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Minutes of the Meeting of Chale Parish Council held on Monday, 12th February 2018 in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7 pm

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Bernasconi, McWilliam, O'Harrow and Paragreen
IW Councillor: Dave Stewart (arrived at 7.20pm)
Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley
Public: 3

- 9/18 APOLOGIES**
To receive and approve any apologies for absence
None
- 10/18 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
- 11/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
1. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018
RESOLVED
The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018 are approved and duly signed
2. Matters arising not requiring a resolution
Broadband:
 - SSE's request for consent over IWC land is now with the IWC's legal team however the IWC's legal team have requested payment before reviewing the wayleave agreement. The clerk questioned this request but was informed by the IWC that these are standard commercial charges. SSE have confirmed that they can't make payments for the signing of consents, but they have forwarded the IWC's payment request to BT and the clerk understands BT are in the process of raising a cheque
 - Following the meeting between the landowner of Blackgang Chine, BT and SSE on the 17th January, the landowner has requested some amendments to the proposed route and this is going through the various processes to confirm if achievable
- 12/18 PLANNING**
To review the following planning applications and IWC decision:

Application No: P/00047/18 Alt Ref: TCP/02328/F
Location: The Beeches, Chale Street, Chale, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382HE
Proposal: Proposed 2 storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation.
Easting: 448377 Northing: 77982.1
Case Officer: Sarah Gooch
RESOLVED
No objections are raised

Due to the deadline of the following planning application it was considered in between meetings and responded to via email:

Application No: P/01563/17 Alt Ref: TCP/01895/C

Location: Lower Bramstone Farm, Chale Street, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO382JQ

Proposal: Alterations and conversion of barns to form pair of semi-detached residential units with associated garages and stores

Easting: 448360.4 Northing: 79501.4

Case Officer: Lizzy Hardy

RESOLVED

No objections

Application No: P/01459/17

Location: North Grounds Farm, Appleford Road, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO382AP

Proposal: LBC for proposed alterations to fenestration; replacement staircase

Registration Date: 29/11/2017

Case Officer: Julie Wilkins

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

RESOLVED

The decision is noted

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1 To note the bank reconciliation

RESOLVED

The bank reconciliation for December and January are noted

- 2 To authorise the addition of one salary point to the Clerk's salary for obtaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration as per contract of employment

RESOLVED

Authorisation is given for the addition of one salary point to the Clerk's salary for obtaining the Certificate in Local Council Administration

- 3 To approve the payment of £28 to the Chairman for the reimbursement of 7 tea towels given as gifts at Christmas as part of the Chairman's allowance

RESOLVED

Approval is given to reimburse the Chairman £28.00 for the purchase of tea towels through the chairman's allowance

- 4 To note receipts and authorise payments

RESOLVED

The following receipts are noted:

Individual tea towel sales x 2 (cash) £10.00

Mr. Ron Groves (tea towels x 7 (£4 each cost price)) £28.00

RESOLVED

The following payments are authorised:

Chq no. 1019 IW Armed Forces Day £50.00

Chq no. 1020 Community Action IW £428.13

Chq no. 1081 Chillerton & Gatcome PC £1553.33

Chq no. 1082 Chale Women's Institute £72.00

Chq no. 1083 Mr Ron Groves £28.00

Chq no. 1084 SLCC £84.00

Chq no. 1085 ALCC £30.00

Chq no. 1086 Mrs. K Riley £63.52

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CHALE COMMUNITY HUT

- 1 To consider and agree to taking on the legal ownership and responsibility for the community hut

- 2 To agree on the receipt of Southern Housing Group's grant of £5000; £3500 of which to be used for long term running costs and £1500 to be ring fenced for future disposal

RESOLVED

That the parish council agree to taking on ownership and responsibility for the hut, and receive associated funds of £3500 for maintenance and £1500 ring fenced for disposal, however only after it is in a good state of repair. The Chairman to communicate this to Mark Meredith of the Southern Housing Group. *Mark Meredith of the Southern Housing Group confirmed to the Chairman after the meeting that they would instruct the contractors to start work as soon as possible and will be in touch with the licence agreement and grant agreement once this has been done.*

In lieu of the hut being useable SWAY have been renting a Youth Bus through Community Action IW which has been very successful but this is costing money and there are only 3 paid weeks of rental left. Councillors representing the community hut working group asked IW Councillor Stewart if he could confirm who owns the youth bus and whether it is possible to have it, given that they understand it hasn't been used at all in the last 6 months? Alternatively, whether there is a spare old council owned mobile classroom that could replace the hut? Modular buildings were also briefly discussed as a solution and have been priced up initially at £20,000 but could these be sourced more cheaply? Agreed this could be a longer-term solution but will not resolve the current lack of facility for SWAY.

