

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Meeting of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Mon 11th April 2022 at WI Hall, Chale Street, Chale commencing at 7.00pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Pete Gosling, Dian McWilliam, Liz Groves, Chris Parker.
IW Councillor: Not Present
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
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Guest speaker Mike Mathews gave a brief update on the Parish Website and in particular to the frequent requests by other statutory agencies/charity and volunteer groups to add links or information to it. Mike advised that not all links were safe and often did not work which frustrated users and would lead to visitors to the website leaving and not coming back. He also advised that numbers of visitors to the website were consistent month on month and mostly to the Agenda and Minutes pages. A suggestion that a mention of the Chale Village Facebook page was a better idea due to it being regularly updated, active and has over 500 followers and more likely to give up to date information. Councillors agreed that no additional links will be added/considered and that there were other ways for residents to find out information relevant to them. Mike also offered to print a newsletter once a year on behalf of the Parish Council if agreed.

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APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED: Ward Councillor Claire Critchison

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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: Chairman Ron Groves declared an interest at 37/22 due to claiming expenses for C4C grant money.

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th March 2022.

Clerk raised outstanding issue of Queens Jubilee Beacon lighting to be discussed and updated by Councillor Gosling and Council Member Stewart.

RESOLVED: NONE

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PLANNING

A. NONE to be considered

B. NONE to be considered.

Council member Parker advised council that the building works at Chale Farm seem to progressing but not inline with planning approval.

RESOLVED. Clerk to enquire with IWC planning dept whether current works are in line with previous planning application/approval.

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FINANCE

5.1 To note bank reconciliation for March 2022.

RESOLVED. That reconciliation was noted.

5.2 To note receipts and authorise payments for April 2022

Receipt of Council Tax Precept. **£11027.00**

Payments of:

11/4/22 Chq 1328 Island Roads – Dog Bin Empty charges £190.80

11/4/22 Chq 1329 Community Action – Payroll £583.93

11/4/22 Chq 1330 M.Warr-Internal Audit £ 75.00

11/4/22 Chq 1331 Ron Groves- C4C Expenses £ 56.25

11/4/22 Chq 1332 Michala Bailey-Clerk Expenses £ 42.75

TOTAL £ 948.73

RESOLVED. That receipts and payments were discussed and agreed.

5.3 To receive and approve the end of year accounts

RESOLVED. That the end of year accounts was noted and agreed.

5.4 To receive and approve VAT claim for 2021/22

Clerk advised that the VAT claim had been made and a total of £277.77 is due back to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED. That the refund of VAT was agreed.

5.5 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

RESOLVED. That the Annual Governance Statement for 2021-22 was noted and agreed.

5.6 To resolve that Chale Parish Council meets the exemption criteria for 2021/22 (total gross income and expenditure below £25K) and wishes to be an exempt Authority, not subject to a limited assurance review (page 3 of AGS above)

RESOLVED. That the Parish Council met the exemption criteria and wished to be an exempt Authority.

5.7 To receive and consider the findings in the internal audit report

RESOLVED. That the internal audit finding was considered and agreed.

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POLICIES/ASSESSMENTS

To review/amend and approve the Policies and Risk Assessments as presented by the clerk
RESOLVED:

6.1 That the Annual Risk Assessment was up to date and valid.

6.2 That the Parish Privacy Notices were up to date and valid.

6.3 That the Accessibility Policy was up to date.

6.4 That the Community Emergency Plan update was agreed and Clerk to report back to Tony Bryant with updates.

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WI Notice Board – S137 grant application.

Chairman advised council that a quote of £629 has been received by the WI who have asked for Council to consider a S137 Grant to assist with funding this. Other options to consider were to pay a monthly fee to the WI to display Parish information.

RESOLVED. That in pursuance of the powers conferred by S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approved expenditure of £314.50 in respect of Community Notice Board Repairs, WI Hall, Chale Street, Chale.

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TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

CLERK. Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk advised Council that the IWC has made contact enquiring as to who may own the two minibuses parked in the car park at the rear of the Old Scout Hut, Chale Street. A third party has applied to the IWC to purchase the car park as an addition to purchasing the Scout Hut. The IWC are now looking into this and will be in further contact with the Parish Council with several options, which could include the installation of parking meters or possible offering the lease to the Parish Council at a small charge. Clerk previously circulated the feasibility study regarding Electric Charge points for the village. The report stated that the Parish Council would not fall within the IWC contract and would have to fund the project from Parish funds at the cost of £12K.

RESOLVED: Councillors did not know who owned the minibuses but did suggest the IWC consider No Overnight Parking. Councillors agreed that the car park MUST not be lost as it is a valuable asset to the Parish. Clerk to make further contact with IWC. Clerk to Agenda the Joju Electric charge issue for May.

CHAIRMAN. Chairman advised that the Beacon is not at Blackgang but may be at Robin Hill. MP Bob Seely has announced that Vestas will be producing more wind turbine blades. The Ryde interchange will be starting soon and Bob Seely has asked that the Fastcat times be looked at and improved. Road Policing presence will be improved and the speed camera van has been seen on the Island. English Heritage asked been asked to intervene in House building on common land and object. Cllr Bob Blezzard is trying to get remote meetings online again due to increase in COVID. There is going to be a separate pedestrian walkway up Ryde Pier. IWC are making Ukrainian refugees very welcome. Residents have made complaints to Chairman regarding the Spitfire flying over the village.

RESOLVED: To make contact with MP and ask that he continue to fight for fair travel costs for Islanders with Ferry companies.

COUNCILLORS. Cllr Gosling and Council Member met at the site for the Queens Jubilee Beacon Lighting and unfortunately there is no line of sight with the beacons at Culver or Tennyson Down. Should Robin Hill or Blackgang wish to light it then the PC have no need to get involved. Cllr Gosling as already put the build of a new beacon on hold. Cllr Gosling has planted 7 new trees on the green. He will continue to look after them until they are established.

RESOLVED: NONE

WARD COUNCILLOR CRITCHISON.

RESOLVED. Not Present

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

Rodney Archer advised Council that the IWC were not successful in their bid for grant monies for the Bus service improvement plan and that only two authorities, Bournemouth and Portsmouth were successful. IWC are looking further into this and the Parish Council may be asked for their views.

Prior to the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Groves advised Council that due to personal issues he will not be standing for re-election in May.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.51PM

Chairman..... 11th MAY 2022