

## Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale on Monday, 12 November 2007 commencing at 7.30 pm.

**Present:** Cllr M Groves, Chairman  
Cllr M Starke, Vice-Chairman

**Councillors:** P Atkinson, D T Overton, Mrs L Groves, Mrs W Downes

In attendance: Mrs B Herbert (Clerk and RFO)

There was one member of the public present.

### **99/07-08 Apologies**

There were no apologies tendered. Councillors requested that their disappointment in the non-attendance of the Isle of Wight Council (IWC) ward member, Cllr Mrs W Arnold be recorded in the minutes and a letter sent to her conveying their views.

### **100/07-08 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs P Atkinson and Mrs L Groves declared personal and prejudicial interests in Minute 108/07-08, as they were the Parish Council's representatives on the Recreation Ground Committee.

### **101/07-08 Minutes of the Meetings held on 8 October 2007**

#### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2007 be confirmed as a true record and that the Chairman be authorized to sign them on behalf of the Council.

### **102/07-08 To Confirm the Appointment of Mrs Barbara Herbert as the Clerk to Chale Parish Council**

#### **RESOLVED :**

THAT Mrs Barbara Herbert be confirmed as the clerk to Chale Parish Council, following her satisfactory completion of a three month period of probationary service.

### **103/07-08 Matters Arising, not requiring a Resolution**

- a. Min 89/07-08, No Parking signs – Cllr Atkinson reported that the signs had now been installed. The Council expressed their thanks to him for his achievement in completing the work on time and within budget.
- b. Min 88/07-08 a, Environment Notice Board – Cllr Starke advised that the erection of the Notice Board had been planned to form part of the contract to erect the Gateway signs to the village. Unfortunately, however, arrangements

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had not gone as organised. Cllr Starke agreed to contact the IWC Highways department to resolve the issue.

- c. Min 84/07-08 a, Access to Beach at Whale Chine – Cllr Groves informed of an email to the Local Access Forum. It was his view that no further progress would now be made until next year. The clerk made mention of an email she had received from Shorwell Parish Council on the matter.
- d. 95/07-08, Re-instatement of Allotments – A letter had been received from the Parochial Church Council advising that they had no long term plans to re-instate the allotments as they considered there was not a demand locally. The clerk was requested to write inquiring as to how that view was reached.

## **104/07-08 Standing Orders**

- a. To Approve the Changes to the Council's Standing Orders

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the changes to the Council's Standing Orders, in the light of the decisions taken at the previous meeting to adopt the new Code of Conduct and to allow members of the public to speak at meetings, be confirmed.

- b. To Establish a Working Party to Review the Council's Standing Orders

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT a Working Party be established comprising of the clerk, Cllr M Groves and Cllr P Atkinson to review the Council's Standing Orders and present proposals to a future meeting for ratification.

## **105/07-08 Parish Award Scheme**

The report of the clerk was received outlining a number of proposals to formalize the situation in respect of the award of the contracts under the Parish Award Scheme.

### **RESOLVED :**

- i THAT the progress report by Cllr M Starke on the Parish Award Scheme be confirmed;
- ii THAT it be confirmed that Cllr M Starke did declare his personal and prejudicial interest in any discussions on the award of the contract for the design of the Chale signs;
- iii THAT formal retrospective approval be given to Patrick Starke, of Hurricane Design, in respect of the contract to design the Chale signs, at a cost of £850.00;
- iiii THAT formal retrospective approval be given to A J Wells, in respect of the 'Gateway' signage, at a cost of £1,224.35;

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- v THAT formal retrospective approval be given to Mr R Besley, in respect of the design of the descriptive panels, at a maximum cost of £600;
- vi THAT formal retrospective approval be given to Greenbarnes Ltd, in respect of the mountings for the two descriptive boards and transportation of the same from the mainland, at a cost of £1,149.60;
- vii THAT the remaining funds of the original Parish Award Scheme be retained as a reserve fund for the ongoing maintenance of the signage and boards.

### **106/07-08 Chaler of the Year Award**

Consideration was given to the report of Cllr M Groves, which set out full details of the criteria for the nomination and suggested proposals and associated costs for the Chaler of the Year Award, agreed in principle at the meeting of the Parish Council on 11 June 2007. Cllr M Groves agreed to write an article for the Chale Mail advising of the award, inviting nominations and a short explanation to be submitted to the clerk by the end of February. The award could then be presented at the Annual Parish meeting. Cllr M Groves also agreed to seek the acceptance of the proposed judges to that role.

#### **RESOLVED :**

- i THAT the proposal to present an annual award to the Chaler of the year be approved;
- ii THAT the judges comprise of a parish councillor, the Chairman of the Chale Village Partnership, the President of the Chale Women's Institute and the President of Chale Horticultural Society;
- iii THAT artist one, be commissioned to produce a painting of the church, in oils on board, at a maximum cost of £100.00.
- iv THAT ten copies of the original painting be obtained from JCB Imaging, in Freshwater, at a maximum cost of £1 per copy for laser copies on 150 gsm paper;
- v THAT the proposal to hang the original painting in the Women's Institute Hall, be approved;
- vi THAT frames be obtained from Frame 4 You, in Newport, at a maximum cost of £18 per frame;
- vii THAT small gold labels be obtained at an approximate cost of £12.00 per label.
- viii THAT Cllr M Starke be the Parish Council's nominated representative on the judging panel.

