

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 8 June 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, Pete Gosling, Mary Kershaw and Brian Harding

**IW Councillor:** IW Cllr Dave Stewart

**Clerk:** Mrs Sue Waters

**Public:** 1

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### **APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

**RESOLVED: There were no apologies for absence as all councillors were present.**

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### **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: That no Declarations of Interest are received.**

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### **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2020

**RESOLVED: The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2020 are approved and duly signed**

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### **PLANNING**

1 To Consider the planning application 20/00583/CLUD – North Grounds Farm, Appleford.

2 There were no planning decisions to receive.

3 The Licencing application for Wight Ices was considered.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1 **That Chale Parish Council raises no objections to planning application no 20/00583/CLUD.**

2 **That Chale Parish Council raises no objections to the licencing application for Wight Ices and encourages them to offer a service at the Blackgang Chine Carpark**

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### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1 To note the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation for May is noted**

2 On the advice of the clerk, the update for CRB Chale was considered next

A report on the activities and expenses for CRAB Chale was received  
Councillor Groves advised that so far 75 food parcels have been distributed, 35 prescriptions collected and 25 shopping or Post Office trips have been completed.  
A total of 109 calls for support have been received.

From the £5,000 grant received from the IW Council, over £3,000 is still left in the fund.  
To continue the work of the food parcels, further funding is required.

#### **RESOLVED:**

**That £500.00 per month is given to pay for food parcels from the grant until the funds are exhausted.**

3 To note receipts and authorise payments

**RESOLVED:**

The following receipts are noted:

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| Community Donations for CRAB | <b>£570.00</b> |
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**RESOLVED:** The following payments are approved:

|         |      |   |                  |
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| Chq no. | 1219 | Ron Groves – CRAB expenses                    | £1070.00         |
|         | 1220 | Community Action – June payroll               | £369.00          |
|         | 1221 | Mrs Sue Waters – expenses                     | £115.80          |
|         | 1222 | R. Groves – CRAB expenses                     | £120.97          |
|         | 1223 | Mary Kershaw – CRAB expenses                  | £48.60           |
|         | 1224 | P. Gosling – CRAB expenses                    | £18.00           |
|         | 1225 | Donation for food parcels via the Pop Up shop | £500.00          |
|         |      | <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>£2,242.37</b> |

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**CHALE GREEN STORES**

Councillor Groves advised that after advertising Chale Green Stores for sale, the building has now been advertised for lease. He is in contact with someone who is interested in the lease but is unable to provide details as it is commercially sensitive. He has also been advised that someone has applied for the Post Office licence for Chale, which could provide a service from anywhere in Chale. He will keep councillors updated when he can.

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**GIFT TO NATURE REPORT**

The Annual Report on the work of Gift to Nature at Blackgang Viewpoint Carpark was received. Councillor Harding asked about how Gift to Nature are funded. Councillor Stewart advised that funding has been obtained via Solent Local Enterprise Partnership. The car park and surrounding land is still owned by the Isle of Wight Council who have the legal responsibility for it. Prior to the corona virus outbreak, talks had been started about the possible resurfacing of the car park and some structural work to the surrounding land which will be resumed once it is safe to do so.

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**ROUTE 6 WINTER SERVICE**

Previously the Parish Council was asked to consider if the winter service for the Route 6 bus could be offered as a free service to all users as the three Parish Councils currently fund the service apart from the income received from fare paying passengers. The additional cost of £150.00 per day (split between the three Parish Councils) was considered. Niton & Whitwell Parish Council resolved last month not to support the action; Chillerton & Gatcombe Parish Council would support the action if all three Parish Councils agreed but were worried that the additional cost had not been included in their budget.

**RESOLVED: In view of the lack of support from Niton and Whitwell Parish Council, the potential project to offer free travel on the number six bus in the winter Sundays cannot be taken forward.**

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**TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

- 1 The Clerk provided a short-written report including correspondence received. She advised that new defibrillator pads had been purchased as they were out of date.
- 2 Parish Councillors – Councillor Gosling advised of a seemingly abandoned car on the highway. He will obtain the registration number and pass the details to Councillor Stewart who will report it to the Isle of Wight Council. No other councillors had anything to report.
- 3 Chairman – Councillor Ron Groves advised a footpath sign had rusted and was falling off – this will be reported to IW Council's Right of Way team. Councillor Harding advised that a warning sign at the cliff edge on The Terrace was also rusty. This will also be reported to the IW Council's Right of Way team. Most of the month, Councillor Groves has been working hard with CRAB Chale.
- 4 IWC Councillor Dave Stewart - advised that he was sad that the Chale Show had been cancelled in line with all other events this summer due to the corona virus pandemic. He

is hopeful that the community spirit and wonderful band of volunteers will be available for the event in 2021.

The Wight Diamond Motor Cycle race is still being discussed with the IW Council, although they have been advised to avoid the school summer holidays.

He also wanted to acknowledge the great work of the CRAB's of Chale, Niton and Whitwell.

He also provided an update on the Corona Virus pandemic and that no further hospital deaths had been reported this week. New pavement markings and barriers have been installed in Newport to aid social distancing when most shops re-open next week. This operation will be rolled out to all major towns on the Island. The "r" rate on the Island remain low – currently 0.4. The tip is now open with on-line booking which provides a list of what can be taken.

The IW Council's financial position is being discussed next week, including requesting that the government help support with the Island Plan which should provide additional funding.

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**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

One member of the public mentioned that the church service has not been advertised on the Chale Facebook page as the numbers trying to log onto the site were already overwhelming. It has been reported this week that churches will be able to open for private prayer soon.

Once this has happened and the impact on numbers established, advertising of the service will be announced.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.49 pm

Chairman.....  
13 July 2020