

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Chale Parish Council held on Monday, 10th April 2017 in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present

Chairman: Cllr. Ron Groves
Councillors: Cllrs: Liz Groves, Bernasconi, McWilliam, Paragreen, and Cumming
IWC Councillor: Cllr. Stewart
Clerk: Katie Riley
Public: 2

351/17 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.
None

352/17 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

353/17 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th March 2017 are approved and duly signed.

354/17 PLANNING

To review planning applications and note any IWC decisions received by 10th April 2017
None

355/17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Confirmation of arrangements and guest speaker

Cllr Ron Groves had approached Dave Badman prior to the meeting to invite him to speak about the progress being made to open up access to Whale Chine, and while this topic remains of high interest to the village, there are feasibility issues preventing the project from moving forward. Instead he would be willing to come and talk about the other work he is involved in and Councillors agreed this would be a good alternative.

RESOLVED

Dave Badman confirmed to talk about the 'Natural World' at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Annual reports will be invited from Chale WI, CVP, Chale Horticultural Show, Sustainable Chale Ltd, Chale Recreation Ground Ltd, Chale Churchyard Committee, SWAY and IWC Cllr Dave Stewart

356/17 TRANSPARENCY FUND APPLICATION

To agree on the process for purchasing equipment

The Clerk updated the meeting that the transparency fund application has been successful and £538.11 has been awarded, and paid directly into the PCs bank account, for the purchase of a laptop, associated software, printer and scanner. There was discussion about how the Clerk will be able to go about making purchases without access to the funds and it was agreed to pay the Clerk the sum of £538.11 plus VAT £107.62 in order that she can do so.

RESOLVED

Approval to pay the Clerk £645.73 in order that she can purchase the equipment

Cllr Stewart arrived at 7.10pm

357/17 UPDATE ON THE NUMBER 6 BUS SERVICE

To discuss and agree any next steps

The Clerk updated that following her instruction to make a Freedom of Information Request to Southern Vectis last month, she had been advised by Southern Vectis that the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is applicable only for requesting information from public bodies and authorities and does not apply to PLCs, Limited companies, partnerships etc.. She did however still pursue the questions requiring answers which has led to a personal offer of a meeting from Richard Tyldsley, General Manager of Bluestar, Southern Vectis & Unilink to meet with all three parish councils to provide details of customer numbers, revenue and cost for any potential 2017/18 winter Sunday Service. A discussion was had as to the best time to have this meeting to coincide with availability of representatives from neighbouring PCs and a Friday ideally in April agreed upon

RESOLVED

Clerk to organise a meeting on either two of the remaining Fridays in April with Richard Tyldsley to meet with all three PCs

The Clerk also provided details of quotations she has obtained from the Island Minibus Service and Kardan Travel for three return services on a Sunday to Newport from Whitwell during the winter, an evening service, and a one off excursion

Cllr Stewart reported from his meeting with Andrew Wickham, Managing Director at Go South Coast that no further changes to the number 6 service are anticipated. His discussions also involved summer increases, re-routing the number 1 and double decker versus single decker buses

358/17 CAR PARK BOUNDARY

To confirm ownership and responsibility for maintenance of the fence running parallel to the road and agree any next steps

The question of ownership and responsibility for the broken fence surrounding the car park had been raised with Cllr Ron Groves prior to the meeting and he was asked whether there would be any help available to repair it. Cllrs reported previously the PC had planted the hedge around the car park which had been given to them gratis. The Clerk confirmed that the car park is owned by the IWC. Island Roads are responsible for the maintenance of the car park and cut the grass verges, but are not responsible for the fence. This would be the responsibility of the adjacent landowner/s.

RESOLVED

As the responsibility for maintenance of the fence is the landowner's, the PC will not be providing any financial support. Clerk to write a letter to the landowner confirming the situation.

