

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **MEETING OF CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Monday, 11th April 2016 in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present

Chairman: Cllr. Liam Cumming
Councillors: Cllrs: Liz Groves, Ron Groves, Mark Paragreen, Carol Bernasconi and Dian McWilliam.
Clerk: Katie Riley
Public: Two

215/16 APOLOGIES

None

216/16 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- 1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.
- 2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.

None.

217/16 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 14th March 2016, which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED

That the minutes were approved and duly signed.

218/16 PLANNING

To review planning applications received and note any IWC decisions

None.

219/16 REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM CHALE CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE

To consider a request from Chale Churchyard committee for £1000 towards the cost of grass cutting.

Discussion was had regarding this request being received in the form of an invoice for £1000. Whilst the PC wishes to continue to support Chale Churchyard Committee, they didn't feel it was appropriate to receive an invoice in this way.

RESOLVED

Agreed to donate £1000 this year and request that invoices are not sent in in the future, rather that the PC will send a donation.

220/16 GRASS CUTTING FOR CHALE GREEN

To consider future options and resolve next steps.

Questions asked about what is going to happen in the future regarding grass cutting for Chale Green. Current ongoing contract with the IWC includes a fortnightly cut with one collect ahead of Chale Day for £667.92 plus VAT (a small annual uplift from last year of 1.2%). Problems with the current arrangements are that it is often cut too frequently and at the wrong times, regardless of the weather. A more flexible and responsive arrangement to local conditions may serve the village better, to be able to cut on an 'as and when' basis, and include collection.

RESOLVED

Three quotes will be obtained for grass cutting services on an 'as and when' basis to include collection.

221/16

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT HOUSED IN CHALE HUT

To receive an update to letter sent re. equipment in Chale Hut and resolve next steps.

Councillors discussed the response to their query from a trustee of SWAY, regarding the location of computer equipment and current use of the hut. Although there had been a concern about the condition of these computers whilst in storage, it was agreed that the computers had previously been donated to the community and Cllrs are happy with what has been set up.

RESOLVED

The PC is happy with what has been set up for the community.

222/16

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM

1 The Clerk with any correspondence received

- Confirmation that the pine tree on the green has been cut back following the IWC's tree officer's report
- Confirmation that the dog bin has been re-located to its correct position on East View Lane
- All councillors' details have been forwarded to the web hosts to be updated on the website
- Request from IWC as to whether Chale would like the Mobile Recycling Centre visiting the village. The PC thinks that this would be very useful, especially if it was available on the weekend. The car park was considered to be the best location for it, as the only suitable hard standing with sufficient space.
- Confirmation of the format for the combined Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on May 9th, starting the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 with the Meeting of the Parish Council following on from this at approximately 7.45. Clerk to send out invitations for reports from CVP, WI, Sustainable Chale Ltd, Chale Horticulture Show, Chale Churchyard Committee and Cllr Dave Stewart.
- Letter received and discussed from resident regarding the misuse of public bridleway C15. The Clerk has notified the IWC rights of way who responded positively to say that they will inspect and remove any debris, and also formally contact anyone known to be placing obstructions on the bridleway. However the resident was present and able to update the meeting that this matter has been resolved locally. Councillors discussed options that might help future situations arising including imposing speed limits, signs, stiles and writing a polite notice in Chale Mail. They asked to be kept informed should there be any further misuse.
- Phone enquiry received from a resident in Spanners Close querying the council tax bill and a request for a breakdown of the PC's spending. Minutes of the December meeting and budget has been forwarded in response along with an invitation to the annual PC meeting for further information on what the PC is doing.
- Email received from resident asking about the progress of double yellow lines on Newman Lane. Island roads and Cllr Dave Stewart were contacted for an update. Unfortunately while it is on IWC's list for consideration, as it is not on Island Roads work list, it will not be done in the immediate future.

2 Parish Councillors

- Cllr R Groves raised the issue of rubbish being tipped in Whale Chine car park. Clerk will report this to Island Waste and Island Roads.
- Cllr R Groves reported back from My Life a Full Life meeting he attended in Ryde on 18th March where he was able to re-iterate the problems faced with transport for hospital and doctor's appointments and it was agreed to treat this as a priority in rural areas.
- Cllr R Groves asked Councillors if and how the PC wanted to progress with the Chale Green Community Meadow Project, last correspondence on file was back in 2013. All

agreed it's a lovely idea however discussion was had around whether it is practical and financially viable, a previous quote from a private company was £2000. It was thought that CVP may be keen. It has been a question previously in the parish plan which residents liked so it was felt that people may volunteer.

RESOLUTION

Agreed to put on hold for the moment and Cllr Bernasconi will raise it at the next CVP meeting to link in with the parish plan and resident wishes.

3 IWC Councillor

None

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FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1 To note the bank reconciliation

RESOLVED

The Bank reconciliation is noted.

- 2 To authorise payments

RESOLVED

The following payments are approved

Chq: 925: Chale Churchyard Committee	£1000.00
928: Netguides Limited	£48.00
929: SLCC Enterprises Ltd.	£118.80
930: Isle of Wight Festival	£100.00
931: Community Action IW February payroll	£381.05
932: Mrs. K Riley expenses	£68.55

- 3 To complete bank mandate for Scottish Widows

RESOLVED

Bank mandate for Scottish Widows was completed.

224/16

COMPLETION OF CLERK'S PROBATIONARY PERIOD

To agree staffing committee and appraisal arrangements for Clerk on completion of 13 week probationary period ending 1st May 2016

A discussion was had as to how to manage employment issues such as the Clerk's appraisal and whether the PC wanted to have a separate staffing committee (would require a minimum of 3 councillors). It was felt most appropriate to manage at full council, however any issues should be discussed in private at the end of the meeting, excluding the public and press.

RESOLVED

Completion of Clerk's probationary period will be confirmed at the next meeting 9th May, and future employment issues will be discussed in private at the end of full council meetings, excluding the public and press.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.55

Chairman.....
9th May 2016