

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 10th September 2018** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Bernasconi, McWilliam, and Paragreen

Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley

Public: 1

80/18

APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED

Apologies are received from Cllr O'Harrow and IW Cllr Stewart

81/18

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

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

1. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2018

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2018 are approved and duly signed

2. Matters arising not requiring a resolution:

- Road markings on Chale Street confirmed to be preparation for carriageway resurfacing works due to take place between Town Lane and Oxford Dairy commencing on 25th September for 4 days. Spanners Close resurfacing has been completed and information has been received from Island Roads about forthcoming works on the Military Road from 1st October for approximately 4 weeks. A member of the public present at the meeting residing on the Military Road was able to share further information about the phased work and likely date of the middle of October for Chale
- Network integrity register – IWC have informed us that a guidance note has been produced and this is awaiting approval from the portfolio holder Cllr Ian Ward. The intention is to consult with Town and Parish Councils before the end of September so that priorities can be identified.

83/18

PLANNING

To review any planning applications and IWC decisions

RESOLVED

No new applications or decisions received

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To note the bank reconciliation

RESOLVED

That the bank reconciliations for July and August are noted

2. To note receipts and authorise payments

RESOLVED

The following receipt is noted:

Cash from tea towel sales £53.50

RESOLVED

The following payments are approved:

Chq no.

1111 Island Roads (dog bin service) £124.08

1112 Mrs K Riley £71.50

1113 Community Action IW £440.02

1114 Mr R Groves (reimbursement for phone box paint) £53.98

85/18 NUMBER 6 BUS SERVICE

To formally approve support for a winter Sunday bus service from 7th October 2018 until 3rd March 2019. Cost for each trip will be £196 plus £296 each for Boxing Day and New Year's Day split equally between Chale PC, Chillerton and Gatcome PC and Niton and Whitwell PC

RESOLVED

That support for a winter Sunday bus service from 7th October 2018 until 3rd March 2019 is formally approved including Boxing Day and New Years Day

86/18 IWALC

1. To appoint a member and deputy to serve as a representative for IWALC

RESOLVED

Not to appoint an individual representative but for all councillors to consider attendance as and when a topic meeting is of relevance to the village

2. To agree which items we would like to see discussed at the IWALC forum

RESOLVED

No current items identified at present but to consider in future should a shared scheme approach benefit the parish

87/18 AGE FRIENDLY ISLAND CHARTER

To ratify Chale Parish Council's slogan for the Age Friendly Charter and appoint an age friendly ambassador

RESOLVED

That Chale Parish Council's slogan "*Chale Parish Council commit themselves to ensuring the Parish has an Age Friendly Champion to find sustainable solutions to issues affecting local residents and building an island that values, respects, engages and actively includes and supports older people.*" is ratified.

Rather than an individual ambassador, it was resolved to appoint the whole council as the Age Friendly Champion to ensure the needs of older people are considered in every aspect of the parish

88/18 CHALE COMMUNITY HUT UPDATE

To discuss and agree any next steps

Cllr Bernasconi updated that the Steering group has been in touch with Community Payback about cutting back the foliage around the hut. Community Payback would like to undertake more of this kind of work and will use all their own tools. All they ask for is a donation of £85.

The hut continues to be used by SWAY and Andy Dorning is in contact with an architect to draw up plans for the new build following the quotation received for a new build of £14500.

Commitments of the group have prevented further progress but commencing any new build will depend on whether there is an opportunity in the future for community groups (including SWAY) to use the café at the stores which already provides all the necessary facilities.

89/18 CHALE STORES

To receive an update and agree on any next steps

There was an initial meeting between the leaseholders, the chairman and IW Cllr Stewart on 17th July 2018 to discuss the Stores. The chairman updated that following this, future

meetings were planned on 28th August and then again on 15th September, however both were subsequently cancelled at the request of the leaseholders in order that they can focus on the launch of the new Spar. The leaseholders have reported things have improved since the closure of the café and they are hopeful that they can look again at opening the café after Christmas. They have requested that the PC approach the owner of the freehold to enquire about the parish purchasing the freehold.

As much as the stores is viewed as a community asset and no one would want to lose it, concern was expressed about leaving the PC with a substantial debt and much will depend on the purchase price and what loans and grants are available. The Clerk has made enquiries about gaining borrowing approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government and obtaining funds from the Public Works Loan Board which she will circulate to councillors for their information.

It was agreed to prioritise any grants available through the national lottery who have been known to fund local shops and post offices such as an example provided by Cllr Paragreen in Wales, before considering the commitment of a loan/mortgage. It was commented that if a grant wasn't forthcoming and the PC committed to a loan/mortgage it could be redeemed in the future by selling and that ground rent would be collected from the leaseholders which would offset loan repayments.

RESOLVED

The Chairman to contact the owner of the freehold and ask if he would be willing to sell the freehold to the parish and if so at what price.

The Clerk updated that a draft application to register the stores as an asset of community value has been prepared should this be required and has gained community support from the police with the application.

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CHRISTMAS TREE

To discuss and agree this year's arrangements

Cllr Bernasconi reported on behalf of Chale Together that they wish to take on the Christmas tree arrangements and that last year's donor has generously agreed to buy the tree again this year. There is a meeting of Chale Together next week when arrangements will be confirmed

RESOLVED

That arrangements will be confirmed by Chale Together and brought forward to next month's PC meeting.