359/17 VILLAGE MAP

To agree on sales and proceeds

Following customers' requests, the Stores had contacted the Clerk prior to the meeting for more copies of the village map, originally produced by Rupert Besley in aid of the Hoy Monument Restoration Appeal Fund. She has supplied the Stores with the 9 last remaining laminated maps she had in storage. Cllr Ron Groves has also spoken to previous Councillor Alan Lock who had some in storage and will pass these on to the Stores. A discussion was had around their income potential and especially the prospect of making a tea towel for sale.

RESOLVED

Sales of £5 was agreed upon for the non-laminated map and £7.50 for the laminated version. The Clerk will follow up the possibility of reproducing the maps with Rupert Besley who holds the copyright.

Following the meeting Cllr Liz Groves spoke to Rupert Besley via previous Councillor Mike Starke and gained agreement over the copyright. She will also source the original image so that the PC has the means to produce other items.

360/17

ABANDONED CAR

Update on the removal of the abandoned car in Whale Chine Car Park and agree any next steps

The Clerk updated that she has reported this to Island Roads who have responsibility for the Abandoned Car Service. They have completed the necessary paper work in order for the authority to write to the owner, and will be advised accordingly.

RESOLVED

Clerk instructed to write a further email to Island Roads underlining the hazard it currently presents to children, antisocial behaviour and general eye sore given it has been there since before Christmas

361/17

UPDATE ON THE RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAMME

The Clerk reported on her further attempts to gain an update on the programme via Robin Nicholas, Senior Project Manager BDUK contracts of the BT Group. They have an alternative route from power source to the cabinet which picks up an overhead connection but will need underground ducting laid to cabinet. The cost is prohibitive at this stage and they are working on possible alternatives to progress the situation. Robin Nicholas is raising the issues within BT as well as the IWC and BDUK to find a solution to complete the remaining works

362/17

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

- 1 The Clerk with any correspondence received
 - Bike station planning permission has been approved. PCs responsibility now as the named party to notify the IWC of the commencement date for the works. The Clerk will liaise with Malcolm Groves
 - Request received from Tracy Curtis at the Earl Mountbatten Hospice to find the most visible spot in the Chale area to put up a 6ft x 3ft Walk the Wight banner and asked specifically about the Chale Recreation Ground fence. The Clerk directed her to Malcolm Groves about this, but also asked about any other good spots in the area where a banner could potentially go? Councillors confirmed no problem putting one up anywhere on the green as long as it is set back and doesn't obstruct the road. Clerk to pass on Cllr Ron Groves' contact details for any further local details
 - Correspondence received from the Isle of Wight Best Kept Village Awards 2017. Judging for this year will commence at the beginning of May. Also received were Chale's marking sheet from last year along with a copy of the judging guidelines and marking template. The condition of the phone box and bus shelter were the only features to score below average
- 2 Parish Councillors

- Cllr McWilliam led thanks supported by other councillors for Cllr Bernasconi's work on the parish plan. This has been distributed to councillors and will be discussed at next month's meeting
 - Cllr Cumming raised the issue that Southern Housing are considering the issue of parking permits to residents in Spanners Close and are currently surveying views on the matter. There has apparently been problems with people parking there and going to work
 - Cllr Ron Groves reminded Cllrs that the next mobile recycling unit will be at Whale Chine this Thursday 14th April
- 3 IWC Councillor Dave Stewart
- Cllr Stewart provided his report including an update on CARS priorities and thank you for the PCs support towards their campaign, new owners of the White Lion Pub, first full council meeting on 17th May, and travel for cancer patients to the mainland

363/17

FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1 To note the bank reconciliation
RESOLVED
 The bank reconciliation is noted
- 2 To consider Isle of Wight Age UK's request for a grant towards their Good Neighbour Scheme
RESOLVED
 Not to grant any money to Isle of Wight Age UK's Good Neighbour Scheme on the basis that the village does a very good job already of looking after its neighbours
- 3 To authorise payments
RESOLVED
 The following payments are approved:
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| Chq: | 986 | Mrs K Riley | £90.94 |
| | 987 | Community Action IW | £413.43 |
| | 988 | Mrs K Riley | £645.73 |

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.24 pm

Chairman.....
 8th May 2017