



# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Chale Parish Council held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7.00 pm.

## **Present**

**Chairman:** Cllr. Ron Groves  
**Councillors:** Cllrs: Liz Groves, Bernasconi, McWilliam, Paragreen, and Cumming  
**IWC Councillor:** Cllr. Stewart  
**Clerk:** Katie Riley  
**Public:** 4

### **340/17 APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

### **341/17 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

- 1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.  
Cllr Liz Groves declared a non-pecuniary interest re. minute number 350/17 (3) on account of her membership of CVP
- 2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.  
Requests received and granted for Cllrs Bernasconi and Paragreen on account of their membership of CVP re. minute number 350/17 (3)

### **342/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 are approved and duly signed.

### **343/17 PLANNING**

To note the following IWC decisions and any others received by 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017:

Application No: P/01669/16

Location: Walpan Farm, Military Road, Chale, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO38

Proposal: Removal of conditions 5, 6 and 7 on P/01727/00 to allow 6 units of holiday accommodation and 1 unit of managers accommodation to be used as permanent residential; variation of condition 3 to allow alterations to window materials

Decision: Refuse Plan Perm (or not issue Cert)

Reasons:

1. The removal of the conditions to restrict the converted barns to a holiday use would result in new dwellings in an isolated and unsustainable location, with the Island Plan Core Strategy identifying the application site as being situated outside the defined settlement boundaries and thus falling within the Wider Rural Area . The application is not supported by sufficient justification to demonstrate that the proposed dwellings would meet a specific local housing need nor that the non-viability justification put forward overcomes the restrictive spatial policy controlling new development in such locations or the Council's aim to protect tourism accommodation. In addition, the dwellings would not be in a sustainable location in terms of both access to alternative means of travel other than the private car, and unsatisfactory pedestrian access to local facilities and amenities. In consequence the proposal is contrary to the aims of Policies SP1 (Spatial Strategy), SP2 (Housing) and SP4 (Tourism) of the Island Plan Core Strategy.

2. The removal of the conditions to restrict the converted barns to a holiday use would result in new permanent residential dwellings in a rural location and designated AONB which the NPPF gives the highest level of protection when it comes to landscape and scenic beauty and aims to protect these areas. The domestic paraphernalia, improvements to the access and pressures for additional built form would detract from the rural and isolated character and appearance of this area. In consequence the proposal would have an adverse impact on the wider landscape and the AONB contrary to the aims of SP5 (Environment), DM2 (Design Quality for New Development) and DM12 (Landscape, Seascape, Biodiversity and Geodiversity) of the Island Plan Core Strategy as well as Government advice contained within the National Planning Policy Framework and the AONB Management Plan

Application No: P/01499/16

Location: Saeter, The Terrace, Chale, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO38 2HL

Proposal: Proposed double garage

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

**RESOLVED**

Decisions noted

**344/17**

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

To consider suggestions for speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting

Two ideas were proposed

**RESOLVED**

Given the amount of local interest in opening access to Whale Chine, an invitation will be made to those involved in moving the project forward

*IWC Councillor Dave Stewart arrived at 19.10*

**345/17**

**NOMINATIONS AND PRE-ELECTION ADVICE RE. FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS**

Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated pre-election advice from the IWC regarding the forthcoming elections to take effect from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March in relation to the Parish Council's activities and material it can send out to the public so as not to support or provide publicity for any election candidate.

The Clerk distributed nomination paperwork via a web link with a reminder of the deadline to hand deliver submissions by p.m. on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

The Clerk informed Cllrs she can provide electoral numbers and for candidates to email her should they need them.

**346/17**

**TO FORMALLY AGREE TO TAKE ON OWNERSHIP AND MAINTENANCE OF THE OLD SCHOOL SIGN POST**

**RESOLVED**

Chale PC will formally accrue the post as an asset from the IWC and take on responsibility for any future maintenance.

**347/17**

**THE NUMBER 6 BUS SERVICE**

To discuss and agree any next steps arising from the working group meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017

The Clerk provided a summary of the options discussed at the latest working group meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Namely to continue to fund the winter Sunday and bank holiday Southern Vectis no. 6 service, fund a winter Sunday and bank holiday service operated by a minibus company, support parishioners to join the Community Action Optio car scheme, fund an occasional evening service operated by a minibus company, run day and/or evening excursions (cinema/theatre/attractions), or buy a community minibus and operate with volunteer drivers.

General perception from Cllrs was that passengers numbers on the number 6 route were low having gone from an hourly to a two hourly service. Highest numbers were

remembered when there was a flat £2 return anywhere on the island. Peaks now appear to be the 8.00am with students going to college and 10.00am for bus pass holders. It was additionally noted from the working group meeting that the current Coaster Route is considered a visitor only route and therefore doesn't accept concessionary passes.

**RESOLVED**

That Chale PC supports the working group's request to the IWC for concessionary passes to be accepted on the Coaster Service.

