

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **MEETING OF CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015 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:** Tina Bailey  
**IW Councillor** Dave Stewart  
**Public** One

### **173/15 APOLOGIES**

None

### **174/15 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.

### **175/15 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 9th November 2015, which had been previously circulated.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes were approved and duly signed.

### **176/15 PARISH PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE UPDATE**

An updated version of the draft questionnaire, copies of the current Chale Parish Plan and the 'My Place' questionnaire recently undertaken in Ventnor, were distributed at the meeting and discussed.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the copies of the questionnaire printed last year, will not be used.

That Cllr. Bernasconi will present a re-written Parish Plan questionnaire at the next meeting for discussion.

### **177/15 TO AGREE THE PURCHASE AND EMPTYING OF A DOG WASTE BIN FOR THE GREEN**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Parish Council agree the purchase of a new dog waste bin and contract for emptying. This will be installed on the Green, at the bottom of East View Lane and the service will be reviewed in December 2016.

### **178/15 NO: 6 BUS SUNDAY SERVICE UPDATE**

The Clerk reported that the Sunday service has now been resumed and the new timetable is available on the Southern Vectis website, with notices put on the bus stops. Chillerton and Gatcombe PC have advised that a press release has been issued and will be in the County Press to highlight that the service has been resumed. Niton and Whitwell PC support the reintroduction of the service and are currently considering their contribution. The summer timetable will commence in March, just before Easter.

Apologies have been received regarding an article about the no: 6 bus service in the Chale Mail and duly noted.

**179/15 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

**The Clerk**

- Newnam Lane.  
Island Roads have acknowledged receipt of the application for double yellow lines and confirm this has been placed on the list, for future consideration.
- Grass Cutting costs for cut and collect.  
The Clerk provided two quotes:  
Independent Contractor: £3600. IWC Contractor: £6930.  
It was noted that even the lower figure is over one third of the precept and would be unsustainable. If the grass could be composted locally, the costs could be considerably reduced. The Parish Council were advised that a community compost /village bio-mass have been considered.

The 2015/16 prices were £600 for just grass cutting plus £60 for cut and collect for the Chale Day event. These costs will be maintained for 2016/17, with a small % increase in line with inflation.

**RESOLVED**

To continue with the IWC contractor for grass cutting on the Green in 2016/17 for grass cutting only with an additional cut and collect for the Chale Day event in July 2016.

- Chale Bio-Diversity Project – this project seems to have stalled but with the relevance to grass cutting, it will be reviewed again at the January meeting. The project proposals included leaving areas of the Green uncut to grow as wild meadow, with just the verge edges cut back for visibility in accordance with Highway regulations.
- The Police report was received and noted.
- Damage to a verge on the Green.  
In response to the request for repair, Island Roads had stated that this area is not maintained by Island Roads or IWC Parks and Recreation. The Clerk has responded accordingly and awaits a further reply.

**Parish Councillors**

- Nat West Mobile Bank –the service has been withdrawn
- The building work on the barn opposite the WI Hall has been queried. It is understood that the walls are being repaired.
- Chale Trail benches – need to clarify who will be responsible for the upkeep.

**IWC Councillor Dave Stewart**

Councillor Stewart's report was noted.

**180/15 PLANNING**

- 1 To review Planning Applications received and note any IWC decisions  
None
- 2 To consider any response to the Scrutiny Committee's Review of Planning Services.

**RESOLVED**

The majority of the questions are not relevant but the Parish Council considers that the reduction of staffing numbers will result in a reduced service.

**181/15 TO NOTE ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

None

**182/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- 1 To receive the expenditure against budget and note the bank reconciliation**

**RESOLVED**

Noted

- 2 To review the presented budget for 2016/17 and set the precept**

The presented budget (appended to the minutes) was reviewed and the healthy reserves noted. The allocated costs from outstanding projects from 2015/16 will be carried forward and reserves used if and when necessary.

**RESOLVED**

That no increase is necessary and the precept for 2016/17 is set at £9000.

- 3 To authorise payments as follows.**

<b>Chq</b>	913	IWC	Election expenses	157.11
	914	CAIW	Dec payroll	310.72
	915		Getmapping plc	33.60
	916		SLCC subs	23.00
	917		Clerk's 1/4ly expenses	133.86
	918	CAIW	Jan 2016 payroll	310.72

**RESOLVED**

That the above payments are agreed.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

**Chairman** .....

11<sup>th</sup> January 2016