



Minutes of the Meeting of Chale Parish Council held on Monday, 13th November 2017 in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7 pm

**Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Bernasconi, McWilliam, O'Harrow and Paragreen  
**IW Councillor:** Cllr Stewart (arrived at 7.32pm)  
**Clerk:** Mrs Katie Riley  
**Public:** 6

**431/17**

**APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence  
None

**432/17**

**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

Cllr O'Harrow and Bernasconi declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 13 on account of their membership of the Chale Community Hut working group

**433/17**

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

1. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**RESOLVED**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 are approved and duly signed

2. Matters arising not requiring a resolution

- Tractor and trailer traffic - offer received from Neville Peachey who runs the Bio Gas plant at Arreton to visit the site and contact him directly if any driver is in breach of their code of conduct – the chairman has sent a letter of thanks to both Neville Peachey and PC Tim Company for helping to resolve the problem so quickly. The problem of motorbikes is still ongoing but every incident needs reporting.
- The payphone is now repaired although can only be used with cards which the Clerk has queried with BT

**434/17**

**PLANNING**

To review planning applications and note any IWC decisions received by 13th November 2017

Application No: P/01324/17 Alt Ref: TCP/19865/L

Location: Chapel Cottage, Newman Lane, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382JG

Proposal: Alterations and extensions; detached garage/store.

Easting: 448199.4 Northing: 79139.7

Case Officer: Sarah Gooch

**RESOLVED**

Cllrs raised no objections

**435/17**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To note the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**

October's bank reconciliation is noted

2. To authorise payments

## RESOLVED

The following payments are authorised:

Chq no. 1006	Community Action IW	£413.43
Chq no. 1007	Mrs K Riley	£56.79
Chq no. 1008	RBL Poppy Appeal	£20.00

436/17

### PHONE BOX ON THE MILITARY ROAD

1. To agree on the purchase of a reversible doorcloser arm (approx £75)  
This item was raised due to the phone box door blowing open in the wind. The chairman has temporarily tied the door up but the purchase of a doorcloser will be necessary to enable a more permanent and useable solution. It was suggested this might be purchased at a cheaper price of £24 depending on the model of the phonebox. Local resident present at the meeting offered the parish council one of two redundant doorclosers following refurbishment work to his business, should they fit the phonebox
2. To discuss and agree a plan for the phone box's refurbishment  
A discussion took place as to the future plan for the phonebox and whether there is a need for it at all. Given its isolated position it was proposed we might be better off trying to sell it given phoneboxes can sell for as much as £1500 and put the money to better use for the village

#### RESOLVED

That the phone box will be sold, and that repairing the door will no longer be necessary. Clerk to make enquiries with X2 regarding the sale.

*(It was subsequently brought to the attention of the PC that the phone box is grade II listed and therefore not a saleable asset. This item will be brought forward to December's meeting to discuss repair and refurbishment)*

437/17

### HOY MONUMENT

To receive a response from the National Trust regarding the proposed donation

The Clerk reported her efforts to contact the National Trust via letter and email without success. She has followed this up with a telephone call today via general enquiries who are going to try and locate the correct hub to deal with this on the Isle of Wight and come back to us.

It was suggested that English Heritage might also be worth contacting as they look after the Pepper Pot. Clerk to contact.

438/17

### VILLAGE CHRISTMAS TREE(S)

To discuss and agree plans for this year's Christmas Tree(s)

PC keen to take some action as already mid-November and nothing appears to have been organised so far. Just one tree will be purchased via a local donor for Chale Green.

#### RESOLVED

Chairman to pick up the tree up from Shide. Cllr Bernasconi to talk to the CVP asap re. the lights to ensure the tree is put up and decorated without delay

439/17

### IWC CALL FOR POTENTIAL BROWNFIELD SITES

To agree on any possible locations in response to the IWC

#### RESOLVED

That there are no potential brownfield sites in the parish

440/17

### BT BROADBAND UPDATE

The Clerk shared Robin Nicholas at Open Reach's update that the road from the cabinet to the other side was completed just before the road was re-laid. Now they need to lay duct from here to Blackgang Chine. They need to secure a wayleave as they are hoping to cut

across a field to reduce duct length which SSE are dealing with on the island. Though requested, no further information has been obtained regarding a concrete timeframe.

**RESOLVED**

To make contact with SSE to establish more information about the wayleave and timeframe. Clerk to action in conjunction with IW Cllr Stewart

Two local residents present at the meeting informed the PC that Chale, Niton and Whitwell have not been included in the Gigabit Island plan (an investment of £35 million towards building a full-fibre, future proof, ultrafast broadband network across the Isle of Wight). Given this is tax payers money (publicly funded via the DCS) they asked councillors what could be done about it. IW Cllr Stewart offered to follow this up and speak to John Metcalfe about getting rural areas included in the loop as we are not the only area on the island excluded from the project.

