

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday, 14 September 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, Mary Kershaw and Pete Gosling  
**IW Council:** Councillor Stewart,  
**Clerk:** Mrs Sue Waters  
**Public:** 2

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### **APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

**RESOLVED: Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brian Harding who was on Annual Leave.**

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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: There were no declarations of Interest as this time.**

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### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings held on 11 May, 13 July, 29 July and 17 August were received, approved and will be signed following the meeting.**

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### **PLANNING**

The one planning decision published from the IW Council was received.

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### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1 The Bank Reconciliations for the months of August and September 2020 were received and approved.
- 2 That the clerk's attendance at the virtual SLCC conference at a cost of £25.00 plus VAT was approved.
- 3 The Nationally agreed pay increase for the clerk of 2.75% plus one additional day's holiday is approved.
- 4 That the receipt of £500.00 from Wight Aid and the payments of the following cheques and direct debit is approved.

DD	SEB – Electricity for Spanners Hut	£10.45
235	Mrs S Waters – expenses	£99.84
236	SLCC – Virtual Conference	£30.00
237	Mrs M Kershaw – CRAB expenses	£44.10
238	Mr R Groves – CRAB expenses	£144.00
239	Mrs R Peyton – CRAB expenses	£112.50
240	Community Action – September payroll	£427.99
241	Mr R Groves – expenses	£14.99
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£883.87</b>

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### **GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**

Due to the Corona virus the Spring Clean was cancelled but Keep Britain Tidy are asking for an Autumn event. Under current regulation, only six people can meet for such an event.

**RESOLVED:** That due to the goodwill of residents already regular litter picking throughout the village, an organised litter pick is not required at this time. This item will be considered again in Spring 2021.

**80/20 REVIEW OF POLLING STATIONS**

A report has been received from the IW Council on a review of Polling Stations. Chale is still to use the WI Hall in the new proposal.

**RESOLVED:** That the Parish Council supports the continued use of Chale WI hall as the Polling Station for Chale.

**81/20 CHALE GREEN STORES**

Following an unsuccessful sale, the owner has decided to lease the property. The chairman reported that there are two interested parties in taking on the lease. One party has made their intention clear by adding a poster on the notice board outside the property. If successful, they intend to re-open the shop, café and post office. The two potential owners are now talking to each other. If successful, the new owner wishes to open in a few weeks.

**81/20 SPANNERS HUT**

South Wight Association for the Youth are hoping to develop the Spanner's Hut with the help of a financial benefactor. Due to the Corona Virus, the public consultation process has been postponed, but the Parish Council's views on the proposal were sought. Due to the great news on the shop potentially re-opening, this may impact on the plans for SWAY. Richard Webb is now liaising with the potential new owners whilst still working on the proposals for the hut. The Parish Council is supportive of any plans to improve facilities for the village.

**81/20 DIAMOND MOTORCYCLE RACE**

Following the extraordinary meeting held in August, a public consultation event was agreed with the organisers of the Diamond Races for Monday 28 September 2020 at the Chale WI hall. It is to be a ticketed event for Chale and Chale Green residents only. As the clerk has undertaken the IW Council covid 19 training, councillors are confident that the meeting can go ahead under the new restrictions as the venue will be covid secure. Councillor Stewart thanked Councillor Groves for all his hard work on this project in ensuring that the public consultation can continue. He advised that he is in favour of the event due to the economic benefit to the Island providing it is a safe event for competitors, residents and marshals. He also wishes to see long term benefits in reducing the speed of both motorists and motor cycles using the Military road. He is in discussion with the police regarding the feasibility of providing mobile average speed cameras. The public event at the Chequers which was for motor cyclists has been postponed due to the numbers involved and the risk assessments not being adequate. The Chale WI hall is still available for the event as long as all precautions are taken to reduce the risk of infection.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1 That the Public Consultation will take place at the WI Hall on Monday 28 September from 2pm to 5pm and from 6pm to 9pm.**
- 2 The event will be ticketed and numbers restricted. All contact details will be taken for Track and Trace.**
- 3 Proof of residency will be required upon entry.**
- 4 All necessary precautions will be taken to reduce the risk of infection, with the use of hand sanitiser and face coverings, a one way system, small numbers of people within the hall, as per the Risk Assessment.**

**82/20 HOY MONUMENT**

The Parish Council owns the Hoy Monument which stands on National Trust land. Although a request for warning signs to be erected was made last year, advising walkers of potentially falling masonry, this has not happened.

**RESOLVED:** That the clerk writes to Manager of the National Trust at Mottistone requesting a progress report as the notices and signs have still not been erected as promised last year.

