

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday, 29 July 2020** via zoom due to the ongoing restrictions because of the corona virus pandemic, commencing at 7.00pm

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, Dian McWilliam, Mary Kershaw, Pete Gosling and Brian Harding

Clerk: Mrs Sue Waters

Public: 3

68/20 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dave Stewart who sent a written report on the agenda by email.

69/20 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: Councillor Liz Groves declared a personal interest in the agenda item 3 (Evening concerts at Chale Recreation Ground) as her husband is on the Recreation Ground Committee. She took no part in the discussions.

70/20 EVENING CONCERTS AT CHALE RECREATION GROUND

The Parish Council became of an evening concert being planned on Chale Recreation Ground when tickets were advertised for the event on Facebook. This led to a lot of negative statements about the Parish Council's involvement in the project. Councillor Ron Groves quickly contacted the Chale Recreation Ground committee who advised that they had given permission for a series of events. During the following week, once the meeting had been called, a lot of members of the public contacted the Parish Council expressing their concerns for large public gatherings in Chale during the Corona Virus Pandemic. The village has a lot of vulnerable residents who have been shielding for four months to protect their health. The clerk received an email from the organiser – Horse Box Theatre Company who advised that the government was now allowing outdoor theatre. He provided a copy of his draft Risk Assessment that was circulated to councillors. Although tickets were being offered for sale, no Temporary Event Licence had been applied for. Following further emails and negative Facebook posts, the organiser decided to cancel the events at Chale. Councillors felt that this was the correct decision at this time of continued pandemic. Members of the public who were present at the meeting also raised concerns about the safety of residents during the pandemic, plus the potential noise disruption. Suggestions for improvements for any future events included facing the stage towards the sea to reduce any noise, holding events during the day. It was decided that for the continued safety of residents during the ongoing pandemic was critical at this time (this was also supported by Councillor Stewart's email) no public events should be held on the Recreation Ground, so, it was:-

RESOLVED:

- 1 That the clerk writes to the organiser of the evening events expressing their support for organised events at Chale Recreation Ground, but not at this time during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, to ensure the safety of residents.**
- 2 That any future potential events are advised to the Parish Council before tickets are advertised for sale so that councillors can obtain residents views and make any suggestions for improvements to the event.**

- 3 That the Parish Council requests that a councillor is invited to join the Chale Recreation Ground Committee to ensure that the two groups work together for the good of the village.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.36pm

Chairman.....
14 September 2020