



Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 10 February 2020** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7 pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Dion McWilliam, Pete Gosling, Mary Kershaw and Brian Harding.
Clerk: Mrs Sue Waters
IW Councillor: Cllr Dave Stewart
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- 11/20 APOLOGIES**
To receive and approve any apologies for absence
RESOLVED
There were no apologies received as all councillors were present.
- 12/20 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
There were no declarations of interest received.
- 13/20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2020
RESOLVED
The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2020 are approved and duly signed.
- 14/20 PLANNING**
There were two planning applications received this month but no decisions.
A Application No: 19/01671/HOU
Location: Goodalls Pyle Shute Chale Ventnor Isle Of Wight
Proposal: Replacement of thatched roof with clay tiles
B Application No: 20/00100/FUL
Location: Green Acres, Chale Street, Chale Green
Proposal: Demolition of garage; proposed alterations and extension to create annexed accommodation
RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supports both planning applications 19/0167/HOU and 20/00100/FUL.
- 15/20 FINANCIAL MATTERS**
1 To note the bank reconciliation for January
RESOLVED
The bank reconciliation for January is noted
2 To receive applications for a grant from the Parish Council
Three requests had been received for grants from the Parish Council:- Armed Forces Day, IW Music, Dance and Drama Festival and South Wight Theatre Group plus the chairman advised that grants to both SWAY (South Wight Youth services) and the WI Hall require financial assistance.
RESOLVED
A That grants of £300.00 each are paid to SWAY and the Chale WI Hall fund

B That no other grants are considered so that local organisations can be prioritised.

- 3 To note the receipts and authorise payments

RESOLVED

The following payments are authorised:

Cheque No:

1188	Community Action Isle of Wight	£355.03
1189	Mrs S Waters – expenses	£ 47.67
1190	Mr P Gosling – wood to repair the hut	£ 54.48
1191	SWAY – grant	£ 300.00
1192	Chale WI Hall fund - maintenance	£ 300.00

- 4 To receive the invoice from IWALC and discuss the benefits of membership before a decision to continue is made.

The clerk presented an invoice for £116.60 for annual membership of the IW Branch of the Local Councils Association. Councillors discussed the benefits of being part of the group against the annual cost

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council withdraws its membership of IWALC and does not pay the invoice presented.

16/20

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

- 1 The Clerk provided a short verbal report including correspondence received. It was noted that increase in precept will be one penny more as the IW Council have rounded up the figure. Several posters have been received from AGE UK and Citizen's Advice. It was agreed that some councillors would take posters for display as there was no room on the Parish Council board, and that the information from CAB is inserted into the Pepperpot quarterly magazine.

- 2 Parish Councillors had nothing to report this month.

- 3 Chairman - Cllr Ron Groves has managed to carryout repairs to the hut. He thanked Cllr Gosling for getting the wood in his trailer. A small amount of paint will be required although he has treated the wood to protect it until the weather improves. The old school computers are still in the hut. He has been advised of a shop in Newport that might be interested in them.

It has been established that Chale Stores was built in 1912 as a shop with accommodation for the shop keeper.

There was an issue with an ambulance struggling to access a patient due to parked cars opposite Hoy Close. Cllr Stewart will investigate and potentially talk to residents.

Councillor Groves has also been involved in the VE celebration planning along with the vicar. He will update on the next agenda item.

- 4 IWC Councillor – Cllr Stewart advised that the Isle of Wight Council budget will be agreed on 26/02/20 and that Council Tax will be rising by 4.99%. The Police precept is also increasing by £10.00, but a number of new police officers are to be recruited. Cllr Stewart also advised that the IW Council's bid to stage the last section of the tour of Britain cycling race will be confirmed once the budget has been agreed. He will be writing to the head of BT about the problem of lack of broadband speed in parts of Chale.

60 people attended a community meeting at Niton. There was support from those attending for a re-opening of Niton undercliff road.

Although the "Island Deal" has not been forthcoming, large amount of funding has been secured for the Island – 4.2million for schools, 6 million for Adult Social Care and 4 million for Sustainable Transport.

The Isle of Wight has not yet reported any Corona virus victims, but there is a strong Reliance team at County Hall working on safety for residents and everyone should read the latest Public Health advise.

17/20

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Councillor Groves has been working with the vicar to formalise events at the church. On Friday 8th May the church service will start at 12 noon which will include flowers being laid at

the memorial. Anyone in the village who has any World War One or World War Two memorabilia are requested to lend it for the exhibition which will be held in the church over the weekend. Light refreshments will be served at the church during the exhibition. A cream tea will be served by the WI at 2pm in the hall on the 8th May, with a 1940's event in the evening. SWAY are being asked to provide some sort of celebration on the Green. The WW2 siren will be used at the beginning and end of the church service, and the church bells will ring at 7pm in line with the rest of the country.

RESOLVED: That up to £100.00 can be used to pay for any expenses for the day.

18/20

PARKING SIGNS FOR THE WALKING FESTIVAL

As previously agreed, to reduce the parking hazard, parking will be allowed on Chale Green during the day of 10th May when the Walking Festival are organising a walk from there to the Hoy Monument. The road will be edged by "no parking" cones and signs will be erected advising people to park on the Green. A flyer for local residents will be delivered just ahead of the event, advising of the IW Council and Police agreement for the strategy.

ACTION: Councillor Groves will borrow the cones and make signs and leaflets
The clerk will advise the Police of the proposed actions.

19/20

BLACKGANG VIEWPOINT CAR PARK

The Isle of Wight Council has claimed ownership of the car park, but have no funds to have it resurfaced. There are now large potholes which could result in injury. Island Roads will no longer be resurfacing it as the car park was taken out of the contract and is considered "not on the network". It was agreed that the car park is important for both residents and visitors, and that it must remain open with a safe surface. As a first step, it was agreed: -

ACTION: The clerk to set up a meeting between Councillor Groves, Councillor Stewart and the Head of the IW Council Rights of Way team to find a solution for Blackgang Viewpoint carpark.

20/20

NUMBER SIX BUS SERVICE

A member of the IW Bus and Rail users group advised councillors that at the recent six - monthly public meeting with IW Council and Southern Vectis, no major changes to timetables were being introduced. Chale, Niton with Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council's currently fund the No 6 service on a Sunday in the winter. It has been noted that most of the people using the bus service on that day have free travel. A suggestion was made that as the route is already funded, why should it not be free to all users. Councillors were in favour of the concept but need to know the cost implications. A grant from the Sustainable Travel fund might be available.

ACTION: The clerk will contact both Niton and Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Councils for their ideas on funding a free service on the No 6 bus on Sundays in the winter.

21/20

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

One member of the public raised a question about Chale Stores and in particular the loss of the Post Office. Following his intervention with the Post Office, the vacancy is now being advertised, although it is not tied to that particular location and might be managed by an outreach service. Cllr Groves advised that councillors will be discussing the shop in the private session following the meeting.

22/20

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

This part of the meeting closed at 8.37pm when the member of the public was asked to leave so that confidential items could be discussed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm

Chairman.....
9 March 2020