



Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 20 April 2020** via Zoom due to the Corona Virus pandemic commencing at 7 pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Dion McWilliam, Mary Kershaw, Brian Harding and Pete Gosling,
Clerk: Mrs Sue Waters
IW Councillor: Not present
Public: 0

33/20 TEMORARY STANDING ORDERS

The clerk explained the emergency legislation that has been passed by central government to allow Town and Parish Councils to hold virtual meetings during the Corona Virus pandemic.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council receives and approves the Temporary Standing Orders to allow virtual meetings to be held during the Corona Virus pandemic.

34/20 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED: No apologies were received as all councillors were present.

35/20 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: No declarations of interest were received

36/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2020 are approved and will be duly signed once the social distancing rules have been relaxed.

37/20 PLANNING

There was one planning application to discuss and one decision to note.

A **RESOLVED: That the Parish Council raises no objections to application number 20/00294/FUL, Miston, Chale Street.**

B That the decision for application no 20/00100/FUL is duly received and noted.

38/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 To note the bank reconciliation for March 2020

RESOLVED : The bank reconciliation for March is noted

2 To note the receipts and authorise payments

RESOLVED

A Receipts:

The following receipts are received and approved:

IW Council Precept and Grant	£10,537.00
Scottish Widows – interest	£ .63
IW Council – Grant for CRAB Chale	£ 5,000.00
Total	£15,537.63

B The following payments are authorised:

Cheque No:

1204	Community Action Isle of Wight	£369.00
1205	S A Waters – expenses	£ 28.00
1206	Mrs M Warr	£ 75.00
1207	Ron Groves – CRAB & Postage	£ 592.45
	Total	£1064.45

- 3 To confirm the current sums insured for the Insurance renewal due on 1 June 2020
RESOLVED : That the sums insured for the Insurance renewal are aligned with the Parish Council Asset Register
- 4 To receive and approve the end of year accounts
RESOLVED : That the end of year accounts are received and approved.
- 5 To resolve that Chale Parish Council meets the exemption criteria for 2018/19.
RESOLVED: That Chale Parish Council meets the exemption criteria for 2018/19 (total gross income and expenditure below £25K) and wishes to be an exempt authority, not subject to limited assurance review, and is signed by the chairman.
- 6 To receive the Internal Auditors Report
RESOLVED: That the Internal Auditor’s Report is received and approved.
- 7 To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19
RESOLVED: That the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 is received and approved and signed by the chairman.
- 8 To approve the Accounting Statement for 2018/19
RESOLVED: That the Accounting Statement for 2018/19 is received and approved and signed by the chairman.
- 9 To ratify spending for CRAB Chale. There was discussion about financially supporting a “pop up” shop in the village as during the pandemic, residents are reluctant to use public transport to travel outside of the village. A volunteer has offered to buy vegetables and other essentials in bulk, decant into smaller bags and place them on a stall outside her home. A stall with a roof has been constructed together with an honesty box. As a fund of £5,000.00 has been received from the IW Council to support residents in the village with shopping, a figure of £500.00 was suggested to buy initial stock.
RESOLVED: That the purchase of the mobile phones, initial stock for the “pop up” shop and other volunteer expenses are approved, using the funds provided by the Isle of Wight Council.

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TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

- 1 The Clerk provided a short-written report including correspondence received. She advised that due to the Corona Virus pandemic that all celebrations and festivals have been cancelled these include VE Day, Spring Clean and IW Walking Festival.
- 2 Parish Councillors – Councillor Kershaw advised that she has 6 litter pickers and some black sacks at her home for use for a litter pick when it can be re-arranged. Councillor Harding advised that the Churchyard Committee will not be asking the Parish Council for a grant this year as they have sufficient funds in their accounts. He has also been speaking to the owner of Chale Stores who still wishes to meet with Councillor Stewart once travel restrictions have been lifted. Councillor Kershaw asked if SWAY are considering buying the store – this may happen but they are also in contact with Southern Housing who own the land where Spanner’s Hut is located as (subject to the relevant planning permission) could house a purpose-built community hub. Although the hut was gifted to the Parish Council along with a grant of £5,000.00, funds have been reserved to demolish it if the maintenance costs are too great.
- 3 Chairman – Councillor Groves has been very busy setting up CRAB – Chale which is a community hub to provide support for residents. CRAB stands for Community Response And Back-up. Chale is working with Niton and Whitwell to provide local support. Niton has a very high-tech set-up at the community library. The Chale branch has a hub at the WI Hall, although most communication is via the chair or the mobile phones. Volunteers

have mostly been shopping or collecting prescriptions for residents. Travel expenses of 45 pence per mile can be claimed for volunteers using the fund supplied by IW Council. Plastic gloves will be purchased and masks offered, but volunteers must try to maintain hygiene and social distancing rules at all times to protect both themselves and residents. An additional "Pepperpot" was delivered to all homes in Chale advising of the service at the start of the lockdown, and the helpline numbers are on the Chale Facebook page and CRAB websites. An updated Pepperpot will be commissioned to ensure that all residents are aware of the services being provided.

4 IWC Councillor - Councillor Stewart was not able to attend the meeting.

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EMERGENCY PLAN

The Annual Review of the Parish Council's Emergency plan particularly in light of the Corona Virus pandemic and the setting up of Crab Chale was received.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council's Emergency Plan was amended and approved.

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RISK ASSESSMENTS

The clerk presented the Risk Assessments for Review.

RESOLVED: That the Risk Assessments are received and approved.

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ASSET REGISTER

The clerk presented the Asset Register for annual review.

RESOLVED: That the Asset Register is received, amended and approved.

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DATES OF MEETINGS

The clerk presented the dates of meetings for the municipal year 2020/21.

RESOLVED: That the dates for meetings during the municipal year 2020/21 are received, approved and will be uploaded to the Parish Council website.

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Although advertised on both the website and noticeboards, no members of public sent questions or asked to be included in the virtual meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.14 pm

Chairman.....

11 May 2020