



# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019** in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale commencing at 7 pm.

## **Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Ron Groves, Liz Groves, McWilliam, Gosling and Kershaw  
**Clerk:** Mrs Katie Riley  
**IW Councillor:** Cllr Stewart  
**Public:** 6

## **94/19 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

### **RESOLVED**

Apologies are received and approved for Cllr Harding

## **95/19 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**

None received

## **96/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019 are approved and duly signed

## **97/19 PLANNING**

The following planning application was reviewed:

Application No: 19/00952/FUL

Location: Land Adjacent Wight Mouse Inn, Church Place

Proposal: Formation of pedestrian access

### **RESOLVED**

Chale Parish Council query the need for another substation and new access which will entail knocking down a historic wall and replacing it with concrete and metal, considered out of keeping with the character of the Church and local surroundings.

## **98/19 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To note the bank reconciliation for September

### **RESOLVED**

The bank reconciliation for September is noted

2. To receive the half year financial report

### **RESOLVED**

The half year financial report is received. No problems identified. Increased electricity costs for the hut had previously been noted and electricity is now turned off when not in use.

Contributions towards the production of the Pepper Pot have not been budgeted for however once Chale Together have finalised their remaining balance this will be transferred to the Parish Council to fund the Pepper Pot

3. To note receipts and authorise payments

### **RESOLVED**

The following payments are authorised:

Chq no.:

1169	Community Action Isle of Wight	£461.84
1170	Co Co Design Co (Pepper Pot)	£40
1171	K Riley (expenses including county press advert)	£216.82
1172	Community Action (correction to invoice issued for April)	£21.82

### **99/19 PROPOSED REMOVAL OF BT PUBLIC CALL BOX OUTSIDE CHALE STORES**

To agree a response from the Parish Council to inform the IWC whether or not it is necessary to veto the proposed removal

#### **RESOLVED**

Given so few calls are made from this call box Chale Parish Council have no objection to it being removed. They would however be interested in any spare parts that might be compatible with the K6 box owned by the Parish Council on the Military Road. Clerk to ask the question.

### **100/19 PARKING FOR WALKERS DURING THE ISLE OF WIGHT WALKING FESTIVAL**

To receive notice of Sunday 10th May 2020 for the Chale start walk and agree on parking arrangements for walkers as approved by the Isle of Wight Council.

#### **RESOLVED**

Following confirmation from the IWC that (providing the Green isn't too wet) parking on the Green will be permitted, the Parish Council will assist organisers of this event with parking arrangements by allocating a parking area and notifying residents in advance that it is for one day only.

### **101/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

1. The Clerk including correspondence received
  - Broadband - IWC have a phone call lined up with BT tomorrow to discuss the change request
  - Letter received from the IWC confirming Chale War Memorial is now listed
  - Thank you, letter, received from both Chale Churchyard Committee and Sight for Wight for their grants received
  - Notification from SSE of an electricity rate change for the hut.
  - The first Police South Parish meeting is due to be held on 23rd October at 7pm in Wroxall (Methodist Hall). Cllr Gosling to attend
  - Temporary warning sign still not in place for the new dog bin at Chale Green however Cllrs reported it is being well used and so no longer a need to pursue signage
  - Complaint received and forwarded re. the bridle path C15 (top of The Terrace) being used for horse jumping. The Clerk has contacted Rights of Way and they have said they'll be cutting the hedges along there soon with a tractor so they will be able to see if there are any physical problems. The Chairman offered to look at this and provide any additional evidence for Rights of Way to follow up
  - Gotten Lane due to be resurfaced this Friday
  - Clerk has enquired with Island Roads about a price for double yellow lines at Newman Lane but until the IWC have agreed the length of these restrictions they cannot provide a quote. It could be a future possibility should the PC wish to fund
  - Clerk has requested the extension of speed limits through the village, and on the Military Road up to Southdown. Ian Middleton of Island Roads has confirmed both requests are on the Highway Safety and Improvement Register and will be considered in line with the Council's Speed Limit Policy over the next 12 months
  - Police report received. Last surgery due to be held at the shop this Wednesday
  - The Clerk reported her attendance at a website accessibility training session last week and will pass requirements of the new regulations to the website provider
2. Parish Councillors
  - Cllr Gosling highlighted the efforts of a fundraiser walking barefooted around the coast path in aid of the victim of the hit and run incident on Briddlesford Road in June
  - Cllr Ron Groves raised the issue of the defibrillator and bike station with the shop closing on Saturday. He has already asked the Wight Mouse about reinstalling the bike station on their premises which they have agreed to. The defibrillator remains a problem. Suggestions were made for the hut and phone box, due to be removed, but given potential security issues at the hut and electricity supply in the phone box, it was proposed to ask Stubbings if they would consider siting it on their outside wall instead. Cllr Ron Groves to enquire. The hut could provide the electric supply for the Christmas tree this year, if it were to move to the other side of the road, adjacent to the hut. And in conjunction with volunteers, a gazebo has been offered to be put up by Men in Sheds, which would provide a venue for Carols on the Green.
3. IWC Councillor Dave Stewart

- IW Cllr Stewart presented his report which included news of new Monitoring Officer, Geoff Wild, in post; a delayed budget due to unknown government funding and Brexit; Undercliff report due next month; work with Island MP re. housing numbers; recycling centre opening in March; £26 million investment in Island Line; St Marys roundabout and a possible signage review at Coppins Bridge. He also enquired of meeting attendee's thoughts about 5G in relation to the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.

**102/19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED**

In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

*The 5 remaining members of the public left the meeting at 7.48pm*

**103/19 CHALE VILLAGE FACEBOOK**

To receive communication from the administrator of the village Facebook page and agree next steps

The administrator's request for a meeting with an individual councillor to discuss the concerns raised about the village Facebook page was discussed

**RESOLVED**

That it will not be appropriate for an individual councillor to speak on behalf of the Parish Council but that the Clerk will forward concerns raised

**104/19 CLERK VACANCY**

To shortlist candidates and agree on interview arrangements

**RESOLVED**

Applicants are shortlisted and will be invited to interview on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The interview panel will consist of Cllr Ron Groves, Cllr Gosling and Cllr McWilliam

**105/19 CHALE STORES**

To receive communication from the owner and agree next steps

The Chairman presented an overview of the 4 different offers made by the owner to the Parish Council to either lease or buy the freehold of Chale Stores since December last year. Figures have never been released to the public due to commercial sensitivity and a non-disclosure agreement approved prior to the first offer being made in November 2018 between the owner and the Parish Council, has covered all offers made.

Councillors discussed the latest offer communicated on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019 which the Clerk circulated prior to the meeting with her report and recommendations.

**RESOLVED**

Regrettably even if it was possible for Chale Parish Council to raise the necessary borrowing amount through the PWLB to buy the freehold of Chale Stores, they could only do so with tenants in place to provide a rental income in order to meet the repayments required of a loan. Since the shop is closing at the end of the week, without sufficient reserves and a guaranteed income, the Parish Council have no option but to turn this offer down.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.14 pm

Chairman.....

11<sup>th</sup> November 2019