

# CHALE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on **MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015** at 7.00 pm at the WI Hall, Chale.

## **CHALER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Cllr Alan Lock presented Mr. Edwin Cole with the 2015 Chaler of Year Award.

**PRESENT:** Cllr Liam Cumming Chairman of the Parish Council presided  
Clerk - Tina Bailey  
4 Members of the public and PCSO Oatley

### **1. WELCOME**

Cllr Liam Cumming Chairman of the Parish Council welcomed everyone present

### **2. PRESENTATION**

Paul Savill, Voluntary Sector Locality Link Officer gave a presentation on 'My Life a Full Life' and answered questions.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE 2013 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The minutes of the 2014 Annual Parish Meeting, were signed as a true record at the Parish Council Meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and copies were available for inspection.

### **4 ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15 FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF CHALE PARISH COUNCIL**

The Council met 11 times, during the period of May 2014 and April 2015.

Make up of the council:

Liam Cumming was elected Chairman.  
Alan Locke was elected as Vice Chairman.  
The Parish Council still has one vacant seat.  
Councillors are Liz Groves, Stephen May, Ron Groves

Precept – due to changes in IoW Council budget the Parish council has kept the modest increase made last year in the precept to cover any transfers of responsibilities to us (such as grass cutting on the green)

Policies and procedures- are reviewed and kept fully up to date with best practice and Councillors undertook a range of appropriate training during the year.

The Parish Council continued to be consulted on a wide range of issues e.g. bus services, the Shoreline Management Plan and the Island Plan Core Strategy.

Representation on other bodies - Councillors are members of a variety of different bodies, however due to the resignations these will be reviewed.

Planning

- Applications – IW Council do take comments into account and now publish the officers' reports on line so we are able to understand how our comments are considered. The Chale Village Design Statement continues to provide the foundation for our comments.

- Enforcement – parishioners have raised a number of issues with the council during the year and these have usually been taken forward and pursued with the Isle of Wight Council following discussion. Generally, response and action from planning enforcement has continued to be slow with a less than robust approach being adopted on a number of long outstanding matters.
- We are also in the process of updating the Parish Plan and the new questionnaire will be distributed to the village soon.

### **Additional Activities**

Mr Matthews has agreed to continue to update the Parish Council website, this is ongoing and will be kept up to date.

The Hoy Monument has been inspected and is in good condition. The Restoration Fund poster continues to be sold at the village shop with all the proceeds being invested to fund future maintenance and repair work.

The No 6 community bus route scheme is in a healthy position and continues to provide Chale with vital links for residents, work and the wider community.

The Age Concern Good Neighbour Scheme is still progressing slowly.

The Parish Council have received reports on Local Safe Neighbourhood issues. It has been reported there has been very little criminal activity in Chale over the last 6 months.

Part of the Community office has been turned into a community computer suite. It is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

The Parish Council continues to campaign for a 30 mile an hour speed limit along the whole length of Chale Street.

Communication – ensuring villagers are aware and involved:

The Council would like more people to come to our meetings. Agendas and Minutes are put up on the village notice boards and the website (Parish Council meetings are open to the public and take place at 7.00pm on the second Monday of every month other than August here in the WI Hall)

Reports from Council meetings are published in Chale Mail and Village Talk in IWCP.

We are still in consultation with IoW council and Island Roads to establish a wildflower meadow on the northern part of the green next to Stroud Farm.

### **5. TO RECEIVE THE 2014/15 PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Clerk provided the financial report .

### **6 TO RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM:**

#### **6.1 CHALE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE, MRS JEAN HARRIS PRESIDENT**

Chale WI currently has 26 members and finds itself in the ascendency with an increase of two on the previous year and weekly classes of Pilates, cookery and a craft workshop. The WI's aims are to ensure members enjoy the meetings this is being achieved with the assistance of quality speakers and monthly lunches. Improvement works have included the completion of the kitchen and this year's objective is to regenerate the garden. An event is to be held in June at Kingston Manor to facilitate the funding of this project. Mrs Harris thanked the good committee

and dedicated members of the WI and the Parish Council for their support and encouragement.

## **6.2 CHALE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN, MR STUART KITCHING.**

### **Key roles Communication**

- Within the group
- With the village (*The Chale Mail*)
- Beyond the village Cohesion
- Chale Day
- Carols on the Green
- The Chale Mail
- Support for new activities

### **Constituent groups**

- Currently 11 groups in CVP
- Most groups are very active

### **Meetings**

- Generally well attended
- Useful exchange of information
- Interesting talks by visitors

### **Challenges**

- Lack of a village focal point
- Engagement with the community

### **Positives**

- Village identity and spirit
- Stable community

### ***The Chale Mail***

- Published six times a year
- Delivered throughout the village
- Interesting and informative
- New designer
- Advertising support
- Subsidised by CVP
- Widely appreciated

### **ChaleFest 29 June 2014**

- Very successful
- As a community event
- Financially
- Key ingredients
- Range of attractions
- Good organisation and teamwork
- Publicity
- Sunshine!
- Donation to church project
- Thanks to all involved

### **Carols on the Green 18 December 2014**

Very well attended thanks to

- Malcolm Groves for publicity
- Helen O'Sullivan for leading the event
- Andy Price and the Band
- Mince pie makers
- Chale Green Stores for hosting the refreshments

### **Sincere thanks to**

- Chale Horticultural Society – financial support
- Malcolm Dyer – Vice Chairman and Farming Community representative
- Mike Howell – Treasurer, advertisements co-ordinator and ChaleFest organiser
- Elaine Fisher – Secretary and *Chale Mail* Editor
- Dave Stewart – Ward Councillor
- all who attend CVP meetings, and those help in various ways

## **6.3 CHALE CHURCHYARD COMMITTEE – WRITTEN COPY PROVIDED.**

## **6.4 CLLR DAVID STEWART, IWC WARD MEMBER FOR CHALE, NITON AND WHITWELL**

A challenging and eventful year in which I have been actively involved both locally and in my wider role on the Isle of Wight Council.

Locally I regularly attended parish council meetings in Chale, Niton and Whitwell and I have attended meetings of the Chale Village Partnership, supporting a range of initiatives such as new the SWAY youth project. I have contributed to various agenda items including representations to Island Roads, responding to concerns regarding

the number 6 bus, perusing the re opening of Undercliff drive and addressing the many and varied planning issues which local residents have brought to my attention.

As the local representative on the IW Council I have attended various council meetings and I currently chair the council's scrutiny panel, holding the administration to account through a professional approach - working to the principal of doing what is best for Island Residents. I have also led the formation of an Island Ferry User Group and had regular meetings with representatives from all three ferry companies regarding the cost of travel and service improvements.

On behalf of the IW Council I have for the last 4 years been our elected representative on the Hampshire Police & Crime Panel and I currently chair this body as well which scrutinises the work of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Looking ahead my focus will be on helping to develop further amenities for local residents, continuing to fight for the re-instatement of Undercliff Drive for use by small vehicles, addressing concerns regarding the PTEC tidal energy project, seeking to reduce speed limits through all the villages and continuing to support individual residents with their needs and concerns regarding the quality and provision of council services.

One of my personal goals for the coming year is to improve my communication with residents so I can better address matters of concern and keep everyone informed of what is happening on the Isle of Wight Council

Finally I wish to thanks everyone who has supported me as local councillor and I will continue to do my best for Chale, Niton and Whitwell.

The meeting closed 21.10

**Signed: .....Chairman**

Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> June 2015.