

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7pm.

## **Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Ron Groves, Bernasconi, O'Harrow and Paragreen

**IW Councillor:** IW Cllr Dave Stewart

**Clerk:** Mrs Katie Riley

**Public:** 5

## **92/18 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

### **RESOLVED**

Apologies are received and approved from Cllrs McWilliam and Liz Groves

## **93/18 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

## **94/18 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

1. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018

### **RESOLVED**

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

2. Matters arising not requiring a resolution:

- Website now up to date
- Clerk has requested the network integrity register again from the IWC who now advise we should receive it by the end of October

## **95/18 AGE FRIENDLY ISLAND CHARTER**

To receive Chale Parish Council's Age Friendly Charter from Lisa Toyne, Age Friendly Communities Development Officer

Lisa Toyne, Age Friendly Communities Development Officer provided an overview of the Age Friendly Charter funded by the national lottery and managed by Age UK before presenting the Charter to the Chairman. Amongst various initiatives such as Men in Sheds and the Aging Better Programme, they carry out age friendly training for organisations including the police and fire service, and having successfully trained Southern Vectis staff, training has now been extended to the whole of the Go-Ahead Group on the mainland. Funding exists for another year at which point Age UK are looking to find sustainable funding in order to continue. Questions were raised about the future of the Local Area Co-ordinator's role and how they link with local churches.

## **96/19 PLANNING**

To review the following planning applications and any IWC decisions received by 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018:

Application No: P/00893/18 Alt Ref: TCP/21605/D

Location: Southgrounds, Appleford Road, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382AP

Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension to create additional disabled access

Easting: 448988.8 Northing: 80106.5  
Case Officer: Stacey Dinning

Application No: P/01068/18 Alt Ref: TCP/27604/B  
Location: Primrose Cottage, Town Lane, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382JS  
Proposal: Proposed side conservatory  
Easting: 448167.3 Northing: 80157.6  
Case Officer: Stacey Dinning

**RESOLVED:**

That there are no objections to either planning application. No IWC decisions were received.

**97/18**

**FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To note the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED**

That the bank reconciliation for September is noted

2. To receive the half yearly financial report

**RESOLVED**

That the half yearly financial report is noted and on budget

3. To consider granting money to purchase gifts, vouchers and experiences for the Island's children in care this Christmas at the request of the Children in Care and Care Leavers Health Team

**RESOLVED**

Not to grant any money to the Children in Care and Care Leavers Health Team

4. To consider granting money towards purchasing first aid kits and basic DIY kits to young people moving into independent accommodation at the request of the IWC's Leaving Care Team

**RESOLVED**

Not to grant any money to the IWC's Leaving Care Team

5. To consider granting money for Chale pupils to participate in the Sight for Wight 2018 Short Story Writing Competition (entry fees at a cost of £2 per student)

**RESOLVED**

To grant £60 towards Sight for Wight 2018 and enable Chale children to participate in the short story writing competition

*IW Cllr Stewart arrived at 7.23pm*

6. To note receipts and authorise payments

**RESOLVED**

The following payments are approved:

Chq no.

1115	Mrs K Riley	£66.94
1116	Community Action IW	£440.02
1117	Sight for Wight	£60.00

**98/18**

**ISLAND ROADS VOLUNTEERING SCHEME AND COMMUNITY PAYBACK**

To consider any projects that could benefit from the support of either Island Roads' Volunteers or Community Pay Back

Community Pay Back are due to cut back the vegetation around the hut on the 17<sup>th</sup> November and it was agreed to keep both these organisations in mind as and when projects come up in the future. A member of the public present at the meeting suggested the bus shelter opposite the post office could do with cleaning and painting.

## **RESOLVED**

That the Clerk will confirm ownership and responsibility with Island Roads before proceeding with this as a potential project.

**99/18**

### **CHALE COMMUNITY HUT UPDATE**

To receive an update and agree on any next steps

No further progress reported. Cllrs have noticed that the hut is rotting where the shed used to be.

**100/18**

### **CHALE STORES**

To receive an update and agree on any next steps

The Chairman reported there has been no response from the owner of the freehold to his email asking about a potential sale and sale price after nearly a month. The Chairman will send an email reminder after a month to ensure he has received this email. Cllrs confirmed the lease is still up for sale at a reduced price but that the leaseholders are committed to giving the Spar at least 3 months.

