

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Chale Parish Council held on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 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:** Dave Stewart (arrived at 7.51pm)  
**Clerk:** Mrs Katie Riley  
**Public:** 3

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### **APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence  
None

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### **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

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

1. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018

#### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 are approved and duly signed

2. Matters arising not requiring a resolution

- Broadband - the IOW Council have suggested amendments to the wayleave and returned it to SSE for approval. BT are currently requesting an update from SSE and waiting to progress. Councillors commented on the intermittence of broadband throughout the village over recent days
- Phone Box – is due to be looked at with a view to a temporary repair by the Chairman and two local residents this Thursday
- Hoy Monument – Photos are due to be taken by a colleague at Wight Stonemasonry, either Wednesday or Friday this week depending on the weather
- Internal Audit – booked for 18<sup>th</sup> April 2018

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### **PLANNING**

To review the following planning application:

Application No: P/00272/18 Alt Ref: TCP/33409

Location: Tuttons Hill Cottage, Southdown Lane, Chale, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382LJ

Proposal: Agricultural prior notification for creation of small lake

Easting: 447531.5 Northing: 78311.7

Case Officer: Stacey Dinning

#### **RESOLVED**

No objections

To note the following IWC decisions:

Application No: P/01373/17

Location: Stroud Green Farm, Town Lane, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382JS

Proposal: Proposed conversion of outbuilding to holiday cottage; blocking of existing vehicular access; formation of new vehicular access (revised description) (advertised)  
Registration Date: 17/01/2018  
Case Officer: Julie Wilkins Contact Tel No: (01983) 823552  
Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

Application No: P/01374/17  
Location: Stroud Green Farm, Town Lane, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382JS  
Proposal: LBC for proposed conversion of outbuilding to holiday cottage; blocking of existing vehicular access; formation of new vehicular access (revised description) (advertised)  
Registration Date: 17/01/2018  
Case Officer: Julie Wilkins Contact Tel No: (01983) 823552  
Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

**RESOLVED**

Decisions noted

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**REVIEW OF THE ASSET REGISTER AND RISK MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE**

1. To review the Asset Register

**RESOLVED**

The updated asset register, including laptop and printer, and newly acquired community hut is noted

2. To review the Risk Management Schedule

**RESOLVED**

The updated risk management schedule taking into account newly acquired assets is approved

3. To consider level of insurance required in relation to the hut ahead of renewal 1/6/18

**RESOLVED**

To continue brokerage through Came & Company as a Parish Council specialist and maintain current level of insurance. Loss and damage cover for the hut to be added as and when appropriate

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To note the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**

The bank reconciliation for March is noted

2. To approve the Clerk's signatory application for Lloyds online for business

**RESOLVED**

Approval is given for the Clerk's signatory application for Lloyds online for business. Internet banking already adopted by the parish council on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and included within financial regulations.

3. To receive year end draft accounts for 2017/18

**RESOLVED**

End of year accounts for 2017/18 are approved

4. To consider and agree to the purchase of a grit bin for the shop

**RESOLVED**

Due to the current uncertainty of the shop since it has been put up for sale, this will be carried forward and considered at a later date. Questions as to who would be responsible for gritting and filling the grit will need to be considered should the PC purchase a grit bin.

A discussion followed about the shop's future. Cllrs unanimous in their support to keep the shop as an asset in the village and consideration was given to the possibility of creating a community enterprise. It was suggested there was potential for it to take over the role of the hut with room hire available for groups to meet etc. This was discussed in more detail later in the meeting when IW Cllr Stewart arrived who suggested taking out an asset of community value order on the property to

safeguard its sale, as had been done on a pub in a neighbouring village. A use it or lose it campaign was suggested and slogan 'save our stores'. IW Cllr Stewart keen to get involved with parish councillors in a working group and will discuss further with the owners and Chale Together. This will be brought forward to May's agenda for further discussion and action.

- 4 To consider and agree on any further S137 grant allocations  
Although no current requests have been received for further S137 grant allocations Cllrs discussed the local needs of the village

**RESOLVED**

To grant £250 to Chale Churchyard Committee to support the maintenance of the churchyard

- 5 To authorise payments

**RESOLVED**

The following payments are authorised:

Chq no.	1090	Island Roads	£112.80
	1091	Mr. Ron Groves (reimbursement for the Chaler of the Year award)	£60.00
	1092	Community Action IW	£428.13
	1093	Mrs K. Riley (expenses)	£66.25
	1094	Chale Churchyard Committee	£250.00

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**SPANNERS CLOSE PARKING**

To discuss a letter from the Southern Housing Group (SHG) sent to residents regarding the introduction of a parking permit scheme for Spanners Close, St Edmunds and The Glebe and agree any next steps

This was originally raised in response to concerns from local residents about the remit of these permits and that cars would be parked on the road and on the green, however Southern Housing have introduced this scheme purely to deal with cars that have been abandoned in the Close and have instructed a private company to remove and bill households for any cars not removed within a given timeframe. Given this further clarification and that permits and visitor permits will be free and issued to all households, concern has died down and Cllrs will review with residents in time as the scheme is implemented

