



# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of a **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 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 (arrived at 7.50pm)  
**Public:** 3

## **83/19 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

### **RESOLVED**

Apologies are received and approved for Cllr Harding

## **84/19 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

## **85/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2019

### **RESOLVED**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 are approved and duly signed

Matters arising:

1. The Clerk has contacted the IWC re. a notice warning of the penalties for not picking up after their dogs for the new dog bin at Chale Green – still waiting to hear back
2. The Clerk clarified with SSE that the Hut electricity bill was based on an actual meter reading. The Chairman has spoken to Andy Dorning of SWAY who has turned the electric off while not in use.
3. Beer cans continue to be found on the side of the road at Corve which look to be thrown from tractor drivers at work causing concern from Cllrs about the prospect of these vehicles being driven late into the night under the influence of alcohol. The Chairman has spoken to the farmer but the land is contracted out and the drivers themselves are unknown and likely to be contractors

## **86/19 PLANNING**

No new applications or IWC decisions received

## **87/19. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To note the bank reconciliation

### **RESOLVED**

The bank reconciliation for July and August is noted

2. To consider Chale Churchyard Committee's request for a donation of £500 towards the maintenance of Chale Churchyard (including Chale War Memorial)

### **RESOLVED**

To donate £250 towards the maintenance of Chale Churchyard (including Chale War Memorial) and review next year

3. To receive confirmation of funds following the disbandment of Chale Together and agree on amount to contribute towards future publications of the Pepper Pot

### **RESOLVED**

Cllr Kershaw confirmed that these funds haven't yet been finalised but will be passed over to the PC to support the production of the Pepper Pot as soon as advertisers have been reimbursed. The PC will cover all future costs of production.

4. To consider request to assist again with sponsorship for local pupils to participate in the Sight for

Wight 2019 Short Story Writing Competition, at a cost of £2 per student

**RESOLVED**

To donate £60 towards Sight for Wight's 2019 Short Story Writing Competition in order for Chale children to participate

5. To note receipts and authorise payments

**RESOLVED**

£40 was received and noted for the sale of tea towels

The following payments are authorised:

Chq.	1163	Mrs K Riley (expenses)	83.00
	1164	Community Action IW	923.68
	1165	Island Roads (dog bins)	40.00
	1166	Post Office (IWC grounds maintenance)	600.00
	1167	Chale Churchyard Committee	250.00
	1168	Sight for Wight	60.00

**88/19 WINTER SUNDAY BUS SERVICE**

To ratify the agreement made to contribute a third of £202 per Sunday (split equally between Chale, Niton and Whitwell, Chillerton and Gatcombe PCs), and £305 for Boxing Day and New Year's Day, from 6th October 2019 to 1st March 2020.

**RESOLVED**

To contribute a third of £202 per Sunday (split equally between Chale, Niton and Whitwell, Chillerton and Gatcombe PCs), and £305 for Boxing Day and New Year's Day, from 6th October 2019 to 1st March 2020.

**89/19 SPEEDING ON CHALE STREET/MILITARY ROAD**

Councillors discussed further concerns received through the village on Chale Street and the Military Road and agreed it is a problem particularly when there is anything going on at the Recreation Ground. Motorbikes were raised as a particular nuisance in the summer, but it was also agreed it's not just bikes, and that cars and tractors are also a problem. The Chairman reported an accident a month ago involving two cars ploughed into the side of the Recreation Ground. The Chairman will discuss the issue further with IW Cllr Stewart to seek solutions. Suggestions were made to continue the speed limit from the Recreation Ground to Southdown and to remove the 40mph limit through the village. It has previously been suggested to have double white lines in the middle of the road at all the turn offs on the Military Road. The Clerk has contacted Island Roads to establish costs for these lines and also double yellow lines at Newman Lane which have not been prioritised by Island Roads to see if it's something the PC can provide. The Clerk has also contacted CARS to see if they have any update for Chale and is waiting to hear back.

**90/19 REPORTED BULLYING VIA A CHALE FACEBOOK PAGE**

Councillors discussed concerns that have been reported about bullying on the Chale Village Facebook page and Councillors agreed that these concerns need to be reported to the police. Cllrs sought IW Cllr Stewart's advice when he arrived later in the meeting re. this matter and he advised to report this matter directly to Superintendent Sarah Jackson and that it should also be reported to the Administrator of the website. The Chairman will discuss these steps with those concerned.