That the Clerk makes a freedom of information request to Southern Vectis for detail that has not been forthcoming regarding passenger numbers on Sundays and revenue derived from these journeys. The original agreement was that Southern Vectis was going to pay back any revenue offset from the cost of the bus on these journeys.

Cllr Stewart is due to meet the managing director of the Go Ahead Group, the parent company of Southern Vectis, at the end of the month.

**348/17**

**UPDATE ON THE RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAMME**

No further information has come forward from the IWC or BT regarding the progress of an alternative route.

**349/17**

**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

1 The Clerk with any correspondence received

- Transparency Fund - NALC has a fund of £4.7 million over a 3 year period from 2015 to 2018 to support the transparency legislation which is now in effect and will entirely replace external audit from April 2017. Funding is available via county associations (IWALC) to aid compliance with the transparency code and can be used to purchase items that the Parish Council does not already possess, or where they are using the personal computer of the Clerk. The Clerk is in the process of submitting a funding application for a laptop, software, printer and scanner to meet the deadline of 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**RESOLVED**

Approval for the Clerk, currently without a scanner, to go ahead and purchase a printer/scanner ahead of any funding being agreed

- Correspondence - Letter received from Chale Churchyard Committee in response to the PC's resolution not to grant any money this year, asking for the PC to reconsider its decision. A copy of this letter had been circulated to Cllrs ahead of the meeting via email. Unless there is new information, a decision cannot be rescinded for at least 6 months. Suggestions that the PC may have a statutory duty to provide a grant are incorrect, it is for the PC to decide how it spends its money. There is no specific grant allocation in the budget for Chale Churchyard Committee for 17/18 and the decision was made by Cllrs on the basis of the financial information provided by Chale Churchyard Committee against the PC's own budget constraints. A letter of response has been drafted from the PC to be sent following the meeting providing a full explanation as to why the decision was made

2 Parish Councillors

- Cllr Bernasconi raised the issue of the planters being vandalised but that some really positive action had been taken since then by parents and those involved to plant some new tulip bulbs
- Cllr Bernasconi reported that she has already received 30 parish plan questionnaires back and is busy inputting the data for analysis
- Cllr Ron Groves reported that he had followed up an offer from local businessman Dan Paynton of Wight Heating to buy a Christmas tree for the village but as an offer has already been made elsewhere to donate a tree this year, he has offered to buy the lights instead and it might be that he could supply lights for the Churchyard Christmas tree. He has also offered to help any

small projects in the village. Cllr Bernasconi to bring up with CVP in April and Cllr Liz Groves to bring up with Chale Churchyard Committee

- Cllr Ron Groves reported that the second defibrillator training at the Stores had gone well, financed again by the Wight Mouse, with a further 11 people being trained, a total of 22 altogether. There had been a problem with the doors on each of the cabinets blowing open but he has bought and now fixed two bolts to secure them.

3 IWC Councillor Dave Stewart

- Cllr Stewart presented his report including attendance at the last CVP meeting when it was confirmed there will be no Chale Day this year owing to no one coming forward to run it, a meeting with the CARS group and Island Roads, progress on the Undercliff survey, negotiation of changing facilities for Niton Football Club, meeting with the Secretary of State tomorrow to argue the Island's unique case, work going on with Hampshire and the IW Fire Service, meeting CCG and health bosses this week ahead of a report coming out about the hospital, last full council meeting this Thursday ahead of elections and possible additional funding for adult social care.

350/17

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To note the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**

The bank reconciliation is noted

2. To consider making a grant to the CARS campaign

**RESOLVED**

To make a grant of £100 towards the CARS campaign

3. To consider making a grant to Chale Village Partnership to support the production of the Chale Mail

It was reported that very few volunteers came forward at the CVP fundraising meeting and that while it was a good forum for sharing information, it was the Chale Mail that people would miss and it could exist without the partnership.

**RESOLVED**

Not to grant any money to CVP

4. To approve reimbursement to the Chairman for the bolts fitted to the defibrillator cabinets

**RESOLVED**

Reimbursement of £3.93 for the purchase of two bolts was approved

5. To approve payment of the Clerk's additional 36 hours accrued during 2016/17

**RESOLVED**

Payment of the Clerk's additional 36 hours was approved and will be included in this month's payroll

6. To review and confirm Clerk's salary for 2017/18

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk's salary is progressing from SCP18 (£17,981) to SCP19 (£18,746) from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 as per her contract of employment and NALC and SLCC pay scales for 2017/18

7. To authorise payments

**RESOLVED**

The following payments are approved:

Chq:	980	Chillerton and Gatcombe PC	£1731.66
	981	Community Action Isle of Wight	£798.16
	982	Mrs K Riley	£72.10
	984	CARS	£100.00
	985	Mr Ron Groves	£3.93

Questions were received from the public

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Chairman.....  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

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