

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Chale Parish Council held on Monday, 10th July 2017 in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7 pm

## **Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Bernasconi, McWilliam, Paragreen and O'Harrow  
**IW Councillor:** Cllr Stewart  
**Clerk:** Katie Riley  
**Public:** 8  
**Press:** 1

## **PRESENTATION**

Paul Gilburt, Home Services Manager, from the Southern Housing Group was in attendance to provide further information and answer questions regarding the future management of Chale Community Hut.

Southern Housing would like to know by the end of the month whether the community want to take the management of the hut forward, otherwise the hut will be removed at the end of the summer. A further meeting has been arranged on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30 for Spanners Close Residents with Mark Meredith, Community Partnerships Officer of Southern Housing. The Chairman offered to attend to find out further information on behalf of the PC and work together with local residents. The consensus of the room was a will to keep the hut going, but in its current state without toilets and running water, very difficult to open it to the whole community and make full use. Southern Housing may well be able to support an organisation to put toilets in but will need help from others to do so. Possibility of looking into charitable grants in conjunction with Local Area Co-ordinator Jeanette Boulton. A suggestion was made to review the planning consent and look at all grants associated with the additional factors people would benefit from. Ideas for self-composting toilets, caravan toilets and portaloos were considered (it was suggested portaloos would cost approx. £1500 a year to hire), but a proper toilet and running water outside of the current building so as not to restrict usage, would certainly be the best option if affordable. Southern Water has been contacted by a local resident to price up the work, but has yet to hear back. When looked at previously £2500 was talked about. It was suggested a working group be set up to get things up and running and to look at a 5 year plan, eventually possibly getting rid of the existing hut and replacing it with something bigger and more permanent.

## **AGENDA**

**396/17**

### **APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

None

**397/17**

### **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

None

**398/17**

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

1. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 are approved and duly signed

### 2. Matters arising

- Broadband update: BT have programmed in the work for November, however the IWC are waiting to hear from the electrical contractors (SSE) as to when they can complete the required wayleave activity before they can firmly commit to this date
- Following last month's resolution to pay the Southern Vectis subsidy for a Sunday and bank holiday service – the working group are now just querying which of the bank holidays Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December and/or Monday 1st January will be required. Cllrs agreed to pay for the Boxing day service given its popularity last year, but not New Year's Day
- Cllr McWilliam confirmed the dog bin at the recreation ground has been replaced, but Cllrs reported the bin at the end of East View Lane has fallen down again – Clerk to report
- This month's notices have gone up on the community hut as well as the CVP and PC noticeboards
- The Clerk has requested advice on social media practices amongst other PCs and will report back in September

**399/17**

### **UPDATE ON WHALE CHINE ACCESS**

To receive an update following 'the Back of the Wight's' recent meeting and agree any next steps

Cllr Ron Groves reported that he and Cllr Paragreen went to look at the current access to Whale Chine following his meeting with Back of the Wight. Despite the notices recently updated by the IWC not to use it, it is clear that people will and are continuing to do so. Their conclusion is that while there are people that want to get down, we ought to make it as safe as possible. Cllr Ron Groves made a suggestion that starting the steps from the car park would be a better approach to the chine and less steep. Brand new staging and steps were observed leading down to Shepherds Chine that had been washed away last winter and that other locations such as Compton are being rebuilt despite the constant risk of erosion. The questions were asked - what would be the cost of making Whale Chine accessible and what is its feasibility? IW Cllr Stewart agreed to establish both cost and feasibility with Darrel Clarke at the IWC. He will also find out the legal consequences regarding the threat of prosecution from the IWC should people disobey the order not to trespass beyond the signs. A suggestion from the room was that a sign simply saying 'proceed at your own risk' would be more suitable. If it came to doing it ourselves, given the amount of interest there is a feeling that there would be no trouble getting volunteers in terms of manpower to keep the cost of rebuilding to a minimum, even if the IWC can't do it. In connection to the steps it was also suggested that a bridge at the carpark would enable walkers to access the path on the opposing farmers field rather than having to reroute along the road as they are currently having to do in order to re-join the coastal path.

**400/17**

### **PLANNING**

To review planning applications and note any IWC decisions received by 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Application No: P/00388/17

Location: 1 Steyne Villas, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO382JN

Demolition of existing porch; proposed single storey extension on front elevation to provide hallway and downstairs bathroom Proposal:

Registration Date: 18/04/2017 Case Officer: Stacey Dinning

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

**RESOLVED**

The decision was noted

**401/17**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To note the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**

The bank reconciliation is noted

2. To authorise payments

**RESOLVED**

The following payments are approved:

Chq: 996	Community Action Isle of Wight	£413.43
997	Mrs K Riley	£66.72
998	Community Action Isle of Wight	£413.43 (August's payment)

3. To approve a process to share printing costs

**RESOLVED**

Approval was given for the Clerk to use the PC's printer for her other employment and alternate the cost of paper and print cartridges through her expenses

**402/17**

**PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE**

To review the results of the parish plan questionnaire and agree next steps

Cllr Bernasconi summarised the outcomes of the questionnaire findings and that it has provided an insight into what people feel about the village. Priorities are already being actioned by way of discussing Whale Chine which was the highest priority among residents, and collaboration with CARS in Niton to look at speeding which is the other main concern for the village, though there is very little support for a 20mph zone in Chale. Other ideas such as allotments could be looked at in the future which people were interested in, and should there be any housing development plans in the future, we now have a housing needs assessment to base views on.