The Clerk has circulated information and figures about a government loan to councillors, and contacted the National Lottery and identified the London and South East's Reaching Communities funding stream to apply for should we be in a position to purchase the freehold. Providing it is a not for profit venture and will benefit the community we would be eligible to apply.

**101/18**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE**

To receive confirmation from Chale Together regarding this year's arrangements

Cllrs representing Chale Together asked about the possibility of buying a pre-decorated tree. The Clerk will forward information gained last year from a company used by some town and parish councils known to pick up, decorate and remove Christmas Trees. Solar lights purchased last year thought to be risky given the little sun light likely at the time of year and so new lights will need to be purchased. It was not known who to approach regarding Hawthorn Cottage which would be the ideal location for a power source. If this isn't an option they will run an extension cable from the shop. Cllrs confirmed the café will be open for mulled wine and mince pies for Carols on the Green, Thursday before Christmas.

**102/18**

### **CREATION OF A NEW COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY WITH HAMPSHIRE**

To formulate a response to the consultation on a new combined Fire Authority with Hampshire (comments by 26.10.18)

#### **RESOLVED**

That there are no objections to the creation of a new Combined Fire Authority with Hampshire

**103/18**

### **TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

1. The Clerk with any correspondence received
  - IWC Grass cutting contract has been extended for another year at a cost of £500 plus VAT
  - National Trust have asked whether we have any specific access rights to the Hoy Monument other than the public rights of way. The Clerk contacted Wight Stonemasonry who worked on the Hoy many years ago who had access via Crocker Lane at Kingates to the top of Head Down and then drove over the Downs.
  - Broadband – IWC have confirmed this will be a two-stage process. Some trenching work will take place prior to half term and the remainder of the work will be completed in November.

- The Clerk contacted Shorwell PC re. building works at Corve farm. They were not aware of any planning application and had been informed they were restoring the buildings. *Prior to the meeting the owner of Corve Farm shared with the Chairman and clerk his plans which include a facility to help young people and the creation of a vegan cheese factory. The chairman advised that as the property is within the parish of Shorwell, that it would be for Shorwell PC to comment on the plans. The Clerk will forward contact details and confirmation of meetings to the owner.*
2. IWC Councillor Dave Stewart
- Boundary review likely to include Shorwell within the ward with Chale, Niton and Whitwell
  - The Bay CE School now officially open
  - Drive to raise money for Niton FC accommodation
  - Council on the road to Ventnor – Thursday 5pm
  - Budget due in November
  - Whale Chine Fridge removal
  - Floating bridge running on schedule
3. Parish Councillors
- Cllr Paragreen continues to attend the South Wight Parishes Health Forum. Cllr O’Harrow will attend the next meeting in Ventnor
  - Cllr Paragreen reported that Chale Together will be submitting a grant request to the PC to support the Chale Mail. Next meeting date 18<sup>th</sup> October
  - Cllr Bernasconi reported there will be a photography walk on 21<sup>st</sup> October organised by Chale together following a very successful ‘bat walk’ recently
  - The Chairman reported he has been approached by SWAY about a grant as a percentage of the precept in comparison to other parishes
  - The Chairman reported he and two local residents have put in 20 hours so far working on the phone box. It was questioned what we are going to do with it when its finished and one suggestion has been offered to create a timeline of the village which goes back to 1040 and naming it the ‘smallest museum on the Isle of Wight’
  - The Chairman raised the need for a meeting with Alex Dabell re. the overgrown trees blocking the view at Blackgang and IW Cllr Stewart agreed to join the chairman to try to progress this matter
  - The Chairman reported that on 19<sup>th</sup> October he will be doing a draw for the garage in aid of breast cancer
  - The Chairman shared news via a local resident present at the meeting that Chale was runner up in the medium category of the Isle of Wight Best Kept Village Awards 2018

The Chairman invited the public to raise any issues and it was asked who owned the layby outside the former mission hall and whether parking is allowed. The consensus of the meeting was that it isn’t owned by anyone and it is possible to park as long as it doesn’t cause an obstruction.

There being no further questions, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm

Chairman.....  
12<sup>th</sup> November 2018