



Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Chale Parish Council held on Monday, 14th July 2014 in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present

Chairman: Cllr. Liam Cumming
Councillors: Mrs. Liz Groves, Messrs: Lock, May and Groves
Clerk: Tina Bailey
IWC Cllr: Cllr. Dave Stewart
Public: 17.

39. APOLOGIES

None

40. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

31.1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.
31.2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None.

41 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2014, which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED

That the minutes were approved and duly signed as a true record

42 UNDERCLIFF DRIVE CLOSURE – TO RECEIVE A PROPOSAL TO ALTER THE TRAFFIC FLOW

42.1 Niton and Whitwell Parish Councillor Jon Boileau presented the following report and emphasised that it was not his council's intention to try and foist the traffic through Chale but to engage in discussion with Chale PC and residents regarding the problems.

N&W PC, believe that the continuing flow of tourist coaches from Sandown etc through Whitwell and Niton does nothing for our local businesses. Instead the vehicles cause damage to the road surface at the Whitwell Kemming Rd/High St junction and a jam at the junction of the Niton High St/Rectory Rd as well as clogging up the road between the two villages. We have consulted with our local businesses and they confirm that they receive no benefit from these coaches.

As a result we are going to try and persuade the Local Authority (LA) to divert all tourist coaches, unless they have a reason for visiting either village, from Shanklin et al via Godshill and Carisbrooke through Chale Green and Chale using the No 6 Bus route to the Military Rd and on to Blackgang /Pearl Factory etc. This proposal to continue until the Undercliff drive is reopened.

However, such a plan is likely to have an impact upon the Chale residents and we feel that you should be made aware of our proposal before we proceed further. It is our hope that such a route may be beneficial for Chale Stores, but we believe such a conclusion or any alternative should be decided by yourselves.

Cllr Boileau also updated the meeting on the current situation at the Undercliff Drive.

42.2 To discuss and respond to the above proposals.

The Chairman responded that Chale has no pavements and a history of accidents and would be totally opposed to such a suggestion as the roads in the Parish are so narrow in places, that the buses have been re-routed to avoid passing together at the same time. It was considered that the proposal would not have any beneficial impact on Chale Stores. Other comments included that coaches would face additional costs if re routed and the size of some of today's coaches was far too big for the road network on the Island. It was noted that all coaches leave their base at the same time and should be staggered and questioned how would diverting coaches improve the area?

Cllr Boileau thanked the Parish Council for the chance to discuss this matter and said he would take back Chale's comments to his Parish Council. Cllr Boileau also reiterated that the only intention was one of discussion regarding the situation and it was not his Council's intention to try to add any further traffic problems to Chale.

43. TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM THE FOLLOWING WORKING PARTIES

43.1 Bio Diversity – deferred to next meeting.

43.2 Parish Plan

Cllr Lock reported that the CD version is the same as the printed copy. and distributed copies of questions for the Parish Plan to councillors for comment at the September meeting.

44. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM

44.1 The Clerk

Devolution of Services

The IW Council's draft Parish Devolution / Empowerment Framework Document, is open to accredited parish and town councils with the General Power of Competence and these councils may express an interest in delivery of local services such as grass cutting. The Clerk will check Chale's status with the former Clerk.

It was reported that the Parish Council previously handed back the mowing of the Green to the IWC, as the commitment cost a third of the precept.

Code of Conduct – adoption of minor changes.

No: 11 Personal Interests – The revised changes were presented to the Council for consideration for adoption.

RESOLVED

The changes are considered little different from the previous one

44.2 IWC Councillor Dave Stewart

Cllr Stewart reported that the IWC had approved the Parking Order but was being checked by Scrutiny and Asda has been approved.

44.3 Councillors' reports

- Viewpoint car park – it was reported that the disabled entrance to the footpath was being blocked by the vendor's vehicles. Cllr Stewart will have a word.
- Upper Appleford Rd – the potholes leading up to cottages need attention.
- Chale Lane passing area – rubble dumped by the Newport Sign
- Has the Parish Council any power to deal with feral cats? Referred to RSPCA.

45. TO REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND NOTE IWC DECISIONS

Application No: P/00532/14

Location: Erewebe, Military Road, Chale, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO382JE

Proposal: Proposed single storey extension on rear elevation to form a garden room housing a swimming pool

Reg Date: 01/05/2014
Decision: Granted Plan Permission (or issue Cert)

46. TO NOTE ANY CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- From IWC invitation to the Chairman
- Best Kept Village Awards invitation to attend the awards (not successful in competition)
- Action Challenge – notification that they will be passing through Chale on 23rd and 24th August.

47. TO AGREE TO RECEIVE FUTURE SUMMONS BY EMAIL

In accordance with current changes in legislation and to save money, the Clerk proposed that the Town Council authorise service of the summons and agenda by electronic means subject to inclusion of the electronic signature and title by the Proper Officer and that any member can request to continue to receive a summons and agenda by post.

Photocopies of agendas and reports will be provided at the meeting

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council agreed to receive the signed summons and agenda for meeting by email from September 2014

48. FINANCIAL MATTERS

48.1 Review of Financial Standing Orders.

The Clerk reported that now internet banking is permitted that the following standing order should be added to the Financial Standing Orders.

Internet banking Standing Order 15

- 15.1 No employee or councillor shall disclose any PIN or password, relevant to the working of the council or its bank accounts, to any person not authorised in writing by the council or a duly delegated committee.
- 15.2 Where internet banking arrangements are made with any bank, the Clerk shall be appointed as the Service Administrator.
- The Bank Mandate approved by the council shall identify a number of councillors who will be authorised to approve transactions on those accounts.
- The Bank mandate will state clearly the amounts of payments that can be instructed by the use of the Service Administrator alone, or by the Service Administrator with a stated number of approvals.
- 15.3 Access to any internet banking accounts will be directly to the access page (which may be saved under “favourites”), and not through a search engine or e-mail link. Remembered or saved passwords facilities must not be used on any computer used for council banking work. Breach of this regulation will be treated as a very serious matter under these regulations.
- 15.4 Changes to account details for suppliers, which are used for internet banking may only be changed on written hard copy notification by the supplier and supported by hard copy authority for change signed by two Councillors and the Clerk

RESOLVED

That the Council adopt the new Financial Standing Order (no: 15 Internet Banking)

48.2 To receive the bank reconciliation

The Clerk advised that despite every effort of submitting mandates, letters and personal requests in branch, Lloyds still had not provided a current bank statement since May. The Clerk will visit Newport branch one more time to try and sort this problem. The Clerk provided reconciliation against copy of the receipts and payments account to 30th June 2014.

48.3 To authorise payment of cheques as per report

Chq no: 818 in replacement for chq no: 817	£120.00
DD: Douglas Tonks July payroll	£311.52

RESOLVED

Payments approved.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.15

Chairman.....

Date.....

