

## CHALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 1930 hrs.

Present: Cllr.P.J.Atkinson. Chairman.  
Cllr.M.Starke Vice-Chairman.

Councillors : D.T.Overton, Mrs.E.Groves, M.Groves.

In attendance: J.A.H.Whitney Clerk & RFO

There were three members of the public present.

### 79/06-7 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr.Mrs Anger and Cllr.Wendy Arnold (IWC)

### 80/06-7 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were none at this point.

### 81/06-7 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.M.Groves                      Passed.

### 82/06-7 MATTERS ARISING NOT REQUIRING A RESOLUTION.

There were no matters arising.

### 83/06-7 PRECEPT FOR 2007-8

Members received a brief report from the Clerk/RFO regarding budget heading projections for 2007-8, Mr Whitney also answered Members questions regarding training and election contingency funds. After a lengthy debate the Council accepted the Clerk/RFO's suggested minimum precept figure and it was agreed to set a precept of **£6700** being a 3% rise on last years figure.

### 84/06-7 PARISH AWARD PROJECT

The Vice-Chairman reported he had been working on an idea regarding the provision of parish interpretation boards that involved the launch of a public design competition which

would serve the dual purpose of consultation and helping to promote a sense of community ownership.

#### 85/06-7 VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Cllr Groves briefed Members on preliminary work he had carried out regarding undertaking a Village Design Statement., he presented a suggested a programme of tasks and identified certain priorities which are listed in a paper (attached herewith). It was suggested the first steering group meeting should take place sometime in April when Cllrs Mr & Mrs Groves return from a extended leave abroad.

#### 86/06-7 CHALE VILLAGE PARTNERSHIP

Cllr.Overton voiced his concern regarding the possibility of the Parish Council's interpretation board project interacting with the Chale Village Partnership public notice board project which will contain some interpretive content, the Vice Chairman felt this would not happen now both organisations had agreed to closer working.

Cllr Overton also mentioned the possibility of the Parish Council making a contribution towards the production costs of *Chale Mail* as the insertion was helping to maintain quality parish accreditation.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

After a lengthy debate it was proposed the Parish Council should pay for the regular insertion of an information/contact page.

Proposed: Cllr.Overton.                      Seconded : Cllr.M.Groves                      Passed.

Mr.Overton concluded his report by advising that the partnership was working on the request by the WI for car park illumination, currently under consideration were solar powered studs leading to the park and one low downcast light in the park. It was suggested that the partnership should press the IWC (as owners of the car park) if a suitable scheme can be agreed.

#### 87/06-7 CORRESPONDENCE

Items in the correspondence file were listed.

#### 88/06-7 TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING

There were no extant planning applications.

#### 89/06-7 CLERKS REPORT

- a) Finance: the following payments were approved £22.66 expenses, Clerks salary.
- b) Administration: the Clerk briefed Members on a number of minor administrative matters requiring councillor attendance or possible action.

Then Mr Whitney announced his intention to retire from serving the Council with effect from the April meeting. The Clerk thanked Members for their support and stated that he had really enjoyed working for Chale and assisting the Parish

Council to face and surmount a number of obstacles and challenges over the past six years. Mr Whitney advised the Council that they should immediately appoint a recruitment working party and expressed to willingness to serve on such a party. It was then **agreed** the working party should consist of The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Cllr.David Overton and The Clerk with the first meeting to follow on the rising of the Council. The Council thanked the Clerk for his diligence and requested this should be recorded in these minutes.

#### 90/06-7 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

**Cllr.M.Groves** mentioned recent communication with the CPRE regarding the Gladices Barn planning appeal. Mr Groves went on to express concern over the planned closure of post offices, it was decided this should be an item for the next agenda and that Mr Rodney Archer the Ventnor Postmaster should be invited to address the meeting.

**Cllr.D.Overton** mentioned the continuing problem of Chale Green residents obtaining legal definition of vehicle rights of access, he requested the Clerk to provide what details or correspondence held in the PC files.

**The Vice Chairman** advised that PC Tim Campany was now the new community policeman.

**The Chairman** advised of public complaints he and the Clerk had received regarding the lack of an evening bus service after 1740hrs, he mentioned the content of letters received from Southern Vectis and recent communication with Mr Mullins the Public Transport Officer. The Clerk was instructed to place this issue on the next agenda

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS THE COUNCIL ROSE AT 2115 TO TAKE PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

A member of the public speaking on behalf of Chale residents sincerely thanked the Clerk for the service he has provided over the past 6 years and wished him well for the future.