

Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the WI Hall, Church Place, Chale on Monday, 13 January 2014 commencing at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs Liz Groves, Ron Groves and Alan Lock

Also in attendance:

Mrs Barbara Herbert, Clerk and RFO

There were no members of the public present

172/13-14 Election of Chairman for the Day

RESOLVED :

THAT Cllr Alan Lock be elected as Chairman for the Day

172/13-14 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Liam Cumming and Paul Gower-Johnson

173/13-14 To receive any declarations of Members' interests and written requests for Dispensations on items forming the agenda.

There had been no written requests for a Dispensation received.

Cllr Mrs L Groves declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Minute 178/13-14, as she lived in close proximity to the premises

The clerk advised that she had the authority to grant dispensations to all councillors present, in respect of Minute No 181/13-14, so that a decision could be taken to set the Precept for the year 2014/15.

174/13-14 To welcome Mr Tony Bryant to the meeting to provide a further update on proposals to identify those most vulnerable in Chale who might welcome assistance in times of emergency

Due to the non-attendance of Mr Tony Bryant, this item was deferred until the next meeting in February.

175/13-14 To confirm and authorize the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2013 be confirmed and the Chairman authorised to sign them as being a true record

176/13-14 To consider any matters arising, not requiring a resolution.

- a. Minute 154/13-14a Blackgang Viewpoint Car Park – The IW Council's Property Disposals Sub Committee met on 10 December and took the decision to end the position of Vectis Holdings Ltd as a special purchaser for Blackgang Viewpoint car park, agreeing that the IW Council would continue to directly manage and maintain the premises. The clerk highlighted that if any interest in the site was pursued by a Parish Council this would be subject to further consideration by the Sub Committee and would only be offered on a full repairing lease arrangement with no costs being incurred by the IW Council.

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- b. Minute 154/13-14b Merlin Sign – In the absence of Cllr Stewart no further update had been received
- c. Minute 154/13-14c Cat's Eyes along edge of carpark – The clerk reported that she had again chased Island Roads, on 5 January, for a response to the request for the replacement of the cat's eyes to form part of their resurfacing works, but yet again had received no reply
- d. Minute 159/13-14 Seating along the Chale Trail – The clerk advised that she had not received a copy of the planning application referred to, as promised at the meeting in December
- e. Minute 160/13-14 Remembrance Orchards – Councillors noted the request circulated by Mrs Jill Cowley to attend meetings of those interested parish councils, in order to meet with councillors and outline plans of the scheme. The clerk was instructed to issue an invitation to Mrs Cowley
- f. Minute 161/13-14 Hoy Monument – The Working Party had not arranged a meeting to consider submitting an application for grant funding. The clerk inquired if councillors were aware of the three funding schemes administered by the War Memorials Trust advertised in the Community Action IW newsletter, which she had recently circulated. A copy of the details were passed to Cllr Lock.

177/13-14 To receive a report on any local safety neighbourhood issues occurring since the last meeting held of the Parish Council

Councillors noted that there had been no issues reported on the website covering the previous four week period.

178/13-14 Town and Country Planning

To consider the following planning application received and make comments in accordance with the guidance for material planning considerations listed at <http://www.iwight.com/council/departments/planning/appsdip/MakingCommentsInfo.aspx>

Cllr Mrs L Groves having declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

As this left the Parish Council inquorate no decision could be taken on the following application:

TCP/08543/D The Finches, Pyle Shute, Chale – Retention of detached garage

The clerk advised that councilors were able to submit representations, as individuals, if they so wished.

179/13-14 To consider the following action to be taken in the light of the resignation of Mrs W Downes as a parish councillor

- a. To consider the deadline for applications for the vacant position of co-opted councillor, suggested date Tuesday, 4 February
The clerk advised of the procedure to be followed. A Notice of the vacancy had been posted, giving until 28 January for ten or more electors to advise the Returning Officer, at the Isle of Wight Council, of their wish for an election to be held. If insufficient signatures were received, the Parish Council would then be able to co-opt to fill the vacancy.

RESOLVED :

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THAT Tuesday, 4 February be set as the deadline for any written applications for the current vacant position as a parish councillor, subject to there being no need to hold an election to fill the vacancy

- b. To appoint a further signatory to all the Parish Council's bank accounts

RESOLVED :

THAT the appointment of a further signatory be deferred until the February meeting

- c. To elect a Vice Chairman of the Parish Council and appoint representatives to Outside Bodies and Committees/Working Parties

RESOLVED :

- i. THAT Cllr Alan Lock be elected as Vice Chairman for the remainder of the ensuing year;
ii. THAT the following appointments, for the remainder of the ensuing year, be approved:

Outside Bodies

Chale Village Partnership – Cllr Mrs L Groves

St. Andrews Churchyard Committee – no replacement appointed

Committees/Working Parties

Bio Diversity Working Party - Cllr Paul Gower-Johnson

Hoy Monument Working Party – Cllr Ron Groves

Parish Plan Working Party – Cllr Paul Gower-Johnson

180/13-14 To give thought to the taking over of any of the IW Council's assets or in the provision of services within Chale

Councillors were referred to the list of discretionary services, which the Isle of Wight Council had invited Town and Parish Councils to enter into joint discussions, so to consider providing an alternative means of their continued delivery. The clerk had written to Cllr Stubbings requesting the past two years' financial costings and inquired whether pump priming was to be provided. However, no further details had been received

RESOLVED :

THAT Chale Parish Council expresses its support in principle, into taking over IW Council's assets and the delivery of those discretionary services identified in Chale, subject to receiving full financial costings and detailed implications to enable councilors to discuss the proposals more fully

181/13-14 To approve the Precept for 2014/15

Councillors, in noting that the Precept had been held at £8,600 for the past four years, suggested making a 5% contingency increase, in order that consideration could be given to taking on the delivery of any discretionary services passed over by the IW Council.

