

CHALE PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of a meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale IW on Monday 14th December 2005 at 1930 hrs.

Present: Cllr.P.Atkinson. Chairman.
Cllr.Mrs.S.Starke. Vice-Chairman.

Councillors: Mrs.J.Anger, M.Starke, D.Overton, and Mrs.E.Groves.

In attendance: Ms.Clare Hodges (RCC) and J.A.H.Whitney Clerk & RFO.

There were 4 members of the public present.

Ms. Clare Hodges RCC Rural Housing Enabler gave an illustrated presentation on "Affordable Housing Provision", following the presentation Ms. Hodges answered questions from Councillors and the public.

46/05-6 APOLOGIES

None, due to full attendance.

47/05-6 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Overton and the Chairman declared a personal interest regarding applications on agenda item 8.

48/05-6 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

RESOLUTION.

The minutes of the previous meeting (prior circulated) were confirmed and the Chairman authorised to sign them as a true record.

Proposed Vice Chairman Seconded Cllr Mrs Anger. Passed *nem con.*

49/05-6 MATTERS ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION.

Ref38/05-6 The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Mrs Groves had attended a meeting of the Recreation Field Working Party, Mr. Flower IWC Property Services Manager had also attended the meeting and advised that a previous decision of the IWC to freeze Recreation Field purchase negotiations has now been rescinded and pending a further valuation the matter was progressing with a possible conclusion being achieved by Spring 2006. Cllr Overton pointed out that as lessees the council could be offered terms below current market value. In answer to a question the Chairman confirmed that measures to set up a governing charitable trust will be expedited once the purchase arrangements are progressed.

Ref 39/05-6 The Clerk reported that the Hon. Tree Warden Mr David Whitehurst had advised of the new position for the Chale Green Christmas Tree and requested that the financial assistance from the PC to assist in the purchase of lights now be applied to cover the connection costs of the low power transformer box which he estimated to be under £200.

50/05-6 CHALE PARISH PLAN

The Clerk reported the content of correspondence between the PC and IWC regarding the issue of slippery road and other signs that considered unnecessary.

Having debated the separate issue of extension of speed limits it was resolved that the council should not proceed further with this item.

RESOLUTION:

Proposed: Vice Chairman. Seconded Cllr Mrs Anger. Passed *nem con.*

51/05-6 CHALE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP.

Cllr. Mrs Anger advised members of the date & time of a forthcoming CVP meeting and listed items on the agenda.

Cllr Starke mentioned the press coverage extended to the Calor Village Awards held in London attended by villagers to receive the southern area award, the council noted this award and instructed that these minutes record the council's congratulations to all concerned with this success which has done much to enhance the prestige of the parish. Cllr Starke went on to mention that some electors had reported to him that certain estate agents were putting out misleading and erroneous information to clients regarding school facilities which could mar the current wave of good publicity.

The Clerk was instructed to place this matter on the agenda of the next meeting.

The Chairman agreed to create a link on the parish council website to provide access to the Calor Village of the Year website which currently carries a press release that publishes Chale's achievement.

52/05-6 CORRESPONDENCE

Items in the correspondence file were listed.

53/05-6 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

The council considered the following applications and its recommendations were:

P/23071/05 Plot at Chale Green Stores-proposed house-***Chale Parish Council has no objection to this application.***

P/02315/05 Southdown Cottage, Southdown Lane-single storey conservatory and flat roof porch-*Chale Parish Council has no objection to this application.*

P/02210/05 Maricourt, Town Lane.-detached garage ,plus two first floor dormers.-*Chale Parish Council has no objection provided adequate vehicular access is maintained.*

54/05-6 BUDGET PROGRESS REPORT

The Clerk as RFO presented a budget progress report to assist members in setting a 2006-7 precept at the next meeting.

55/05-6 GRANT FOR LOW POWER ELECTRICITY CONNECTION.

The council approved a grant to assist local residents group in providing a low power electricity supply to Chale Green for Christmas Tree lights. It was agreed that a sum up to a maximum amount of £200 will be provided.

56/05-6 CLERKS REPORT

- a) Finance: payment cheques were approved for Clerks salary, and £20.80 expenses.
- b) Administration: the Clerks advised dates of forthcoming meetings of the “cluster” and Parish & Town Council’s Planning Forum.

57/05-6 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr.Mrs Groves reported on her recent attendance at a “SE in Bloom” meeting, Mrs Groves outlined details of the competition and the Clerk was instructed to place this item on the agenda of the next meeting as there were budget implications.

Cllr Overton reported on aspects of the recent Calor Village competition and advised the competition would be celebrating 10 years of existence next year with BBC media coverage, Chale representatives will be invited to this event.

Cllr Mrs ArnoldCC congratulated Chale on gaining the Calor Award.

The Chairman reported that manhole covers in Chale Street from St Andrews Church to Downers Farm are in a sunken state and presenting a serious hazard to cyclist and motorcyclists. The Clerk confirmed that a Highway Report will be submitted to the IWC.

FOLLOWING FURTHER PUBLIC QUESTIONS THE COUNCIL ROSE AT 2125 hrs.