



Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7 pm.

**Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, McWilliam, Gosling and Kershaw  
**IW Councillor:** Cllr Dave Stewart (*arrived at 7.03pm*)  
**Clerk:** Mrs Katie Riley  
**Public:** 5

**72/19 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

**RESOLVED**

Apologies are received and approved for Cllr Harding

**73/19 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

**74/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2019

**RESOLVED**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2019 are approved and duly signed

**75/19 PLANNING**

To comment on the following planning applications, note any IWC decisions received by 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019, and agree on arrangements for the summer break:

- 1 Application No: 19/00313/RVC  
Location: Walpan Farm, Military Road PO38 2JE  
Proposal: Removal of conditions 5, 6 and 7 on P/01727/00 to allow 6 units of holiday accommodation and 1 unit of managers accommodation to be used as permanent residential dwellings; variation of condition no 3 to allow alterations to windows

**RESOLVED**

Chale Parish Council raise no objection to this application

- 2 Application No: 19/00380/HOU  
Location: Pinetrees, Town Lane PO38 2JS  
Proposal: Proposed garage

**RESOLVED**

Chale Parish Council raise no objection to this application

- 3 Application No: 19/00381/HOU  
Location: Primrose Cottage, Town Lane PO38 2JS  
Proposal: Proposed garage

**RESOLVED**

Chale Parish Council raise no objection to this application

No new IWC decisions received.

**RESOLVED**

Cllr McWilliams will monitor planning applications over the summer break for circulation to Councillors for comment via email as per standing orders. If there is a difference of opinion the Chairman will call an extraordinary meeting to debate and formulate a response.

## 76/19. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To note the bank reconciliation

### RESOLVED

The bank reconciliation for June is noted

2. To receive the quarterly financial report

### RESOLVED

The quarterly financial report is received and no concerns noted with the exception of the hut electricity which the Clerk will query with Southern Electric

3. To consider making a grant towards the maintenance of Chale Churchyard (including Chale War Memorial)

### RESOLVED

To defer Chale Churchyard Committee's request for £500 until Cllr Harding, Chale Parish Council's representative on Chale Churchyard Committee, is present

4. To agree what financial contribution to make towards the publication of the Pepper Pot

### RESOLVED

To grant £40 to cover the cost of the first bimonthly edition.

Cllr Kershaw, Chair of Chale Together, updated Councillors that it has been agreed to disband Chale Together, and once advertisers have been reimbursed, any remaining funds will be transferred to Chale Parish Council in order to support the publication of the Pepper Pot.

5. To note receipts and authorise payments

### RESOLVED

The following payments are authorised:

Chq.	1160	Mrs K Riley (expenses)	53.19
	1160	Community Action IW	456.84
	1162	Pepper Pot	40.00
Direct Debit		Southern Electric	79.39

## 77/19 CHALE STORES

To receive an update and agree on next steps

### RESOLVED

Given the confidential nature of this item, it was agreed to move to the end of the meeting to be discussed in private

## 78/19 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME CONSULTATION

To consider a response from Chale Parish Council

### RESOLVED

Chale Parish Council have no comment to make on this consultation

## 79/19 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

To consider a response from Chale Parish Council

### RESOLVED

Chale Parish Council have no comment to make on this review and are happy with current polling station arrangements

## 80/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

1. The Clerk including correspondence received
- Update received from the IWC re. broadband. They are waiting for a financial update from BT and once they have this, they are going to progress things through the 'change control process' that is in place with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS). In addition, the WI hall is still being proposed as a site for full fibre network activity.
- The location for the dog bin at the footbridge in Chale Green has been confirmed with Island Roads but not yet in place. Clerk to follow up.
- Advised by the IWC's planning enforcement team that the alleged unauthorised engineering operation at the footpath to St Catherine's Down off West View Lane is being investigated.

- Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for the IWC have been received which must now be approved by parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny the new arrangements will come into force at the local elections in May 2021.
  - Request from STOP 5G Isle of Wight Association to come and speak at a forthcoming meeting. The Chairman of this association, Martin Bayley, was in attendance amongst the public and the Chairman invited him to talk on this subject, who warned of the dangers of this technology and asked that the PC support him in his attempt to put pressure on the IWC to stop the roll out of 5G.
  - Request from Southern Housing to use the Hut for a meeting in June, agreed to but not taken up as far as we know
  - Thank you received from the IW Ramblers re. parking for next year's IOW Walking Festival and they have said they will give us as much notice as possible.
  - Flyers received and circulated from IW Age UK re. Wolverton Manor Garden Fair and the Powder Run 2019
2. Parish Councillors
- Cllr McWilliam enquired about the status of the request for double yellow lines on the corner of Newman Lane to which the Chairman offered to cover in his report.
  - Cllr Kershaw has been asked by a resident on the Green whether we need 'no parking' signs? Cllrs responded that this issue has been discussed before but the enquirer is welcome to put the request in writing for the PC to consider.
  - Cllr Kershaw, also Secretary of the WI, reported no further update re. broadband for the WI Hall, as they are currently looking into costs
  - Cllr Liz Groves received a phone call from a resident on Gotten Lane informing her that the road had been patched up by Island Roads only to be churned up again by tractors, and has asked the question as to when it will be tarmacked? IW Cllr Stewart advised Cllr Liz Groves to email IWC's Dave Evans and Island Road's Samantha O'Rourke to inform them of the situation and make this request. A member of the public advised that it was meant to be done alongside Southdown a few weeks ago but has not been done.
  - Cllr Liz Groves raised the issue of the overgrown grass verges as you come out of Southdown on the Military Road. IW Cllr Stewart advised that Island Roads are aware of many overgrown verges following a spell of hot and wet weather and are trying to get around as quickly as possible, but advised her to still report this to Island Roads so that it is on record as a health and safety issue
  - Cllr Ron Groves updated on his protracted correspondence with the IWC re. Newman Lane. The upshot is that while they consider it to be dangerous, they have concluded that double yellow lines will only push cars to park further up the lane which cannot accommodate them. Cllr Ron Groves has now responded with a proposal for a one-way system instead. IW Cllr Stewart asked if they'd provided a costing as if it is a cost issue, it might be something the PC support. Cllr Groves to follow up.
  - Cllr Ron Groves thanked IW Cllr Stewart for his mediation to help a disabled resident at the Terrace concerned about not being able to get out during a proposed road closure
  - Cllr Ron Groves reported his attendance at the Civic Service on Sunday 7 July 2019 at the Minster Church of St Thomas, Newport
  - Cllr Ron Groves updated following reports about the verge at Whale Chine which is now in hand with Island Roads
  - Cllr Gosling reported that empty beer cans have been discarded on the fields off Corfe Lane. The Chairman will follow up with the local farmer

The Chairman opened the meeting to the public where the following issues were raised:

- National report from the Road Safety Foundation highlighted two of the worst roads in the country are on the Isle of Wight, one of which is the Military Road and the feeling is nothing is being done to slow the traffic down. IW Cllr Stewart asked for this report to be forwarded to him. Suggestion was made for double white lines at all the turn offs
- Overgrown verges on the Southdown cycle route mean that the road is now not wide enough to allow a car and bike to pass. Ditches that have been dug out are also now a danger as they are not

visible when passing. There are also concerns about the amount of debris that will be left when the verges are eventually cut

- Suggestion made to build up the dip in the Southdown Road when it is resurfaced to the same level as the Military Road to enable better visibility. IW Cllr Stewart advised he has a meeting with Island Roads next week and will raise these visibility issues with them
- The question was asked as to why the council tax increased for Chale residents despite the precept not being raised? The Chairman and IW Cllr Stewart explained that this was due to an increase in precept by the Police
- It was reported that the agenda is not available on the PC website and that it would be helpful if the minutes were posted earlier in the month. Clerk to follow up.
- A member of the public raised the planning restrictions that exist for Chale Stores to protect neighbours and that the back door is only meant to be an emergency fire exit. Chairman responded to say that these issues are being looked at

3. IWC Councillor Dave Stewart presented his report including:

- An update that he has requested the caravan at Blackgang Viewpoint to be removed
- Undercliff consultation - views to be submitted by the end of July
- He will be supporting Chale Show again this year
- And following a meeting with IWALC, he will be writing to the 8 councils who are not members of IWALC to see how they can still be represented

#### **81/19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

##### **RESOLVED**

“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 five members of the public left the meeting at 8.28pm*

#### **82/19 CHALE STORES**

To receive an update and agree on next steps

Councillors considered the proposal of a sub-lease over a period of 16 years, rather than a sale, made by the owner of the freehold to the Chairman and Clerk on the 23rd May at a meeting at his residence in Cowes. They agreed that if a sale is no longer on offer then this would be the best way forward to bring a security for the village in regards of the Shop and the Post Office, for at least the next 16 years.

##### **RESOLVED**

That the Chairman will write to the owner of the freehold and confirm that the Parish Council would like to accept the offer of a sub-lease under the terms discussed at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07 pm

Chairman.....

9<sup>th</sup> September 2019