

Chale Parish Council

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

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Bernasconi, McWilliam and Paragreen
IW Councillor: Dave Stewart (arrived at 7.55pm)
Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley
Public: 2

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APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED

Apologies were received and approved for Cllr O'Harrow due to sickness

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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

None

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2018

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2018 are approved and duly signed

2. Matters arising not requiring a resolution

- Broadband - the IWC legal team have now received payment from BT and are now discussing the wording of the wayleave with SSE. The Clerk has been unable to confirm whether the requested amendments by the owners of Blackgang to the proposed route effecting their land have been confirmed as viable, however BT Openreach have said that agreements have been made in principle for wayleaves and SSE are just waiting to formally receive these, after which dates will be set for the work to commence
- The Clerk followed up the suggestion of connecting fibre to the military phone box with BT and apparently an Ethernet circuit may be possible but the costs may be prohibitive. An FTTP type service from the Cabinet (fibre on demand product) may be possible once the Niton cabinet is live
- Hoy Monument – the chairman and clerk met with wight stonemasonry on Wednesday 21st February to carry out a survey. It was possible to survey a certain extent from the ground but because of the height of the monument, in order to see the top, they have suggested the use of a drone to take pictures, rather than pay for scaffolding to be erected and the chairman has asked Dave Badman if his son might be able to do this for us. If not, Wight Stonemasonry have suggested someone else who can do it. Once we have these pictures they can complete the survey and cost up any required work to give to the National Trust

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PLANNING

To review the following planning application and any IWC decisions received by 12th March 2018:

Application No: P/00178/18 Alt Ref: TCP/06924/F

Location: Southdown Cottage, Southdown Lane, Chale, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382LJ

Proposal: Demolition of dwelling and outbuildings; proposed replacement dwelling and detached car port/store; landscaping (revised scheme).

Easting: 447566.1 Northing: 78738.5

Case Officer: Stacey Dinning

RESOLVED

No objections are raised and agreed revised plan much improved, however it was commented that the use of gabion baskets filled with the stones from the demolished building does not appear as a retaining feature in the architect drawings which was also picked up by the ANOB which the Clerk will pass on

22/18

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1 To note the bank reconciliation

RESOLVED

The bank reconciliation for February is noted

2. To agree on the appointment of the internal auditor

RESOLVED

Val Taylor will be appointed to complete the internal audit

- 3 To note receipts and authorise payments

RESOLVED

The following receipts are noted:

Individual tea towel sales x 2 (cash)	£10.00
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HMRC VAT repayment	£277.49
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RESOLVED

The following payments are authorised:

Chq no. 1087	Netguides	£48.00
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Chq no. 1088	K. Riley	£68.50
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Chq no. 1089	Community Action IW	£428.13
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CHALE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

Review and update Chale's community emergency plan

RESOLVED

The Emergency plan for Chale is updated. It was agreed it is important residents know about this document and how to access it particularly in light of the recent weather conditions. The Clerk to update the website and ask for it to be referenced in the Chale Mail.

Following discussion of the dangerous weather conditions last week the Clerk will ask Island Roads if a grit bin could be placed outside of the shop in the car park to prevent accidents from happening in the future.

24/18

UPDATE ON CHALE COMMUNITY HUT

The Chairman reported that he'd received an email from Mark Meredith at Southern Housing Group (SHG) 3 days ago to say that work hasn't started on the hut and that he was away until Tuesday 13th March when he would chase things up. Repairs had supposed to take place previously but were held up due to the weather, and nothing has happened since. Cllr Bernasconi advised that SWAY have just two further bus sessions due for the youth group to meet. Cllrs Bernasconi and Paragreen asked Cllr Stewart later in the meeting when he arrived about the availability of mobile classrooms that are being replaced with new school builds which he agreed to follow up.

The Clerk informed Cllrs she has prepared an invoice and completed a supplier set up form at SHG's request in preparation for the transfer of the grant money.

Following the meeting work has now started on the hut, the roof and weather boards have been repaired and work is due to continue inside.

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UPDATE ON PHONE BOX'S REFURBISHMENT

The Clerk reported the advice given from the IWC re. available grants which would likely be through the National Lottery, either through Heritage Lottery Funding (as the box is listed) or the Big Lottery which is for community-based projects. The support from the latter would most likely depend on having an alternative use for the box and the acceptability of this, in terms of its listed status, would depend on what alterations would be required (for example, other councils have used boxes as information centres).

The IWC also advised that any long-term repairs would need to be undertaken on a like for like basis but in terms of a temporary arrangement for fixing the door for safety reasons etc., depending on how it was done it may be possible to do this without the need for listed building consent.

RESOLVED

To proceed with a temporary repair in conjunction with Dave Badman and then look at a permanent solution and future plan for its use.

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TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

1. The Clerk with any correspondence received
 - Posters have been received to go up on notice boards from the Campaign to Protect Rural England aiming to re-educate anyone thinking it's acceptable to drop litter, and from the Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group, advertising the draft blueprint for the future of mental health on the Island. Some of these leaflets have been left in the WI Hall and others will be given to the church to put in their entrance on the suggestion of a member of public present at the meeting.
2. IWC Councillor Dave Stewart
 - Cllr Stewart presented his report which included an update on Niton Football club's changing facilities and possibility of SWAY using these, a technical meeting due to look at the undercliff options, suggested removal of a caravan at the viewpoint carpark, his visit to Westminster Council and meeting with the minister to talk about the island's case (Portsmouth University's research having concluded a £6.4 million disadvantage by being an island), local funding formula, fire service review, budget and recent water problems.
3. Parish Councillors
 - Cllr Paragreen had circulated notes prior to the meeting from January's meeting of the South Wight Parishes Health Forum. He is due to attend the next meeting in Shanklin tomorrow, Tuesday 13th March 2018 should anyone have anything they'd like to raise
 - Cllr Bernasconi reported that the meeting in the Wight Mouse had taken place with only 15 attendees which was disappointing.
 - Cllr Ron Groves reported a further 2 tea towel sales and 6 more requested from the garage
 - Cllr Ron Groves shared a request from SWAY to make a statement about the hut in the Chale Mail, however Cllrs feel there isn't much that can be said at present other than it is in hand and other options are being explored.
 - Cllr Ron Groves reported a scam in operation purporting to be BT and infiltrating bank accounts online. He has reported the incident to both the bank and BT.

The Chairman invited a member of the public to raise the issue of cross Solent travel and that from April the Council will be withdrawing support for the Cross Solent Budget. He and other patients requiring treatment in Portsmouth are extremely concerned at the potential financial burden placed on them and are urging the Isle of Wight Council to reconsider the matter. He referred to the

disadvantage of being an island previously raised by Cllr Stewart and made the case for a public service obligation to be placed on ferry companies regardless of whether they are commercial or not. Cllr Stewart responded that there is a hardship fund and there is still support for the vulnerable but that it is means tested. The member of public made the case that it is not just financial support that is required, it is the designation of the public service obligation on the ferry route which requires action. Cllr Stewart agreed to look into this.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.34pm

Chairman.....

9th April 2018

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