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**CHALE COMMUNITY HUT UPDATE**

To discuss and agree any next steps

- The License agreement for the Hut was signed over to the parish council on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018 by Mark Meredith of Southern Housing Group Limited (SHG) and the Chairman on behalf of the parish council. This agreement has been passed to the clerk for the council's records.
- The clerk confirmed that the £5000 grant has not yet been received and that she is following this up with SHG's grant officer. The Chairman also offered to follow this up directly with Mark Merdedith.
- The clerk updated she has submitted a customer request form to BT to reconnect the internet
- Cllr Bernasconi is meeting with Andy Dorning of SWAY this Thursday to look at a grant application for the toilet and kitchen facilities
- Cllr Bernasconi reported on the idea of using an old classroom that had been previously suggested as a longer-term solution but that she had been advised by the local authority that this could amount to £100000 to bring up to standard and for transfer costs
- Alternative temporary builds were considered that would not require planning

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**ISLE OF WIGHT DAY**

1. To discuss and agree how to engage in Robin Courage's request for Chale to participate in a People's Parade this year to be held in Cowes

**RESOLVED**

The clerk to forward Robin Courage's email to councillors for further consideration and to agree at next month's meeting

2. To consider appointing an "Isle of Wight Day Ambassador" with whom they can link with to supply bunting and information

**RESOLVED**

Previously John and Wendy Hardy have carried out this role and the expectation is that they will be happy to continue. The Chairman to confirm.

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**LITTER PICK**

To discuss and agree arrangements for a litter pick in May

**RESOLVED**

That 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 10.30am is agreed for the litter pick around the green and spanners close playground. The clerk to contact Amy for bags and grabbers to be delivered ahead of this date.

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**APPROVE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

- To approve the calendar of meeting dates for 2018/19

**RESOLVED**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month to continue for full council meetings with no meeting in August. Due to lengthy agendas of both the annual parish meeting and the annual meeting of the parish council councillors to consider the clerk's proposal to hold the annual meeting of the parish in either March or April instead of May in future years

- To confirm arrangements for this year's annual parish meeting

**RESOLVED**

The clerk to send invitations to representatives of local organisations for their reports as in previous years. The clerk to arrange for a brass engraving for the chaler of the year award

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**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

1. The Clerk with any correspondence received
  - The clerk attended the town and parish council seminar at county hall on 26<sup>th</sup> March – presentations from the boundary commission, highways re. the network integrity register and planning enforcement
  - The clerk reported the poor condition of Spanners Close to island Roads which was not due to be resurfaced until 2020. Following the District Stewards visit, a job has been raised to fill the potholes with an estimated date for completion of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018.
  - Agenda for Chale Together's AGM received and suggestions from the meeting at the Wight mouse on 7<sup>th</sup> March
  - Posters for the IW Best kept village awards 2018 golden anniversary – this year's judging starting at the beginning of May and a presentation evening on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September
2. IWC Councillor Dave Stewart
  - IW Cllr Stewart presented his report including Niton and Whitwell PC's campaign to tackle dog fouling, Chale to join a rural collective at future town and parish council seminars, relocation of the records office in light of the quay's redevelopment, boundary commission changes, fire review, and environmental conference on the 26<sup>th</sup> June to which town and parish council's will be invited to
3. Parish Councillors
  - Cllr Liz Groves has had a request from a resident in the Terrace for a mirror to be put at the junction of the Terrace and Blythe Shute to provide vision up the hill. The clerk to investigate what the conditions are for this with Island roads.

- Cllr Paragreen circulated minutes of the latest South Wight Parish's Health and Wellbeing Forum and reported that Carol Tozer, Director of Adult Services will be speaking at the next meeting.
- Cllr Paragreen highlighted that the defibrillator training certificates have now expired raising the need for some refresher training. The Chairman to talk to Jeremy and Patricia Lockwood who have offered to do this.
- Cllr Bernasconi enquired about the BKVA sign and the Chairman confirmed he is going to paint this but waiting for the weather to be dry.
- The Chairman reported of the recent death of local Merlins' resident – it was suggested it may now be necessary to remove the Merlins sign for safety reasons
- The Chairman invited a member of the public to raise his concerns about East View Lane being used as a rat run while Spanners Close is resurfaced as it is a private road and unsuitable for heavy vehicles in particular. The Clerk to contact island roads to find out about any diversion arrangements planned
- The Chairman read out an email from local resident regarding Atherfield Road and the overgrown hedges that are becoming a danger to road users. Following recent drainage work, Island Roads have not put the road back to its original width and the owners have still not cut back the hedges behind the original road width. IW Cllr Stewart to investigate with Island Roads particularly in light of a forthcoming cycling event with potentially 3000 cyclists using the road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.02 pm

Chairman.....  
14<sup>th</sup> May 2018