91/18

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

- 1 The Clerk with any correspondence received
 - Blackgang Chine have trimmed the hedge at the view point but the trees behind the hedge are still obscuring the view. The Chairman is due to meet with Alec Dabell, Managing Director of Vectis Ventures to discuss this. He reported that these trees were planted at the request of the IWC and so may need permission from the IWC to cut back
 - Broadband – IWC have informed us that a meeting with all parties is to take place on Wednesday 12th of September, including Vectis Ventures and they hope to take things forward as a result
 - The Ambulance Service has requested to borrow our CPR kit again this year on the 16th October 2018 for their celebrating Restart a Heart Day
 - Contacted by a Chale Church representative to ask if we would like a wreath again this year for the Remembrance Day Service on the 11th November 2.00pm
 - Hoy update requested however Tony Tutton away until 17th September
 - Notification of two current consultations re. a Combined Fire Authority with Hampshire - deadline of October 26, 2018 – to agenda for October, and a 10-week public consultation on the local government boundary commission's draft

recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for the Isle of Wight – 10-week consultation closing on 12th November

- Invitation to the IWC Community Plastic/Environmental Forum on Thursday 27 September 4.30 to 6pm, Room 5, 4th Floor at County Hall.
- Information received about Accessible Sailing opportunities as part of the Celebrating Age Festival: with the Gweneli Trust, Friday 28th September
- Invitation to the IW Best kept village awards Thursday 27th Sep 7.30 – as no Cllrs available invitation passed to Chale Together
- PCSO Stephen Oatley's monthly newsletter received
- IWALC press release received regarding ferry charges for mainland hospital appointments lobbying for equal treatment with the Scilly isles
- Contacted by Frack Free Isle of Wight regarding the government's proposed changes to planning rules that would allow exploratory drilling for shale gas to be considered "permitted development", requesting us to sign an online open letter from Clare Perry MP opposing this proposal
- The Clerk shared the Parish News 'Connections' with councillors at the suggestion by the Clerk to Niton and Whitewell, asking if we wish to contribute and it was suggested that this would be more appropriate for Chale Together. Cllr Bernasconi to pass on.

2 IWC Councillor Dave Stewart

The Chairman read IW Cllr Stewart's report in his absence:

- Enquiries have been made regarding the 'merlin' sign and when bereavement matters are completed will pursue the desire to remove the sign.
- Remain available to assist with efforts to save Chale Stores and although the last meeting with the manager was cancelled will keep in contact with the chairman as we look to carve a way forward that keeps the store open.
- Pleased to be able to assist at the Chale Show again this year and with good weather and some excellent events I believe this was another great success.
- The next Town & Parish Council liaison meeting at County Hall will include information on budget preparations for 2019 / 20, latest information on the Local Boundary Review and an update on our proposed approach to the Network Integrity Register
- The council is currently also focussed on 'Care close to Home' with initiatives around digital support for Care Workers and improvements in service provision via the NHS
- The Fire Service review continues proposing a new combined fire authority
- The Island Plan review out for consultation in October

3 Parish Councillors

- Cllr Bernasconi updated that there will be another litter pick on Sunday 7th October. There is already plenty of bags and grabbers from the last pick but requested that the rubbish is collected on Monday 8th October – Clerk to contact Island Roads.
- Cllr Bernasconi reported that there had been a meeting of Chale Together during the summer where they agreed a more informal approach to concentrate on smaller events such as special interest walks and to hold shorter meetings monthly rather than bimonthly with the aim of achieving more. They will be organising Carols on the Green this year and will ask the Stores if they might be able to use the café for mince pies etc.
- The chairman is due to get together with DB to remove the phone box door, already loosened to be repaired at DB's workshop, and paint the box with newly purchased specialist phone box paint
- Cllr Paragreen reported his attendance at the latest South Wight parishes health forum and will circulate minutes when they are received. There was a speaker from Isle Access in attendance and the grassy bank at the bus stop at the Stores and Town Lane were both observed as difficult bus stops to access

- The chairman reported the building works at Corve Farm and concern over asbestos and byway access. The IWC have confirmed that the asbestos is being removed appropriately by Reynolds and Read and that the byway wasn't blocked when inspected. No planning application has been received and concern remains that retrospective planning may be sought and it was suggested the clerk contact the clerk for Shorwell Parish council to see if they are aware of any planning application for this building work
- The chairman has also followed up an observation about overgrown brambles around the garages at Hoy Close obscuring vision getting in and out of the Close and has written to the owner to inform him. The brambles have now been cut.
- The chairman reported he has had a phone meeting with IW Cllr Stewart and Ward about the need for double yellow lines at Newman Lane and following inspection Cllr Ward has agreed the junction presents a danger and that the lines will be done, but no confirmation as to when
- The chairman requested that any remaining Isle of Wight Day flags from previous years be put up as, whilst there has been no official confirmation, new flags won't be issued this year
- The chairman reported defibrillator training will happen at the Wight Mouse but dates still to be confirmed
- Cllrs commented that the website hadn't been updated with this month's agenda – the clerk to follow up

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.21 pm

Chairman.....

8th October 2018