In 2008 a 'Chale Village Design Statement' was produced and Cllr Bernasconi sought Cllrs agreement to update this.

**RESOLVED**

For Cllr Bernasconi to update the 'Chale Village Design Statement'. She will pass the completed questionnaires to the Clerk at the next meeting for safekeeping

The Chairman shared his thanks to Cllr Bernasconi for all her work on this project

**403/17**

**VILLAGE MAP TEA TOWELS**

To review samples and agree on next steps

The Clerk distributed a tea towel sample from each of the three companies who had provided quotes for producing 50 tea towels using the image of Chale map. Cllrs agreed on the best quality which also happened to be the cheapest previously quoted option

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk will order 100 tea towels through this company at a cost of £321, requesting a fabric sample before the full print run.

**404/17**

**CHALE COMMUNITY HUT MANAGEMENT**

To agree on any next steps for the PC in the management process

The Chairman asked the floor for their views and people would like to see the hut used every day rather than just one evening a week by SWAY as is currently the case. It was suggested that other youth groups could use it throughout the week and at least one other evening for younger children as there is nothing for them to do in the village.

**RESOLVED**

A working group of 6 people will get together from various representations in the village and take things forward. The Chairman will attend the meeting with Southern Housing on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July to find out further information and communicate the PCs backing and approval for the working group with the community in order for the lease to continue.

**405/17**

**TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO CHALE CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE**

The Chairman asked for a volunteer to represent Chale PC on Chale Churchyard's committee.

**RESOLVED**

There were no volunteers for this appointment at the current time

**406/17**

**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

1. The Clerk with any correspondence received
  - Website now up to date and compliant with the transparency code. Under new regulations this will replace the requirement for an external audit next year
2. Parish Councillors
  - Cllr Liz Groves reported that Chale Recreation Ground have submitted their planning application for changing facilities to be built on site
  - Cllr Liz Groves reported that Sustainable Chale's bike station is now overdue as they are waiting for equipment
  - Cllr Liz Groves reported she has been contacted by a disabled lady in the terrace who is worried about visibility coming out of her house. The landowner opposite has given permission for a mirror to be erected to solve the situation if this is permissible? The same resident has also been in touch with IW Cllr Stewart about this and a bridle path where rocks are coming loose making it difficult to get her wheelchair through. IW Cllr Stewart to look into both of these issues
  - Cllr Paragreen supplied a written report from the meeting he attended of the South Wight Parishes Health and Well-being Forum on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at All Saints Church Hall, Newchurch (appended to the minutes), and will be attending the next meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at the Barracks in Sandown. Cllrs to email Cllr Paragreen with any issues they would like him to raise at this next meeting.
  - Cllr Ron Groves reported on a query he followed up with the IWC Rights of Way department about a stile being blocked off for dogs. Apparently, landowners have the right to block off holes for dogs in order to stop cattle or sheep from escaping, however we can apply to the Ramblers Association to have a separate gate for dogs, providing we gain permission from the landowner. It was suggested to also enquire with the Rambler's Association about 'donate a gate'.
3. IW Councillor Dave Stewart
  - IW Cllr Stewart gave his apologies for not attending last month's meeting before presenting his report including;
    - Agreed priorities due to be published in September
    - Aspirations for adult social care to become a centre of excellence in the UK,
    - Review of planning and focus on affordable housing
    - Next full council on 19<sup>th</sup> July

- Meeting with the Regional Commissioner for Academies re. Sandown Bay Academy
- East Cowes floating bridge due to meet with East Cowes Town Council on 20<sup>th</sup> July
- Attempts to progress the removal of the Merlin Sign
- Support for Chale Recreation Ground's planning application
- CARS, acknowledgement of different areas having different needs and priorities
- Assistance at Chale Show again this year
- Regeneration conference on 20<sup>th</sup> July at the Riverside
- Cllr Ron Groves asked about the outcome of the meetings he has had regarding Southern Vectis. Cllr Stewart reported that Southern Vectis's contract is due for renewal next year and he has had a meeting with First Group who run both buses and trains. He is hopeful that given the improving infrastructure, it will speed up bus travel, and profits from route 1 can be used to subsidise other routes such as route 6, and at the same time support priorities within adult social care

The Chairman invited questions from the public. Traffic concerns were raised, in particular the speed and frequency of motorbikes racing through the village. As these incidents have been repeatedly reported, it was asked whether we could invite a representative from the Police to our next meeting to discuss what might be done about it. IW Cllr Stewart said that he is looking into the cost of speed cameras and suggested we write to Sarah Jackson at Newport Police station to ask for a local officer to come and speak at our next meeting about the issue of motorcycles. The Clerk to action.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Chairman.....  
 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017