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### **COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME**

A report was received from the IW Council regarding their plans for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for April 2021, together with a survey to complete. After studying the Council Document, several observations were noticed. Mainly that it was a document for an individual to answer due to the posed questions headed "About You", concerning age and gender. The Ward Councillor, Dave Stewart noted the observations were valid points.

**RESOLVED: That due to the unsuitability of the survey form for a Parish Council response, the chairman and clerk will work together to formulate a suitable reply. After due consideration, it was agreed that it should be status quo and the IWC should run with the current system with no amendments.**

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### **FLY TIPPING AT WHALE CHINE**

A resident has reported a problem with continued fly tipping at Whale Chine. Unfortunately, it is not possible to install CCTV which could monitor the site.

**RESOLVED: That all users of the Chine are asked to be vigilant and report any vehicles seen to tip rubbish, together with the registration number to the Parish Council.**

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### **SPEEDING THROUGH THE VILLAGE AND APPLEFORD ROAD**

Several reports of speeding have been received with speeding motorists, particularly at the bend coming into the village from Appleford Road. The "30" mile per hour sign is reportedly in the wrong place and needs to be moved back along the road. Mirrors have been requested to assist residents to see when coming from their homes into the road, which have been turned down by the IW Council. Councillor Stewart advised that the IW Council will soon be considering speeding throughout the Island, including a possible maximum speed of 50 miles per hour which would reduce fuel and emissions while increasing safety.

**RESOLVED: That the clerk writes to Councillor Stewart in his role as ward councillor to request the moving of the 30 mile per hour sign.**

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### **FUNDING OF THE WINTER SERVICE**

The bus service on Sundays of the number 6 route which runs through Chale is currently funded by the Parish Councils of Chale, Niton & Whitwell and Chillerton & Gatcombe. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the cost from Southern Vectis has been increased. As the winter service for 2019/20 includes part of lockdown when the Sunday service was cancelled, Southern Vectis should be asked to credit this year's figures. Niton and Whitwell Parish Council has offered to pay the amount above the budgeted figure to assist to the two smaller councils.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1 That the Parish Council contacts Southern Vectis regarding a credit for the Sunday service that was cancelled at the start of lockdown this year.**
- 2 That Niton and Whitwell Parish Council is thanked for their generous offer of funding a disproportionate amount of the increase in cost of the contract for the 2020/21 winter season, which would have taken it above the amount budgeted.**

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### **REPORTS**

- The Clerk provided a written report regarding activities of the last two months, including any written correspondence received. A letter has been received from SSE regarding the installation of a smart meter for Spanner's Hut. Councillor Groves offered to be the contact for the work. Another letter had been received from Chale Churchyard Committee advising that the names on the war memorial had been renovated using donations collected for the purpose. The clerk also mentioned that due to the potential Chale Recreation Ground Evening events and the Diamond Races, she has not been able to take the usual "time off" during the summer. All correspondence received electronically has been duly forwarded to councillors.
- Parish Councillors – Councillor Kershaw reported that a request had been received that work to "animal proof" the litter bins at Blackgang Viewpoint Carpark is considered. As

Gift to Nature look after the site, it was agreed that they would be contacted and also asked how works to upgrade the site are progressing.

- 3 The Parish Chairman – Councillor Groves started by announcing that BT have removed the telephone from the box outside Chale Green Stores but have left the electrics ready for the installation of the Defibrillator. He has asked a local contractor to install the defibrillator once the hand over to the Parish Council has been completed. He also advised that the footpath on South View Lane is badly overgrown and the sign at the junction of South View and East View Lane has slipped again. The clerk will contact Darrel Clarke from the IW Council’s Rights of Way team requesting they undertake the work. The work of CRAB Chale has reduced over the summer, but volunteers are ready to “jump back into full action” if a second wave occurs as predicted.
- 4 IW Councillor Dave Stewart started his verbal report with a thank you to Councillor Groves for all his hard work on CRAB Chale. He advised that the “app” currently being trailed on the Isle of Wight is going live for the rest of the country on 24 September 2020. The IW Council has now completed the purchase of Venture Quays in East Cowes and already has investors interested in the site. He also wished to mention that the staff at the Wight Mouse Inn have made a great job of working under covid secure conditions.

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**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

One member of the public asked about the continued lack of broadband speed for the Military Road end of the village as the church wishes to consider an Internet Café. Councillor Stewart advised that the organisers of the Diamond Races are working with Wight Fibre to improve the broadband speed as they require it for the IT part of the race.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.21pm

Chairman.....  
12 October 2020

The meeting was halted during proceedings due to the “40 minute” restriction for the zoom technology. Councillors will consider upgrading the system for future meetings.