

Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall Chale on Monday 9th July 2007 at 1930hrs.

Present: Cllr.M.Groves Chairman
Cllr. M Starke. Vice-Chairman

Councillors: P. Atkinson, D.T Overton, Mrs E. Groves, Mrs W Downes

In attendance: Claire Dean (Clerk and RFO)

There were four members of the public present.

49/07-08 Apologies

Cllr Starke was delayed at another meeting but hoped to join later.
Cllr Starke joined at 1950hrs.

50/07-08 Declarations of interest

Cllrs M and E Groves declared personal interests as they lived opposite Whistle Gray.

51/07-08 Minutes of the previous meeting

Corrections made.

52/07-08 Matters arising not requiring a resolution

Access to Chale Beach. Cllr M Groves had made enquiries locally as to how the beach used to be accessed and ascertained that the current footpath was not on the line shown on the definitive map. Cllr M Groves had written to Mr Love at the Isle of Wight Council suggesting the path be put back on the definitive line as it would be less exposed to the elements and therefore easier to maintain. He was awaiting a response.

Cllr M Groves had written to Mr Dabell regarding the sign and hedge, as discussed at the previous meeting. Mr Dabell informed Cllr Groves that he was unable to cut the hedge right back as it was a screen under current planning conditions relating to the site. At the end of the bird breeding season he would cut it back so that the coast could be viewed by someone standing, as this would meet the planning conditions. Mr Dabell had also asked for a quote for the road sign.

Cllr M Groves had spoken to a local artist who would cost and design an award for the Chaler of the Year.

The Isle of Wight Council had removed the dead elm trees from the green.

Cllr W Downes was to have a meeting with Claire Foreman, the Chair of Adult Services and Jackie Raven a Care Manager to discuss ideas for the Older Persons Champion.

A reply had been received from Cllr A Sutton regarding the closure of rural post offices, confirming that the Isle of Wight Council would be actively opposing any plans to close individual rural post offices.

Affordable housing - Planning officers had been putting out negative views over affordable housing and had stated that there were sufficient social rental properties already in Chale. Cllr M Groves noted that there was a need for low cost housing to enable local people to buy in the village they were born in, which was identified in the local Housing Needs Survey in 2006. This matter would be taken forward within the context of the Village Design Statement work.

53/07-08 Notice Board

Cllr Starke discussed ideas for descriptive boards (a copy of which is appended to the Minutes). The Council and public would need to review and add or subtract ideas from the list where appropriate. Publicity would be given through the usual village media, including the

Chale Mail, in order to obtain input.

53/07-08 Sign to discourage parking on the Green

Cllr Atkinson was to make enquiries to cost small signs to be fitted to poles on the green to stop parking. It was also suggested that one sign could be put in the shop. The sign was to read 'No Parking On The Green'. and would be designed to look official.

55/07-08 Hedge at Viewpoint Car Park - Chairman's report on progress and further consideration.

The Council agreed to approach the AONB to have the hedge cut down in order to preserve the view. Cllr M Groves to write to the Isle of Wight Council's Planning Unit and the AONB.

56/07-08 Correspondence

Correspondence listed in file. Cllr M Groves discussed buildings of architectural and historical interest in Chale. A date was arranged for the interviews of applicants for the role of Clerk to the Parish Council.

57/07-08 Village Design Statement

Cllr M Groves reported that a questionnaire had been delivered to every household and a successful workshop had been held in June. Three teams had been set up to do surveys this summer around the village. They will be looking at the landscape setting and shape of the village, buildings and materials and spaces and boundaries.

58/07-08 Chale Village Partnership

Chale Day proved to be popular with local people. Approximately 100 people attended and the event covered its costs. The Partnership had now installed the new notice board outside the shop.

59/07-08 Town and Country Planning

Refusal of Sand School at Gotten Manor Farmhouse.
Approval of field shelters, grain dryer at Pyle Farm with conditions on the use of the building.
Approval of rear extension at Paradise Cottage.
P/01488/07 Vectis Ventures- No Objections
P/01489/07 Vectis Ventures- No Objections
P/01229/07 Whistle Gray - No Objections (Cllrs M and E Groves took no part in this item.)
P/01229/07 Mr and Mrs Price - No Objections.

60/07-08 Clerks Report

Cheques were signed. Clerks salary and expenses. Cllr M Groves £45-19 expenses from the VDS grant monies, Chale WI £30 hall hire from the VDS grant monies, Mr P Starke £850 design of Chale signs, IW County Press £137.06 advertising Clerks role and Brighstone Landscaping £488.81 Grass cutting.

61/07-08 Councillors Reports

Cllr Overton stated that the illuminated studs had not been put in yet but he now anticipated that this would happen during August.
Cllr M Groves was concerned over speeding in Blythe Shute, particularly motorbikes at the weekend. It was suggested that some sort of restriction should be put in between the roundabout and Wight Mouse. There were also concerns over the speed restriction outside the school. Cllr Overton would contact the Highways team at the Isle of Wight Council regarding Blythe Shute and Cllr M Groves would contact the Isle of Wight Council regarding the Council's policy and plans for addressing speeding near schools.

Cllr M Groves reported that he had attended a meeting of the Rural Community Council (RCC), which sought to reconsider their role in supporting parish councils. The general view was that parishes would welcome their support as a channel into government on key rural issues and also saw the RCC as having a role in facilitating dialogue between councils where they shared specific issues.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE COUNCIL ROSE AT 2100 FOLLOWING PUBLIC QUESTIONS.