RESOLVED

IW Councillor Stewart to confirm possibilities with the youth bus and whether there are any mobile classrooms available.

Member of the public present at the meeting confirmed his offer of toilets, sinks etc left over from refurbishing his business is still there, but he may only be able to continue to store these up until Easter

15/18

PHONE BOX ON THE MILITARY ROAD

To discuss and agree a plan for the phone box's refurbishment

Due to its prominent position and high winds it is becoming dangerous – the chairman has twice now attempted to tie it up with rope to stop it flapping open, but this solution isn't sustainable. Since being informed by the IWC that a listed building consent application to remove the phone box wouldn't be supported, the Chairman has spoken to Dave Badman who would be happy to refurbish the phone box and Councillors asked whether there would be any financial support available from the IWC/grants/charities to help pay for its repair.

RESOLVED

The Clerk to contact the IWC to ask about availability of grant funding

A member of the public asked whether there might be any fibre that can be livened to the phone box? The Clerk will enquire with BT.

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HOY MONUMENT

To receive a response from the National Trust regarding the proposed donation

The chairman and the clerk met with Tony Tutton from the National Trust on Wednesday 31st January at their office in Mottistone. The National Trust are interested in taking on the Hoy as it is on their land but they need to look at getting it endowed before they can agree to anything. They have asked for a survey and estimate of projected costs over a 10-year period in order to calculate the endowment. Subject to councillor's approval the clerk has arranged for Wight Stonemasonry to look at it on Wednesday 21st February. There will be a small cost for this survey.

RESOLVED

Approval given for Wight Stonemasonry to go ahead with survey

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

- 1 The Clerk with any correspondence received
 - Meeting attended by the chairman and clerk at the IWC re. IWC budget – for Chale impacted areas are the youth service and park’s maintenance. We were asked whether there any services currently provided by the IWC that the we could take on but we fedback that as we are a small rural parish we would not be in a position to undertake additional services in the same way that some of the larger town and parish councils can
 - Regarding Park’s maintenance we have received a letter from the recreation and public spaces manager at the IWC confirming no increase this year for our grass cutting contract on the green, honouring the third year of our three-year agreement. They are however looking to retender its grounds contract and will provide us with costs in the autumn in time for our budget and precept setting for next year
 - Letter from the chairman was written last month in support of the Church council’s funding application to refurbish the vestry and install toilets
 - Confirmation that the 2018/9 council tax base for Chale is 251.7 and the IWC council tax support grant will be £423. This will mean a total precept of £9577 and the band D council tax will be £38.05 for the year
 - Details of the Isle of Wight Foundation funding have been received and forwarded to the hut management group, SWAY and Chale Together
 - Thank you letter received from SWAY for the £500 awarded by the PC last month
 - Contacted by a company called Selectra who are working in conjunction with the smart meter authorities to publicise the UK Government’s roll out of Smart Meters to all homes and business by 2020. They have forwarded the government links and have asked that we put these on our website? It was suggested that this was a price comparison company and therefore councillors didn’t feel appropriate to advertise
 - Email from IW Councillor Michael Murwill keen for as many people to participate in the Great British spring clean campaign between the 2nd and 4th March 2018, details forwarded via email prior to the meeting. Cllr Bernasconi to put on Facebook and a litter pick for the green to be organised for May and to go on April’s agenda

- 2 IWC Councillor Dave Stewart
 - Budget now in the public domain – council tax rising by 5.99% (half of which is ringfenced for adult social care)
 - An extra £500,000 has been received from the government for adult social care
 - 3 bridge options considered for the undercliff drive
 - National archives visiting to look at rehousing records
 - T & PC’s to meet with cabinet members according to size and location of council
 - Environmental conference in June to look at strategy for the island
 - Police and crime commissioner to honour all signed off grants

- 3 Councillors
 - Cllr Paragreen updated on the latest health and wellbeing forum attended. Minutes to be forwarded on receipt. Footprint trust presented and willing to come and talk to PCs should we want them to
 - Cllr Bernasconi reported that the best kept village sign has paint peeling off and asked whether this is Chale Together or the PC’s responsibility? The Chairman offered to look at this
 - Cllr Bernasconi reported that there is to be a meeting in the Wight Mouse on the 7th March for interested parties to talk about what they can do for Chale (finger buffer available)
 - Cllr O’Harrow reported that she is due to attend a dementia awareness training session

- Cllr O'Harrow reported that she has been asked by various people about visiting the Wight Farm Energy plant at Arreton– she will liaise with the Clerk to organise this

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.28pm

Immediately after the meeting closed Councillors discussed in private nominations for Chaler of the Year and a unanimous decision was made

Chairman.....
12th March 2018

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