**441/17**

**CHALER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

To consider and agree to commission a print from Dave Badman for this award

Dave Badman was approached prior to the meeting for an idea for a new Chaler of the Year award having run out of churchyard prints previously awarded, and he suggested a good photograph of somewhere in the parish.

**RESOLVED**

All agreed this would be a good option. The chairman to follow up with Dave Badman

**442/17**

**SOUTH WIGHT HEALTH AND WELL-BEING PARISH FORUM**

To receive further information regarding the request for a second representative and decide on Chale's representation

The move for additional representation was initiated by another town council wanting to increase their representation but this is not a requirement and up to each individual town and parish council to decide

**RESOLVED**

Cllr Paragreen will continue to serve on this forum as the sole representative for Chale

**443/17**

**CHALE COMMUNITY HUT**

To agree to a request from Chale Community Hut's working group to apply for planning permission for two toilets on their behalf

Cllr Bernasconi updated that a list of repairs including a leaking roof had been sent to Mark Meredith of Southern Housing Group (SHG) and that a grant application has been made to SHG for a shed comprising two toilets and a possible kitchen. This may include a disabled toilet subject to a further grant. The hut was due to be under the ownership of the community from 1<sup>st</sup> November however SHG did agree to put right the hut before any handover and so Cllr Bernasconi will contact Mark Meredith to follow up both the repairs and the current status of the hut before agreement on a planning application. This item will be brought forward to December's meeting.

*(Following the meeting Mark Meredith confirmed that the hut is still in the ownership of SHG until repairs have been completed and a formal agreement handing the hut over will be written)*

Local resident present at the meeting offered the working group a redundant stainless-steel sink following refurbishment of his business and Cllr Bernasconi will liaise with him directly about this to see if suitable.

444/17

## DEFIBRILLATOR MONTHLY DECLARATION

To agree and confirm a process for daily checks of both defibrillators in accordance with the Isle of Wight Ambulance Training & Community Response Service's PAD/Static Site Memorandum of Understanding and return of a monthly declaration

### RESOLVED

Local resident Mike Starke has kindly agreed to do a daily check of the defibrillator at the shop, and the pub will take on responsibility to check the defibrillator at the pub as part of their daily routine. The clerk will complete the monthly declaration on the understanding that these checks are being carried out and any problems will be reported to the chairman

445/17

## TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

- 1 The Clerk with any correspondence received
  - Contacted by Chillerton and Gatcombe PC to see about getting the bus working group together again for another meeting – a Monday or Tuesday evening at Niton Library has been suggested, to be confirmed
  - Invitation to an open day at Care in the Garden – Palmers Brook Community Nursery, Wootton, on either 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> November 11am – 2.30pm
  - Information from the Pensions Regulator about minimum pension contributions increasing from April 2018
  - An agenda has been received for the IW Town and Parish Council Seminar next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November
  - A grant request has been received from the IW Music, Dance and Drama Festival which will be considered at December's meeting
  - A request from Sgt Ged Armitage of Hampshire Constabulary has been received for us to discuss and agree on Chale's policing priorities, also for December's meeting
- 2 Parish Councillors
  - Cllr Liz Groves enquired about the progress of the Tea Towels. The Clerk to follow up
  - Cllr Paragreen is attending the next South Wight health and wellbeing parish forum on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November and will circulate any relevant information from it
  - Cllr Bernasconi met with two representatives from Gift to Nature, a countryside management project who have taken over green spaces previously managed by the IWC and are responsible for the Blackgang Viewpoint. She wondered whether the PC would be interested in inviting them in to give a presentation? The Clerk will invite them to speak at the annual parish meeting.
  - Cllr Bernasconi has contacted CARS about the supply of a speed watch camera and is waiting to hear back
  - Cllr Ron Groves updated that he has planted all the daffodils from BKVA around the village
  - Cllr Ron Groves reported on his attendance at an event at Quay Arts on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> where Chale Parish Council was awarded the "Best Dressed Village" for this year's Isle of Wight Day. Cllrs discussed the best home for this award and agreed the pub would provide the best display. The Chairman to speak to Andy at the pub about this.
  - Cllr Ron Groves reported two residents of concern referred to Local Area Co-ordinator Jenny Boulton – any problems need to be reported via 101
  - Cllr Ron Groves reported on his attendance at the Remembrance Service where he laid a wreath on behalf of the PC – over 30 members of the public in attendance

3 IWC Councillor Dave Stewart

Cllr Stewart presented his report which included the following items:

- Solent Digital Conference
- Improvements in adult social care
- Pride event
- Budget
- Town and Parish council meeting next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November
- Footpaths and bridleways commitment to try and maintain funding
- Twenty's plenty
- Dark skies status
- Sandown through school
- Lantern parade in Niton 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Carols on the green 21<sup>st</sup> December
- Floating Bridge

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17 pm

Chairman.....

11<sup>th</sup> December 2017