

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 8th April 2019** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7 pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, McWilliam, Gosling and Harding
Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley
Public: 1

32/19 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED

Apologies are received and approved from Cllr O'Harrow following a letter of resignation

33/19 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

34/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2019 are approved and duly signed

Matters arising:

- Bank mandate completed for two additional signatories
- VAT refund received (£200.18)

35/19 TO RECEIVE UPDATED REGISTER OF INTERESTS FROM CLLR O'HARROW

RESOLVED

No longer applicable

36/19 PLANNING

To note any IWC decisions received by 8th April 2019

RESOLVED

No new applications or decisions have been received

37/19 EMERGENCY PLAN

Review and update Chale's Community Emergency Pla

RESOLVED

Chale's Community Emergency Plan is updated and approved

38/19 ASSET REGISTER REVIEW

RESOLVED

Asset register is noted, no changes this financial year

39/19 RISK ASSESSMENT REVIEW

RESOLVED

Risk assessment is updated and approved

40/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To note the bank reconciliation

RESOLVED

The bank reconciliation and end of year accounts are approved, noted and signed

2. To resolve that Chale Parish Council meets the exemption criteria for 2018/19 (total gross income and expenditure below £25K) and wishes to be an exempt authority, not subject to a limited assurance review

RESOLVED

That Chale Parish Council meets the exemption criteria for 2018/19 (total gross income and expenditure below £25K) and wishes to be an exempt authority, not subject to a limited assurance review

3. To receive and consider the findings in the internal audit report

RESOLVED

That the internal audit report is considered and recommendations for cheque stubs and invoices to be initialled by two councillors will be implemented moving forward and GDPR documents uploaded to the website

4. Approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

RESOLVED

That the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 is approved and signed

5. Consider and approve the Accounting Statements 2018/19

RESOLVED

That the Accounting Statements 2018/19 are approved and signed

6. To receive Clerk's appraisal and approve increment in line with national pay scales for 2019

RESOLVED

That an increment is approved for the Clerk's salary in line with national pay scales for 2019

7. To consider grant request from Wight to be Happy Ltd. to support the Isle of Wight Festival of the Mind 2019

RESOLVED

That while the Parish Council wish Wight to be Happy Ltd. every success with this event, not to grant any money on this occasion as they are prioritising grants for local projects.

8. To note receipts and authorise payments

RESOLVED

The following receipts are noted:

HMRC (VAT return)	£200.18
IWC (Litter pick funding)	£1500

RESOLVED

The following payments are approved:

Chq no.	1146	Mr Ron Groves (Chaler of the Year reimbursement)	£50
	1147	M Warr (Internal Audit)	£75
	1148	Hants & IOW CRC Ltd. (Community pay back (hut))	£85
	1150	Mrs K Riley expenses	£48.46
	1151	Community Action IW	£440.02

41/19 CHALE CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE

To consider request for two representatives to sit on the Chale Churchyard Committee

RESOLVED

That Cllr Harding will represent Chale Parish Council on the Chale Churchyard Committee

42/19 THE HOY MONUMENT

To receive an update and agree next steps

No further update available from the National Trust since a change in personnel. A discussion was had around liability in the event of falling masonry whilst under the ownership of the PC, and the potential necessity for a barrier and/or warning signage to be installed. Complications exist because

it is situated on National Trust land, and as such the Parish Council believe the monument would better sit under the ownership of the National Trust. The survey completed last year by Wight Stonemasonry was discussed and the Parish Council would pass on £8210 of ring-fenced funds with the monument to contribute to any future repairs as recommended by Wight Stonemasonry.

RESOLVED

To offer a meeting for the new General Manager, Mike Greenslade with the Chairman to discuss a handover of the Hoy further and provide confirmation of funds collected over the years for its maintenance to the sum of £8210 to be passed on with the monument as an endowment.

43/19 CHALE STORES

To receive an update and agree next steps

The chairman reported that further information had been requested and submitted to government office for the borrowing application to purchase the freehold of Chale Stores and that the results of the survey (306 returned from Chale residents, 237 from residents outside Chale) demonstrated full support for the potential purchase. While specific timescales are unknown, the PC has been advised that the money will be received within days following the secretary of state's approval. The Chairman also confirmed that the money could be returned/paid back in the event of the project falling through.

A member of the working group and Chairman attended a meeting with the Head of Hospitality at the Isle of Wight College to discuss the potential future use of the café and while they wouldn't be in a position to lease it (the working group's preferred option to offset a reduced rent on the shop lease) they are in the business of producing food and refrigerated transportation which the café could purchase at low cost to keep costs down. A cycling or alternative themed café was suggested to create more interest and to stock cycling essentials for sale on a sale or return basis. It is thought that there is potential for at least 20 covers inside the café with a further 30 more outside. The proposed café franchise in Newport has been pursued but is too busy at this stage to consider taking on anything else, but the Chairman has been informed that there is a couple from Bath who remain interested. If borrowing approval is gained, it was proposed to also discuss options with the chair of SWAY's board, Richard Webb, who are looking at various fundraising projects and could be a great community project much in keeping with the current owner's wishes.

The PC are due to meet the owner this Friday 12th April at 10.00 am and the owner is due to meet the working group/board of trustees on Monday 15th April. It is hoped that there is enough expertise and people who want it to succeed to make a success of it which is what everyone wants.

44/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

1. The Clerk with any correspondence received

- Litter Pick Grant received from the IWC for £1500

RESOLVED

To purchase a dog bin and signage to be installed at the base of the footpath to the Hoy Monument. Clerk to contact Island Roads and make this request.

- Information received from Wessex Cancer Trust encouraging people to get involved in cakes for cancer during the week of 6th to 12th May. Poster on noticeboard
- Request from IWALC for Councillors to put forward future training ideas. Councillors considered this request but there was acknowledgment amongst members that as volunteers with competing priorities and time constraints, training sessions are not always practical but that they will consider attendance if and when appropriate.

2. IWC Councillor Dave Stewart
Not present at the meeting

3. Councillors

- Cllr Liz Groves reported that Southdown is currently closed
- The Chairman reported that the horsebox previously reported has been moved from the layby but that the caravan at Bleak Down has moved into the village

- The Chairman has received an unconfirmed report about an electrical substation being built between the bus stop and the church
- The Chairman reported his attendance at a meeting with the WI and Council Officer Jayne Tyler who is looking at public buildings to put fibre in which would run through the rest of the village currently without broadband. There is no guarantee but the WI hall is high up on the schedule, and a September start is thought to be likely
- Report received about a lost border collie missing after an electrical shock from a fence
- And reminder about the litter pick this Sunday 14th April

The chairman opened the meeting to the member of the public present at the meeting who asked for clarification that the suggestion was for SWAY to consider leasing the café premises which was confirmed, and that he saw great potential for bacon butties and tea to be sold from the shop/café to a significant working group of people currently calling in to the shop on their way to work.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Chairman.....
13th May 2019