**91/19 STOP 5G**

**RESOLVED**

Not to support the 'Stop 5G Association's' campaign at this stage as not enough is known about both sides of the argument. The Clerk reported that IWALC are considering offering a session for T&PCs to find out more about this issue which Cllrs agreed would be useful. Cllrs sought IW Cllr Stewart's advice when he joined the meeting later and he confirmed that the IWC are not leading any drive for 5G at this time and are taking advice from Public Health England. They are keen to learn from trials elsewhere in the country before making a commitment.

**92//19 CHALE STORES**

The Chairman reported that since the PC have been involved in trying to support Chale Stores he has accumulated a total of 840 emails in associated correspondence. At the request of the owner of Chale Stores the Chairman read out an email received in time for the meeting (appended to the minutes). Cllrs discussed the contents of the email and the difficulties the leaseholders now have to survive through the winter. The Chairman also invited members of the public present at the meeting for their views and various options were considered.

IW Cllr Stewart arrive at 7.50

**RESOLVED:**

To hold a community meeting. IW Cllr Stewart also recommended the Clerk email Andrea Jenkins and Ashley Curzon at the IWC for their advice on property legalities.

**93/19 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

1. The Clerk including correspondence received
  - New regulations [‘The Public Sector Bodies \(Websites and Mobile Applications\) \(No.2\) Accessibility Regulations 2018’](#) to ensure public sector websites and mobile apps are accessible to all users, especially those with disabilities, are coming into force from the 23rd September 2019, meaning every new public sector website and app will need to meet certain accessibility standards and publish a statement saying they have been met. Existing websites will have until the 22nd September 2020 to comply. The Clerk is due to attend some training in October for further information.
  - Contacted by the Police about quarterly meetings they are setting up to discuss police priorities with Wroxall, Godshill, Niton & Whitwell and whether these meetings are something Chale would like to participate in? Cllr Gosling volunteered to attend and the Clerk will pass on his details and availability.
  - Two enquiries received about Chale Recreation Ground which have been forward to the Chairman of Chale Recreation Ground, Malcolm Groves, to respond to directly.
  - Email received about us granting permission for the Ramblers Association to park on The Green questioning our right to allow this. At June’s meeting “Councillors agreed that on special occasions like this, there should be some leniency applied to parking and provided the Parish Council is notified in advance, a designated area can be allocated with a letter drop to residents to warn them of some disruption for the day.” IW Cllr Stewart advised the Clerk to contact Mr. Lee Matthews at the IWC given the traffic safety issue arising from cars otherwise parking on the road and seek permission.
  - Freedom of Information request about ownership and maintenance of playgrounds in Chale received and responded to.
  - Broadband update from the IWC – Jayne Tyler is chasing BT on the Niton 3 Cabinet and is in dialogue with DCMS currently about the next phase of activity for the WI Hall. IW Cllr Stewart agreed to put more pressure on the Niton 3 cabinet now 3 years in waiting
  - Email received from Southern Housing’s Homes Service Manager asking about Chale Hut and if it is well used, to which the Clerk will respond
  - Hard copy of the follow correspondence received: Butterflies Bereavement Support posters, A3 poster from Amey advertising the Collection Plus waste collection service, Celebrating age festival magazine, Island Business, Clerks and Councils Direct September issues
2. Nothing to report from Parish Councillors
3. IW Councillor Dave Stewart provided his report and will be arranging a review meeting with Niton and Whitwell PC and Blackgang Chine regarding the fireworks this summer as agreed. He also updated on the Island Plan and that T&PC’s are due to be consulted on local housing needs, the Undercliff, Ventnor Haven, homeless numbers and affordable housing, an unpredictable budget and St. Mary’s roundabout.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the 3 members of the public present at the meeting and it was suggested that the two hours of music at Blackgang Chine prior to the fireworks were more problematic than the fireworks themselves and IW Cllr Stewart agreed to raise this when he meets with Blackgang Chine.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.57 pm

Chairman.....  
14<sup>th</sup> October 2019