RESOLVED :

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THAT the proposed Precept of £9,030 for 2014/15, be approved

182/13-14 To consider the nomination of the Chairman to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 21 May

In the absence of any expression of interest in attending from the Chairman, it was duly

RESOLVED :

THAT Chale Parish Council declines the invitation to submit a nomination to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 21 May

183/13-14 To approve attendance at the winter conference organised by The Isle of Wight County Training Partnership entitled 'Facing the Future' to be held on Thursday 13th February 2014 at Cowes Yacht Haven 9.00-16.30

Due to current holiday and work commitments of councilors, no-one was able to express an interest in attending the planned winter conference organized by the Isle of Wight County Training Partnership.

184/13-14 Bio Diversity Working Party

Cllr Lock advised that no further progress had been made by the Working Party.

185/13-14 Parish Plan Update Working Party

The Working Party had made no further progress. The clerk reported on the request received from the Chairman of the Chale Recreation Ground for the Parish Council to seek input from the local community regarding the provision of changing facilities at the recreation ground, as part of its parish plan consultation. This would assist in their planning application assuming residents were supportive. Councillors agreed to add this to the proposed questionnaire.

186/13-14 To receive an update on the No 6 bus service scheme

In the absence of Cllr Stewart no report had been provided. The clerk advised of the response she had received from Cllr Stewart indicating that it would be helpful for a deputy to be appointed to attend meetings of the Community Bus Management Committee, for when he was unable to do so, due to other commitments. Cllr Stewart was to enquire of Niton and Whitwell Parish Council for support but had not advised if any councillor had agreed to assist..

187/13-14 To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Chale Village Partnership held on 11 December

The Minutes of the meeting of the Chale Village Partnership were noted. Mr Mike Matthews had expressed his willingness to assist in the Extreme Weather support scheme, which had been discussed as part of updating the Emergency Plan, at the December meeting of the Parish Council.

188/13-14 To receive the notes of the meeting of Island Waste Services Advisory Group Meeting held on 11 December

The Minutes of the Island Waste Services Community Advisory group meeting held on 11 December, were noted. Cllr L Groves should be able to attend the next meeting.

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189/13-14 To receive a report from the IW Councillor for Chale, Niton and Whitwell, Cllr D Stewart and to consider appointing a deputy
In the absence of Cllr Stewart no reported had been received.

190/13-14 Clerks Report

a. Finance

- i. The interim budget to the end of December 2013 and the bank reconciliation with Statement No 53 were received and duly noted
- ii To authorise payment of cheques

RESOLVED :

THAT the following cheques be approved for payment
000793, £52.45, Mrs B Herbert, Clerks Expenses
000794, £53.41, IWALC Local Councils Explained
000795, £96.00, Chale WI, Hire of Hall
000796, £12.00, Getmapping Plc, Parish Online

- iii To consider the application for grant funding from Armed Forces Day

RESOLVED :

THAT it be agreed for a donation of £50 to be made towards the Armed Forces Day (IoW), to be held on 21 June 2014

b. Administration

- i. To consider arrangements for the Annual Meeting of the Parish and to suggest a key note speaker

RESOLVED :

- i. THAT arrangements be made to hold the Annual meeting of the Parish on Monday, 28 April, subject to the hall being free;
- ii. THAT an invitation be extended to Mr Alex Dabell, of Vectis Ventures to be the keynote speaker and to provide a presentation on their future plans

- ii. To consider the repair of the Parish Council Notice Board
The WI were looking to replace the notice boards following the door being completely blown off on one side and the wood going rotten beyond repair. Mr M Groves had secured the doors with a strap to prevent any more damage.

RESOLVED :

THAT the clerk write to the WI asking if they were looking for a contribution from the Parish Council for the replacement of the Notice Board.

- iii. To consider establishing a Working Party to seek the replacement of the

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Parish Clerk on the same terms

The clerk had tendered her resignation, to take effect from the 31 March. She advised that she had leave still outstanding, which she had arranged to take from 14 to 26 March, inclusive. This might require her replacement to commence prior to her departure. Payment of any accrued hours will also need to be approved nearer the time.

RESOLVED :

- i. THAT an advertisement for a replacement clerk on the same terms and conditions currently used, be placed in the County Press requesting application forms to be returned to the clerk by 31 January;
 - ii. THAT a Working Party be established to consider, short list and interview prospective applicants;
 - iii. THAT the Working Party comprise of Cllrs Cumming, Lock, R Groves and the clerk
- iv. To consider the appointment of an Internal Auditor for the 2013/14 accounts
The clerk advised that Mr Mike Cox, the Internal Auditor for the 2013/14 accounts had agreed to undertake the task for the current year. However, due to the clerk's resignation it might be appropriate for someone living more local to be appointed.

RESOLVED :

THAT this item be deferred until the February meeting

- v. To confirm the judges for the Chaler of the Year award
The clerk advised that notices had been posted requesting suitable nominations by the closing date of 28 March 2014.

RESOLVED :

THAT the judges be confirmed as the Chairman of the Chale Village Partnership, the Chairman of the Chale Women's Institute and the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council

191/13-14 Correspondence

Correspondence received was updated further at the meeting.

192/13-14 Councillors' reports

Cllr Mrs L Groves advised that a local resident had requested assistance from the Parish Council in obtaining information from the IW Council as to who was depositing supplies of wood waste at the landfill site, near to Robin Hill. Cllr Mrs Groves would write to inquire and advise that the woodwaste could be beneficially used elsewhere.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8. 30 PM

Signed -----

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