

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Chale Parish Council held on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing after the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.22pm

## **Present**

**Chairman:** Cllr. Ron Groves  
**Councillors:** Cllrs: Liz Groves, Bernasconi, McWilliam, Paragreen, and O'Harrow  
**IWC Councillor:** Cllr. Stewart  
**Clerk:** Katie Riley  
**Public:** 2

**364/17**

### **CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman for the ensuing year  
Nominated: Cllr Ron Groves

#### **RESOLVED**

That Cllr Ron Groves is duly elected Chairman

**365/17**

### **ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

To receive and sign the declaration of Acceptance of Office from the Chairman

#### **RESOLVED**

Cllr Ron Groves' signed declaration of acceptance of office was received

**366/17**

### **VICE CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Vice Chairman  
Nominated: Cllr Liz Groves

#### **RESOLVED**

That Cllr Liz Groves is duly elected and her signed declaration of office was received

**367/17**

### **APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence  
None

**368/17**

### **REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

To receive all members' register of financial and other interests

#### **RESOLVED**

Register of interests were received from Cllr Ron Groves, McWilliam, Bernasconi, and Paragreen. Cllr Liz Groves and O'Harrow to complete their register of interests to be received by the Clerk before 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

**369/17**

### **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**

Cllr Liz Groves declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to minute number 381/17 on account of her membership of Chale Churchyard Committee

**370/17**

### **TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING : -**

#### **1 Outside Bodies**

- Chale Village Partnership

**RESOLVED**

Cllr Paragreen is duly appointed

- Chale Churchyard Committee

**RESOLVED**

Cllr Liz Groves is duly appointed

- South Wight Parishes Health and Well-being Forum

**RESOLVED**

Cllr Paragreen is duly appointed

**2 Committees/Working Parties**

- Parish Plan

**RESOLVED**

Cllr Bernasconi is duly appointed

- Number 6 Bus Service (Community Transport Working Group)

**RESOLVED**

Cllr Ron Groves and Mr. Liam Cumming are duly appointed

371/17

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

- To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017

**RESOLVED**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017 are approved and duly signed

- Matters arising not requiring a resolution

- The Clerk has located the digital image of the village map and will seek quotations for the production of approximately 50 tea towels to bring to next month's meeting

- The Clerk has purchased a printer, scanner and software through the transparency fund and has an underspend of £44. She has had agreement from IWALC that this can be used for printing and future software renewal costs

372/17

**STANDING ORDERS**

To re-affirm the adoption of Standing Orders

Amendments were considered to allow the public to raise questions prior to the commencement of the parish council meeting, however it was felt the current arrangements for the public to speak at the end of an agenda item was more appropriate. Amendments were also considered with regard to planning; both that record keeping was no longer in practice, and that a formal process for decision making is needed when the 21-day turnaround for responses falls outside of planned council meetings.

**RESOLVED**

The adoption of Standing Orders were agreed with the following amendments:

Standing order 27 will remain in place without amendment

Standing order 69 (1) will be deleted

Standing order 69 will also now include "Where the 21-day deadline for responses falls outside of planned council meetings, the council to delegate responsibility to the Clerk to make a response based on a consensus of Councillors' comments sent to the Clerk via email"

373/17

**FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

To re-affirm the adoption of Financial Regulations

**RESOLVED**

The adoption of Financial Regulations were re-affirmed without amendment

374/17

**ELECTION**

To note the requirement of the return of Election Expenses by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017

**RESOLVED**

The return of election expenses was noted

375/17

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1 To note the bank reconciliation  
**RESOLVED**  
This will be postponed until May's bank statement has been received
- 2 To review the Asset Register  
**RESOLVED**  
The asset register is noted including the newly acquired laptop and printer for 2017/18
- 3 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17  
**RESOLVED**  
That the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 is approved and duly signed
- 4 To receive and approve the audited accounts for 2016/17  
**RESOLVED**  
That the audited accounts 2016/17 are accepted
- 5 To receive the Internal Auditors Report  
**RESOLVED**  
That the internal auditor's report is accepted and recommendations noted
- 6 To approve the Accounting statements 2016/17  
**RESOLVED**  
That the Accounting statements 2016/17 are accepted and duly signed
- 7 To authorise payments  
**RESOLVED**  
The following payments are approved:

Chq no.	989	Mrs K Riley	£67
	990	Came & Company	£288.46
	991	Mrs V Taylor	£102
	992	Community Action IW	£413.43

376/17

## PLANNING

To review the following planning applications and note any IWC decisions received by 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017:

Application No: P/00379/17 Alt Ref: TCPL/31820/B

Location: Stroud Green Farm, Town Lane, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO382JS

Proposal: Proposed conversion of outbuilding to two bed holiday cottage

Application No: P/00380/17 Alt Ref: LBC/31820/A

Location: Stroud Green Farm, Town Lane, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO382JS

Proposal: LBC for proposed conversion of outbuilding to two bed holiday cottage

Application No: P/00388/17 Alt Ref: TCP/17053/D

Location: 1 Steyne Villas, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO382JN

Proposal: Demolition of existing porch; proposed single storey extension on front elevation to provide hallway and downstairs bathroom

### **RESOLVED**

No objections raised

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## UPDATE ON THE NUMBER 6 BUS SERVICE

To discuss and agree any next steps

Cllr Ron Groves reported on a meeting he attended with the Community Transport working group and Richard Tyldsley, Managing Director of Southern Vectis, at their depot on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. An average of 53 passenger numbers were reported using the Sunday service last winter, a breakdown of running costs and revenue were provided as requested, and a

charge for this year's winter service proposed, an increase of £5 per day compared to last year. The new winter timetable is due to start 8<sup>th</sup> September, but PC's would not be asked to pay until October, exact dates to be confirmed.

The Clerk also reported on the quotations she had obtained from Kardan Travel and previously quoted Island Minibus Service for comparison to take to the next working group on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

A discussion was had around the likely take up of a community bus if there was a nominal charge to concessionary pass holders and cross subsidies from the No. 1 service.

**378/17 UPDATE ON THE RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAMME**

To discuss and agree any next steps

Cllr Ron Groves reported that he had received an email from the IWC thanking him for his interest in the matter and in relation to his earlier letter which discussed the subject. The Clerk reported that following a conference call with the IWC, BT and BDUK to discuss (1) Power solution and routing options for the Niton 3 cabinet, (2) Implications of state-aid on completing the connections to Niton 3 cabinet, and (3) alternative funding mechanisms, the IWC reported "a positive discussion was had, but that there remain funding issues which are being looked into. The IWC needs to clarify points relating to state-aid issues before they can commit any further."

**379/17 PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE**

To review the results of the parish plan questionnaire and agree next steps

**RESOLVED**

Due to time constraints, it was agreed to postpone this item until next month

**380/17 CHRISTMAS TREE**

To agree on plans for this coming year

A discussion was had with the Chairman of CVP at the Annual Parish Meeting held earlier in the evening.

**RESOLVED**

CVP to organise the Christmas tree again this year in conjunction with the donors that have offered to provide the trees and lighting at both ends of the village

**381/17 CHALE CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE**

To review and agree any next steps

**RESOLVED**

A letter drafted by the Chairman was agreed to be distributed to all members of Chale Churchyard Committee. The Clerk to send out on behalf of the Chairman.

**382/17 CIVIC DAY**

To consider how to raise awareness of the value and relevance of Chale's conservation areas on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Cllr Bernasconi suggested a Chale Trail walk being organised by the village will be happening later in the summer but Cllrs felt there was insufficient notice and publicity for anything else to be organised in time for 17<sup>th</sup> June, but may consider if more notice is given next year

**RESOLVED**

Chale will not be organising anything for Civic Day this year

**383/17 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

- 1 The Clerk including correspondence received
  - o Sustainable Chale has informed the PC that work on the bike station was due to start at the shop today and they have formally informed planning so no need for the PC to do so
  - o Following the regrowth of brambles on the green, the Clerk has been in touch with the IWC and John O'Conner who say the ground is still a bit too rough to run

their gang-mower over, as it needs to have a cultivator run over it and seeded but due to this dry spell the chances of seed taking at the moment is not too good. All they can do at the moment is to cut the Brambles next time they are on site and wait and see what happens.

**2 Parish Councillors**

- Cllr Liz Groves reported that rubbish has been dumped in the passing place on Chale Lane. The Clerk to contact Island Roads to investigate further
- Cllr Paragreen reported that he is due to attend the Patient Participation Group in Niton on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May
- Cllr Ron Groves reminded Councillors that the Mobile Recycling Unit will be at Whale Chine again this Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May and confirmed that the abandoned car has been removed Island Roads
- Cllr Bernasconi enquired about any progress towards the opening of beach access to Whale Chine? A discussion was had around its feasibility but also whether the owners of the new holiday lets might be interested in supporting any project trying to move this forward.

**3 IWC Councillor Dave Stewart**

- Nothing further to add following his report at the Annual Parish meeting earlier in the evening.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.33 pm

Chairman.....  
12<sup>th</sup> June 2017