



Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Chale Parish Council held on Monday, 13th October 2014 in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present

Chairman: Cllr. Liam Cumming
Councillors: Messrs: Stephen May, Alan Lock and Ron Groves
Clerk: Tina Bailey
IWC Cllr: Cllr. Dave Stewart
Public: One
Police: One

60. APOLOGIES

Cllr Liz Groves

61. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON PECUNIARY INTERESTS

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

62. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Meeting held on 8th September 2014, which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED

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

63. TO RESPOND TO LETTER FROM IWC REGARDING: COWES FLOATING BRIDGE POSSIBLE INTRODUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN CHARGES

Additional information challenging the many projected budgets provided by the IWC had been supplied by the Campaigning group opposing the proposed charges.

RESOLVED

The Parish Council considers that the IWC has taken an immoral approach to pick on and divide a community and could not support the proposal to introduce pedestrian charges on the floating bridge.

64. TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AND COMMENT ON:

64.1 Installation of memorial bench in View Point car park

A request has been received for a memorial bench in memory of a lady born and baptised in Chale. IWC have stated that if Chale PC takes responsibility for any future maintenance and eventual disposal they would not have any objection to a bench in the View Point car park subject to confirmation of the exact location.

RESOLVED

The Parish Council are happy to support the installation of a durable memorial bench and suggested it should be located on an existing concrete base which the previous seat has been removed from.

It was also noted that the view from the car park has now been obscured by the vigorous growth of the trees and the Parish Council will contact Blackgang Chine to ask if they could trim the trees back, as undertaken in previous years.

64.2 Big Tree Plant project

Details of the big (free) tree plant project were discussed but declined as the parish does not have any spare space at present to accommodate any.

64.3 IWC Speed Limit Policy(as previously circulated)

Isle of Wight Council Speed Limit Policy agreed by the Isle of Wight Council Executive recently. Section 7 Implementation, sets out how applications can be made to change local speed limits and how they will be dealt with so long as this policy remains in force.

Cllr Dave Stewart expressed an interest in looking at this policy with the suggestion that some one should test the process and it could be applied to Chale Street. Cllr Alan Lock agreed to assist.

65 TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES FROM THE FOLLOWING WORKING PARTIES:

65.1 Bio Diversity

The Parish Council will wait until the IWC return to this matter.

65.2 Parish Plan

Cllr Lock had provided a draft questionnaire to the Parish Council for comment and quotes will be needed for printing.

66 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

66.1 The Clerk

IWC had emailed to ask if the PC had received any complaints regarding the circle of white posts left at the Recreation Ground following this year's Chale Show and had asked for contact details from the Recreation Ground Committee, which the Clerk had provided.

Noted: that the Parish Council had not received any complaints and that the posts were inserted for safety purposes.

66.2 IWC Councillor Dave Stewart

Cllr Stewart reported on the IWC budgeting process and £500K was still allocated to the Undercliff. The no 6 community bus was experiencing problems with volunteer drivers and it was being debated whether to reduce the number of buses. Cllr Stewart recommended that the Parish Council write to Shirley Smart and ask her to confirm what is happening about the community bus.

66.3 Councillors' reports

- Cllr Liz Groves sent an email reporting that residents in Blythe Shute and the Terrace have noted that a new build house opposite the Terrace have installed very bright lights that are left on all night and this is creating a nuisance. As this is in a dark sky area could the PC look into it please?

RESOLVED

The Clerk will send a letter advising the occupants of the nuisance inadvertently being created and the dark sky policy.

- Bus Stop at the top of Town Lane
Works undertaken by Southern Electric around the base of the bus stop have left the bank and verge in a very dangerous state. Cllr Stewart offered to take up the matter.
- Gladdices Farm – noted that a vast amount of drainage has been undertaken
- Reported that the electricity supply may be shut off for a while, but where and when not yet confirmed.

67 TO REVIEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND NOTE ANY IWC DECISIONS

Application No: P/01176/14

Location: Gladices Farm Cottage, Gladices Lane, Chale Green, PO38 2LB

Proposal: Alterations and conversion of barn to form unit of holiday accommodation; proposed stable block and tack room; proposed storage barn

RESOLVED

The Parish Council objects to this planning application due to the high level of fenestration from the exceptionally large windows on the west facing wall, which is contrary to the dark skies policy in an AONB.

68. FINANCIAL MATTERS

68.1. Lloyds Bank – to discuss continuing problems and discuss moving to a new Bank

The Clerk reported that following her complaints to the bank, they had agreed to pay £250 in compensation. However, another letter was sent to the address of the previous clerk, which the Clerk attempted to deal with but was told as she was not a signatory the Bank would speak to her. To date the council still has not received any bank statements. Copies of the letters were provided to the Chairman, who, as a signatory will contact the bank. The Clerk recommended that the Council move to another local bank or internet banking.

68.2 To authorise the following payments

dd Douglas Tonks October Payroll £311.52

RESOLVED

Payment agreed.

The Chairman closed the meeting.

Chairman

Date: 10th November 2014.