



Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 9 December 2019** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7 pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Dion McWilliam, Pete Gosling, Mary Kershaw
Clerk: Mrs Sue Waters
IW Councillor: Cllr Stewart
Public: 3

Before the meeting, a presentation was given by Graham Biss of Gift to Nature who manage the Blackgang Viewpoint Car Park on behalf of the IW Council. Since taking over the management, Gift to Nature has completed most of the tasks required. They have reduced the height of the hedge (after consultation with Vectis Ventures) and cleared where the squatter was in position, and generally tidies the site. Looking ahead, they would like to see the car park re-surfaced (this is in the current schedule published for Island Roads to complete this year), clearing of the back area to open it up and consider the installation of further picnic tables. They are also in discussion with a potential concessioner to provide refreshments for next summer. The site is perfectly placed for the Dark Skies project and has been included in the new coastal footpath around the Island. Gift to Nature wish to work with the parish council so any improvements the site are sensitive to the area. They have also requested and public feedback.

117/19 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED

Apologies were received from Councillor Brian Harding

118/19 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 received

119/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2019 are approved and duly signed

120/19 PLANNING

No planning applications were received this month but there was one decision to note.

121/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1 To note the bank reconciliation for November which was only available until the 20th

RESOLVED

The bank reconciliation for November is noted

2 To note the receipts and authorise payments

RESOLVED

The following payments are authorised:

Cheque No:

1177	Ron Groves – gifts & Wreath	£131.00
1178	Ringway Island Roads – Dog bin	£156.00
1179	Mrs S A Waters – expenses	£56.99
1180	Community Action Isle of Wight	£355.03
1181	Ron Groves – Tree lights	£90.32
1182	K Joyce – Tree lights	£19.99

.3 Use of Chairman's Allowance- as the Chairman purchased gifts on behalf of the Parish Council for the previous meeting, it is necessary to ratify the decision.

RESOLVED

To ratify the decision that the Chairman uses the allowance to purchase the leaving gifts.

- 4 That as the Chair's allowance is now overspent, it is necessary to vire £60.00 from Contingencies.

RESOLVED: That £60.00 is vired from contingency to the Chair's Allowance.

122/19

GIFT TO NATURE REPORT

This item was covered by the opening presentation.

123/19

VE DAY CELEBRATION

It has been suggested by the National Association of Local Councils that Town and Parish Councils take a lead on organising local celebrations to celebrate 75 years since the "Victory in Europe". Councillors felt that a central celebration organised by the Isle of Wight Council should be considered first.

ACTION: That the clerk contacts the Isle of Wight Council requesting information on their celebrations and advising councillors as soon as possible.

124/19

DATE OF APRIL MEETING

The clerk advised that the second Monday in April is Easter Monday and a Bank Holiday so suggested that the Parish Council meeting is moved back to Monday 20 April 2020.

RESOLVED: That the April meeting is re-scheduled to Monday 20 April 2020.

125/19

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

- 1 The Clerk provided a short-written report including correspondence received.
 - 2 Parish Councillors
 - 3 Chairman
 - Cllr Ron Groves advised that he has been given a WW2 "All Clear" Air raid siren from the shop which needs a good home. He will ask the Wight Mouse if it could be displayed there on loan.
 - The Christmas Tree has been installed with help from Cllr Gosling and local volunteers. New lights had to be purchased as the very large set donated last year would not work. A timer has been installed so that the lights are on from 4.30pm to 8am only.
- RESOLVED:**
- That a thank you letter and two bottles of wine are sent to the volunteers for their help with the tractor and cherry picker used to install the Christmas tree.
 - SWAY have donated 120 boxed mince pies and a few bottles of mulled wine for the Carols on the Green, and sent a lovely thank you Christmas Card for all the support from the Parish Council.

- 4 IWC Councillor

IW Cllr Stewart presented his report which included advising that the IW Council budget will not be settled until February 2020, as they do not have any information from central government about the possible funding they will receive, due to the election.

There is a community meeting for the South Wight at Niton Village Hall on Saturday 25 January 2020 from 2pm to 4pm. All are welcome.

The next IW Council cabinet meeting will be held on Thursday 9 January 2020 at Whitwell Village Hall at 5pm.

The IW Council is gaining evidence to dispute the housing figures imposed by central government. An on-line survey will be held in the new year which will also include asking Town and Parish Councils for their local knowledge about housing needs in their areas. A formal Housing Needs Survey is not required at this time.

126/19

REVIEW OF POLICIES

Three Parish Council policies were due for annual review.

RESOLVED

- That the Code of Conduct and Complaints Policies are approved following the review.
- That the Publications Scheme is updated as indicated by the clerk and was then approved.

127/19

REPAIRS TO THE COMMUNITY HUT

The Community Hut donated by Southern Housing has suffered some wear and tear and vandalism. SWAY have advised that they are looking to replace the hut as a Community Hub and have a possible benefactor in place, which will take time. Planning and water will also be required. A vision statement will be brought to a future parish council meeting for consideration by the Parish Council. The second room at the back of the hut needs clearing out. This has been used as a dumping ground including some computers from the Chale Primary School.

RESOLVED

That up to £500.00 can be used (from the donation of £5,000.00 which was given by Southern Housing when the hut was given to the Parish Council) to allow the immediate repairs to be completed.

128/19

IW COUNCIL BUDGET PRESENTATION

The clerk attended the presentation on Wednesday 4 December 2019 at Westridge. As Councillor Stewart advised, the IW Council is not in a position to ask for financial support from Town and Parish Councils for the next financial year, but this was the start for possible negotiations the year 2021/22. Looking ahead, there may be small parcels of land that would better suit management by the Parish Council, the litter and dog bin emptying and positioning could be reviewed, and the mobile library service may need financial assistance. The clerk requested that future meetings are split between large Town and Parish Councils and smaller village ones as the requirements are very different.

At the end of the agenda, the chair asked if any members of the public would like to ask any questions. The continuing lack of broadband in part of the village was brought up. Councillor Stewart advised that the power and cabling for box 3 is all in place but not connected by BT. Councillor Stewart will write to the chair of BT requesting an urgent connection.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

Chairman.....

13 January 2020