

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 11th February 2019** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7pm.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, McWilliam, O'Harrow, Gosling and Harding
IW Councillor: Cllr Dave Stewart
Clerk: Mrs Katie Riley
Public: 2

8/19 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence
None

9/19 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

10/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2018

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2108 are approved and duly signed

Matters arising:

- Payment authorised last month to Chillerton & Gatcombe PC for the Sunday Winter Bus Service has been cancelled and a new invoice issued after clarification that the original invoice from Southern Vectis was incorrect. A new invoice for Chale's third of the invoice has been re-issued by Chillerton & Gatcombe PC
- Data received about Sunday usage from Southern Vectis saw 80 passengers on average in October and 60 from November onwards. There were 53 passengers on Boxing Day and 76 passengers on New Year's Day
- The Road into Blackgang Chine has not yet been resurfaced but the curb has been dropped to accommodate coaches and buses

11/19 TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE FROM CLLR BRIAN HARDING

RESOLVED

Declaration of acceptance of office received from Cllr Harding

12/19 TO RECEIVE REGISTERS OF INTERESTS FROM CLLRS HARDING AND GOSLING

RESOLVED

Cllrs Harding and Gosling to scan and email their register of interests to the Clerk following the meeting

13/19 PLANNING

To note the following IWC decision:

Application No: P/01283/18

Location: 1 Pyle Dairy, Atherfield Road, PO382LP

Proposal: Conversion of garage / workshop to garage and overspill accommodation from main dwelling

Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

RESOLVED

The above decision is noted

Cllrs reported that the Corfe Farm planning application has been turned down on various points including the number of bedrooms, road access and light pollution

14/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To note the bank reconciliation

RESOLVED

The bank reconciliation for January is noted

2. To consider request for financial support towards the Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day 2019

RESOLVED

To grant £50 towards the Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day 2019

3. To consider and agree to the renewal of the Clerk's SLCC annual membership at £65.33

RESOLVED

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4. To consider and agree to the renewal of Councillors' IWALC annual membership at £116.60

RESOLVED

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5. To note receipts and authorise payments

RESOLVED

The following payments are authorised. The Clerk to organise a bank mandate for the addition of Cllrs O'Harrow, Harding and Gosling to the bank account:

Chq.	1135	Chale WI (Hall Hire)	£60.00
	1136	IWALC	£116.60
	1137	SLCC	£65.33
	1138	ALCC	£13.33
	1139	Mrs K Riley	£59.46
	1140	Community Action IW	£440.02
	1141	Mr Ron Groves (working group refreshments)	£16.83
	1142	Chillerton & Gatcombe PC (re-issued)	£1634.66

15/19 CHALE STORES

To receive an update from the working group

The Chairman had asked 6 members drawn from the community with various business expertise to be part of an informal working group and invited a representative from this working group to report back on the first meeting held 3 weeks ago to discuss the shop and how to proceed. An open and honest discussion was had amongst members, and while problems were identified, none were considered insurmountable. It was felt that there are all sorts of opportunities with the existing tenants and to revive the cafe, and that the range of experience within the group could open a number of doors useful to the project moving forward. Backing in principle for the project has been provided by the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council, IW Cllr Dave Stewart and MP Bob Seely. The group will meet again in another couple of weeks.

The Chairman shared the sad news of the death of one of the current co-owners last week and that a celebration of her life is being planned for May 18th 2019.

16/19 CHALER OF THE YEAR

To discuss and agree options for the 'Chaler of the Year' award

Possibilities for the award were discussed following the print purchased last year, including the idea of a trophy that could be engraved and passed on each year.

RESOLVED

Councillors to consider both nominations for the award and the award itself to be agreed next month.

17/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

1. The Clerk with any correspondence received
 - No more news from Open Reach or IWC re. broadband other than to confirm instead of enabling fibre to the Niton 3 cabinet, a fibre to the premises network is being planned to affected premises in April/May 2020. IW Cllr Stewart is exploring another option in relation to the gaps in the Wight Fibre plan
 - Change of personnel at the National Trust means that a decision isn't anticipated re. the Hoy until at least April.
 - Email received querying one of the payments in the minutes which the Chairman has responded to
 - Winter 2019 District Update received from Island Roads
 - The Draft Island Planning Strategy consultation closes at midday Monday 25 February should Cllrs wish to comment
 - Invitation received to the Isle of Wight Dark Sky Park Campaign event on Friday 22nd March in Newchurch
 - New T&PC seminar dates with the IWC received and distributed
2. IWC Councillor Dave Stewart
 - Met with the Chairman and the owner of Blackgang Chine where the issue of the Old Blackgang Road was raised. There has been a problem with fly tipping and the whole area needs cleaning up. Ideally the owner of Blackgang Chine would like to block the road off and DS has advised him to contact Island Roads who will look into this option for them.
 - The caravan at the back of viewpoint carpark is on IWC land and the IWC are investigating legalities to enable removal
 - IW Cllr Stewart's report also included parking charges and the budget, future cabinet on the road meetings, progress on the combined fire authority, and Brexit meetings with leaders of Portsmouth and Southampton to identify sites to relieve pressure on the ports in the event of a 'no deal' Brexit
 - A special council meeting is being held for the freedom of the Isle of Wight for the founder of the hospice on 13th March which will also see a farewell to the current lord lieutenant.
3. Parish Councillors
 - The Chairman feedback on a public meeting facilitated by IW Cllr Stewart in Niton last weekend where 5 of the 70 members of the public present were from Chale. Areas covered included the White Lion and an application for it to be listed as an asset of community value, overhanging hedges to be cutback by the IWC and landowners to be invoiced, Fishbourne Lane, Children's Services, new 58 million pound Waste and Recycling plant, mainland hospital ferry travel, the Island Plan, street lighting, affordable housing and keyworker scheme, Undercliff Drive, possibilities for a Medina Toll bridge and CARS, who have set up a group to track speed which will include Chale.
 - Question was asked about Whale Chine but the Chairman confirmed that although Rights of Way had agreed to relook at the site every 2 months, there are huge cracks and any attempt to create access wouldn't be cost effective or safe.

18/19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that: "In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted"

The two members of the public present at the meeting left the meeting at 8.07pm

19/19 CHALE STORES

1. To receive and approve the Report and Business Plan agreeing to the purchase of Chale Stores
RESOLVED
That the Report to Council and Business Plan agreeing to the purchase of Chale Stores is approved and to seek the approval of the Secretary of State of Housing, Communities and Local Government to apply for a PWLB loan of £200,000 over the borrowing term of 16 years for the Freehold purchase of Chale Stores. The annual loan repayments will come to around £14,428.
2. To approve and sign NALC's Borrowing Application form
RESOLVED
That NALC's Borrowing Application is approved and signed
3. To authorise the instruction of Solicitors to carry out conveyancing of the sale of Chale Stores
The Clerk reported on the 4 Solicitors contacted
RESOLVED
That the instruction of Wheelers Solicitors is authorised to carry out the conveyancing of the sale of Chale Stores for Chale Parish Council
3. Authorisation for the Clerk to sign on the Council's behalf in relation to the sale
RESOLVED
That authorisation is given for the Clerk to sign on Chale Parish Council's behalf in relation to the sale

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm

Chairman.....
11th March 2019