROAD VERGE STRATEGY**

The clerk presented a report from the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty requesting comments from councillors regarding the new Road Verge Strategy as proposed by the IW Council. This suggests reducing cuts to two per annum unless that compromises road safety. The Parish of Chale does not contain any ecologically significant verges, or any that have been designated good for pollinators or landscape, therefore the verges would only be cut twice per annum.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council supports the new IW Council Road Verge Strategy but would ask that the clippings are removed from the verges once cut as they can block the drains and cause flooding.

09/20

**ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

The Isle of Wight Council is completing an online survey to determine future Housing Needs. In view of the lack of broadband signal in parts of Chale, the clerk requested some paper copies for residents. It is important that as many residents as possible complete the survey for the Isle of Wight Council to provide evidence to central government for future housing numbers.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council will promote the IW Council Housing Needs Survey.

10/20

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

One member of the public raised three questions: -

- Are councillors aware of the Bazumble? – yes, they are.
- Has anyone heard the rumour that the Co-op might be interested in running the shop – yes some had heard but feel it is unlikely to happen.
- Is the Island Plan being consulted on at this moment – Councillor Stewart advised that it is only the Housing Needs Survey being completed at this time. Further marketing is required to promote it. Hard copies of the survey were given to councillors for residents to use if necessary although it is primarily an on-line survey.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

Chairman.....

10 February 2020