

# Chale Parish Council

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

## **Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, McWilliam, and O'Harrow  
**Clerk:** Mrs Katie Riley  
**Public:** 6

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### **APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

#### **RESOLVED**

Apologies received from IW Cllr Stewart

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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**

None

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### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

#### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2108 are approved and duly signed

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### **SWAY**

To receive an update on activities and finances from Mr Andy Dorning, SWAY

The Chairman welcomed Mr Andy Dorning of SWAY to the meeting. Mr Dorning outlined the work of SWAY, including the role of the Family Support Worker which supports 11 young people and 3 families in the village. Whilst the majority of SWAY's funding comes from Niton Methodist Church and St Mary's Church Brighstone, since the withdrawal of IWC funding in March 2018 they are experiencing a shortfall of £12000 this year and predicting the same for next year. They are however looking at grant applications to the amount of £50,000 to rebuild the hut which is currently not fit for purpose and any donation considered by the Parish Council would support an application of this kind.

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### **UPDATE ON VACANCIES FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS FROM COUNCILLORS BERNASCONI AND PARAGREEN**

The Clerk reported that a 15-day notice has been displayed since receiving resignations from Cllrs Bernasconi and Paragreen for local electors to request an election by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. If less than 10 residents make this request, the PC will be able to proceed to fill these vacancies by co-option. Should this be the case a discussion was had about how to manage the co-option process and it was proposed to ask for applications in writing ahead of next January's meeting.

#### **RESOLVED**

In the event of co-option, interested candidates will be asked to make a written application to the Clerk outlining what they can do for the parish by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in order to be considered at the next full council meeting on Monday

14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, and a notice will be displayed from the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 accordingly.

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### PLANNING

To note the following IWC decision and any more received by 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Application No: P/01068/18

Location: Primrose Cottage, Town Lane, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382JS

Proposal: Side conservatory

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

#### RESOLVED

Decision is noted

The Clerk informed Councillors that she has received notification of the following planning application accessible to view via the weblink below from Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, and whilst not technically in the parish of Chale, given its proximity to the village, Councillors to submit any comments should they wish to the Clerk via email by the closing date of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Application No: P/00937/18 Alt Ref: TCP/19186/H Location: Corve Farm, Corve, Chale Green, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, PO382LA

Proposal: Restoration and change of use of redundant farm buildings to form indoor and outdoor educational activity centre with visiting staff and visitor accommodation and one manager's dwelling; use of barn for vegan food production

Case Officer: Richard Holmes

Web Link: <http://www.iwight.com/planning/DirectToAppDetails2.aspx?P/00937/18>

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### THE HOY MONUMENT

To receive a response from the National Trust regarding taking ownership of the Hoy Monument

The Clerk updated that the National Trust is still looking into this and have requested a copy of the deeds. Having checked with previous Clerks and Chairs the PC has nothing on file, but we have been informed that the same family gave the Trust the land at the same time as giving the PC the Hoy, so the Trust are now looking through their records to see what they might have. The Trust continue to say they are keen to progress this matter.

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### FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To note the bank reconciliation

#### RESOLVED

The bank reconciliation for November is noted

2. To review the draft budget

The Clerk reported an overspend of approximately £500 for 18/19 mainly due to grants totalling £780 not being budgeted for. However, a balance of approximately £9000 of un-ringfenced reserves should be carried forward to next year. She circulated a draft copy of the budget for 2019/20 totalling £13000 and suggested this can be funded through a transfer of £3000 from reserves and a precept of £10000, but that we must keep at least 50% of the budget in reserves and need to be mindful of this when setting the precept in the future.

#### RESOLVED

Councillors to review figures and for the precept to be agreed at January's meeting.

3. To consider granting money towards SWAY

#### RESOLVED

To grant £500 towards SWAY and their work in the village

4. To consider granting money towards the Isle of Wight Dance and Drama Festival

#### RESOLVED

Not to grant money towards the Isle of Wight Dance and Drama Festival on this occasion

5. To note receipts and authorise payments

**RESOLVED**

The following payments are authorised:

Chq. No.	1122	Mr. Derek Sprake (wreath)	20.00
	1123	Community Action IW	440.02
	1124	Post Office Ltd (grounds maintenance)	600.00
	1125	K Riley (expenses)	55.00
	1126	P. Ryan Electrical	223.43
	1127	Mr. Ron Groves (cable ties for xmas lights)	7.20
	1128	SWAY	500.00

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**PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDERS (PSPO) 2019**

To review proposals relating to the introduction of the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) 2019

**RESOLVED**

That the Isle of Wight Council's proposed PSPOs be supported.

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**DRAFT ISLAND PLANNING STRATEGY CONSULTATION**

To formulate a response to the above consultation

**RESOLVED**

That the Parish Council can't comment without more detail

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**CHALE COMMUNITY HUT UPDATE**

To receive an update and agree on any next steps

It was reported earlier in the meeting that SWAY are looking at a grant to rebuild the hut.

**RESOLVED**

The should a rebuild happen, the Parish Council will dispose of the hut using £1500 of ringfenced reserves

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**CHALE STORES**

To receive an update and agree on any next steps

Following the non-disclosure agreement signed at last month's meeting the Chairman reported that the owner of the freehold has offered to sell the freehold of Chale Stores to the PC, and while not able to disclose the asking price, advised that 50-year loans have been looked at through the government for this purpose at 3.1%. Councillors gave their support to start the process of gaining approval for borrowing through IWALC

**RESOLVED**

To seek the Secretary of State's approval for the proposed borrowing to purchase the freehold of Chale Stores

The Clerk explained that there needs to be a public consultation on this proposal and associated borrowing

**RESOVLED**

To hold a public meeting in January ahead of the full council meeting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The Clerk advised that we will also need to complete an application form and provide a copy of the Council's budget for the current year, and next year, showing the provision made to meet the loan costs. A business case will need to be made including a breakdown of estimated costs, financial planning to fund the loan repayments and the steps/options the Council/has in place to mitigate any risk of not being able to afford the loan repayments

**RESOLVED**

The Clerk to draft a plan and forward to the Chair for input.

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**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

1. The Clerk with any correspondence received
  - The Clerk has passed on the PC's invitation to Helena Hewston, the new chair of IWALC, to attend a meeting and she is intending to attend in January
  - Invitation received to attend the short story writing competition awards next Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December
  - Email from the Footprint Trust, who are being sponsored this winter to help people who are struggling with their heating and water bills, and would like to offer a free, impartial home visit to the residents of Spanners Close and anyone else in Chale who would benefit.
2. IWC Councillor Dave Stewart
  - Not in attendance
3. Parish Councillors
  - Cllr Ron Groves reported that Mr. Mark Paragreen has been in touch with the South Wight Parishes health forum to advise of his resignation and it was agreed to look at re-appointing representatives in the new year
  - Cllr Ron Groves advised that he and the Clerk have written to Shaun Dale at BT on several occasions since the last meeting and disappointed that promises have not been fulfilled. Business residents have also been in touch directly and have involved MP Bob Seeley who has written to the Chief Executive and awaits a response.
  - Cllr Ron Groves wished to thank the following people for the Christmas tree; Brian and Cathy Harding for buying the tree, Paul Cave, Kevin Joyce, Pete Gosling and crew for setting up, Paul Ryan for his help with the electrics and is pleased to report that carols on the green will be going ahead on 20<sup>th</sup> December as planned.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm

Chairman.....

14<sup>th</sup> January 2019