

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7pm.

## **Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Bernasconi, McWilliam, Paragreen and O'Harrow  
**Clerk:** Mrs Katie Riley  
**Public:** 2

**69/18**

### **APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

**RESOLVED**

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

**RESOLVED**

None

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

1. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**RESOLVED**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018 are approved and duly signed

2. Matters arising:

- Parking for Spanners Close play area – no longer an issue since news of the parking permits issued by Southern Housing are to be withdrawn
- The bin outside the play area, reported as spilling over is being removed by Southern Housing as they don't have the capacity to clear it each week/month without incurring a cost to residents
- The bus shelter on Church Place has been confirmed as Island Roads' responsibility for maintenance and they have no issue with the resident concerned keeping it tidy.
- An email of thanks has been received from Graham Biss of Gift to Nature for the £200 donation and that he has been pursuing the cutting of the hedge with Blackgang Chine but no progress as of yet. The idea of a playground at the viewpoint was welcomed along with any suggestions that may improve the area.

**72/18**

### **TO CONFIRM CLLR O'HARROW'S APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON CHALE CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED**

That this post remains vacant due to Cllr Harrow's work commitments

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### **ISLE OF WIGHT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (IWALC)**

1. To receive information from Peter Whiteman, the Chairman of IWALC, about the association

Peter Whiteman, the Chairman of IWALC provided a summary of the benefits to becoming a member fo IWALC including training and free legal advice.

2. To consider and agree on whether to take up membership of IWALC at a pro-rata cost of £96.28 (full annual membership £116.59)

**RESOLVED**

That Chale PC will join IWALC at a pro-rata cost of £96.28

**74/18**

**PLANNING**

To review any planning applications and IWC decisions

**RESOLVED**

None received

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**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To note the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**

That the bank reconciliation for June is noted

2. In receipt of further information to consider approving payment towards garden boxes for the hut at a total of £485.16

**RESOLVED**

Payment of £250 is approved towards garden boxes for the hut. Ideas suggested to raise further funds through plant sales and organisations such as B&Q and the Co-op who are known to support community projects

3. To consider granting money to Breakout Youth

**RESOLVED**

Not to grant any money to Breakout Youth on the basis that there are other organisations closer to home providing similar support including SWAY who the PC already support

3. To agree on the sale price of newly purchased tea towels

**RESOLVED**

Tea-Towel wholesale price agreed to remain the same at £4.00, retail £5.00. Newly made pinafores wholesale price £4.50, retail £6.99

4. To note receipts and authorise payments

**RESOLVED**

The following receipts are noted:

Cash from tea towel sales	£113
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**RESOLVED**

The following payments are approved:

Chq no.

1099	Countryside Art Ltd (tea-towels)	£395.02
1106	Isle of Wight Council (grounds maintenance)	£600.00
1107	Community Action IW	£880.04
1108	Mrs K Riley	£83.00
1109	Garden Boxes	£250.00
1110	IWALC	£96.28
Direct Debit	Southern Electric	£19.42

**76/18**

**AGE FRIENDLY ISLAND CHARTER**

To confirm words of commitment for the Age Friendly Charter and appoint an age friendly ambassador

**RESOLVED**

That authority is delegated to the chairman and clerk to come up with a slogan for ratification at September's meeting

**77/18**

**CHALE COMMUNITY HUT UPDATE**

To discuss and agree any next steps

The chairman has received a quotation from the chair of the community hut working group for a rebuild of the hut to the amount of £14,450, however this doesn't include fixtures or fittings, or water. The lack of progress made since the village has taken ownership of the hut

from Southern Housing Group was discussed and it was agreed that the priority is getting water to the hut and that a meeting of the working group is urgently required to attend to the grant application, water connection and necessary maintenance.

**RESOLVED**

The Chairman to email the working group and ask for the chair and secretary to organise a date for the whole working group as soon as possible to urgently address these matters

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**CHALE STORES**

To receive an update and agree on any next steps

The chairman has had various meetings with the leaseholders during the last month and lengthy email communication with the owner of the freehold. The owner of the freehold has said that he wants to work out an agreement but that it might be better to have a smaller shop and post office elsewhere and sell the current land for residential use. Cllrs expressed their concern and opposition to this idea and a discussion was had about urgently applying to have the shop listed as an asset of community value. The fact that the land in front of the shop is common land was also highlighted. The leaseholders continue to be positive but things are very difficult and they have still not received any offers on a much-reduced leasehold sale price. If the café was separated from the rest of the business this could reduce the size of the problem and lots of ideas were forthcoming for its potential use within the community.

**RESOLVED**

The chairman to talk to IW Cllr Stewart as soon as possible about listing it as an asset of community value and seek permission from the leaseholders to publish an article in the Chale Mail to raise awareness of its potential loss and encourage residents to 'use it or lose it'.

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**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

1. The Clerk with any correspondence received
  - No news from the National Trust but to be expected as they warned us the process would take some time. Clerk to follow up for September
  - Broadband has been delayed until September. BT and contractors are ready to go but there are timing issues around the necessary road closure over the summer months
  - Road markings on Chale Green outside the shop have been followed up with Island Roads – no response so far.
  - Recycling bins due to be taken away from outside the shop have been followed up with Amey – explanation provided that these items no longer need separating and are collected via the green bins and that removal of these bins was a policy decision taken by the IWC
  - Contacted by a local resident about speeding tractors once again on Church Place – didn't leave a name or number but if this is happening again we need to contact Mr. Neville Peachey at Wight Farm Energy to report any driver breaking their code of conduct
  - Contacted by Richard Tyldsley of Southern Vectis re. winter 2018/19 timetables, to inform us that as per last year the Sunday journeys on route 6 are still not in a position to be operated commercially. He has asked whether Chale, Chillerton and Gatcombe and Niton and Whitwell Parish Councils would consider supporting it once again? Chillerton and Gatcombe have already responded to say yes in principle, but dependent on cost and there was agreement for the clerk to respond similarly on behalf of Chale.
  - Invitation from the Isle of Wight Council to its Annual Regeneration Conference on the afternoon of Thursday 19 July at the Lakeside Park Hotel, Wootton
  - Clerk confirmed with Cllrs whether they received the island roads updates from Samantha Rourke directly – yes, clerk no longer to forward

- Clerk reminded Cllrs about the Island Roads Network Integrity Register, promised by the IWC – clerk to follow up when this is due to be sent to PCs in relation to Newman Lane in particular
2. IWC Councillor Dave Stewart  
Not in attendance
  3. Parish Councillors
    - Cllr Paragreen raised concern over who is going to empty the dog bins if the service from Island Roads is reduced
    - Cllr Paragreen and Bernasconi reported up to a dozen cars parked on the green at the weekend. A discussion was had about the illegalities of driving on common land except for access and previous efforts to enforce with signage
    - Cllr Bernasconi shared a letter from Southern Housing regarding the removal of parking permits and will let local resident concerned know about parking availability for the playground
    - Cllr Ron Groves reported that Dave Badman has loosened the bolts on the door of the phone box so that it is ready to remove and take back to his work shop for repair
    - Cllr Ron Groves reported a successful afternoon refereeing a 5-a-side football tournament for SWAY
    - Cllr Ron Groves reported he is still to hear back from IW Cllr Ian Ward re. Newman Lane. Will raise again with IW Cllr Stewart

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.43 pm

Chairman.....  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2018