## **107/07-08 Appointment of representatives on the Charitable Trust for the Chale Recreation Field**

Cllr M Groves tabled a revised Trust Deed relating to the Chale Recreation Field Trust, which had been circulated at the recent meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee. The revised deed reflected the Parish Council's comments in respect of para 24. However no changes had been made to the wording in Schedule1, the Locality. The clerk was requested to write to the Recreation Ground Committee to seek clarification of the area delineated by the red line, as the plan mentioned was not attached. Providing this area comprised of the Civil Parish of Chale, the Parish Council had no comments to make.

The clerk advised of an e-mail she had received from the IWC Property Services indicating that a delay in the sale had occurred, due to a lack of response, required by the IWC legal department, from the solicitor of the Recreation Ground Committee. Cllr P Atkinson agreed to investigate the matter.

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT Cllrs P Atkinson and Mrs L Groves be appointed as the Council's representatives of the proposed new charitable trust for the Chale Recreation Field.

## **108/07-08 Request for Funding Support from the Recreation Ground Association**

Cllrs P Atkinson and Mrs L Groves declared personal and prejudicial interests in the following item of business and left the meeting room after providing background information to the request for funding, which would tie in with the re-instatement of the entrance to the ground.

Councillors, in discussion, expressed their regret but considered that the Parish Council was not in a position to support the request and that, in their view, it would be more appropriate for the Horticultural Society to be approached for funding support.

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the request for funding support for the removal and subsequent replanting of hedging plants around the perimeter of Ere-we-be, Military Road, Chale be refused.

Cllrs P Atkinson and Mrs I Groves returned to the meeting room.

## **109/07-08 Viewpoint Car Park, Blackgang Chine**

### **RESOLVED :**

- i. THAT, the IWC be requested to include the western hedgerow, at the viewpoint car park, at Blackgang Chine within their regular schedule of hedge cutting;

- ii. THAT the IWC be approached requesting that they ensure all debris remaining in the road, following hedge cutting generally, should be removed.

## **110/07-08 Community Chest Parish Award Scheme**

Discussion ensued on the Community Chest Parish Award scheme for 2008. Grants of £45,000, in total, were available for community projects that contributed to the Isle of Wight Council's Agenda to improve the quality of life for the young and old alike. Grants fell into two groups, Group 1 Older People, and Group 2 The Community.

It was agreed that the Chale Village Partnership be approached to seek their ideas for suitable projects which would benefit the Chale community. It was also agreed for Mrs Isabel Thorp, the Older Persons Champion for Chale to be invited to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

## **111/07-08 Village Design Statement**

Cllr M Groves provided a progress update on the work to produce the Village Design Statement for Chale. The first of a series of three planned evening workshops had taken place, which had been reasonably well attended. A detailed written report would be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council for approval.

## **112/07-08 Chale Village Partnership**

Cllr D Overton reported on the well-attended meeting of the Chale Village Partnership held recently. Matters discussed included the mobile youth initiative providing bus transport on a Tuesday evening; the appointment, by the IW Arts Council, of Anne Sophie Croizier, as the dedicated arts officer for Chale; the appointment of a new editor of the Chale Mail; the 'Welcome to Chale' pack; their budget; the Parish Plan.

Cllr P Atkinson suggested that, where possible, the 'Welcome to Chale' pack be included on the Parish Council website. Cllr D Overton agreed to forward by e-mail relevant information.

## **113/07-08 Correspondence**

Correspondence received was listed in the updated report tabled at the meeting.

It was agreed that Cllr D Overton would attend the Voluntary Sector Forum on 27 November and for a letter to be sent to the IW AONB thanking them for their support over the past year.

Cllr M Groves advised of letter he had received seeking support of the Parish Council on a planning application for an affordable home. The clerk was requested to clarify the procedure with the IWC Planning Services and if appropriate, for the matter to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, in December.

Cllr M Groves also reported the request, received from the Honorary Parish Tree Warden, for the Council to consider underwriting the costs involved in the erection of

a Christmas tree in the village. Councillors agreed to the request in principle, but were advised that the matter must be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

## 114/07-08 Town and Country Planning

- a. Consideration was given to the following applications
- i TCP/28665 Trills, Church Place, Chale, PO38 – Proposed alterations and 2 storey extension to provide additional living accommodation.

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the improvement to a run down site in the village be welcomed and that the Parish Council are fully supportive of the proposals outlined in the application.

- ii TCP/28478/A Blackgang Chine Theme Park, Blackgang, Ventnor – removal of pirate fort feature, construction of cinema building (revised scheme)

### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Parish Council actively support the proposals outlined in the application.

- iii TCP/16823/E Upper Bramstone Farm, Chale – new agricultural unit to be used for storage of timber and a wc for existing staff

### **RESOLVED:**

THAT the Parish Council have no objections to the application.

- b. The following application approved by the IWC since the last meeting of the Council was noted:
- TCP 17318/E Southdowne Dairy, Southdowne Lane, Chale, Ventnor – alterations: extension linking detached building to main house to include accommodation within roof-space; detached double garage and provision of vehicular access (revised plans)

## 115/07-08 Clerks Report

- a. Finance
- i The Interim Budget to 31 October 2007 was noted, which agreed the outstanding balance with Bank Statement No 267.
  - ii Authorisation of the following cheques was requested:  
  
Cheque No 000481, £375.00, Chale Village Partnership in respect of the cost of notice board on Chale Green – from the Parish Award Grant  
Cheque No 00482, £50.00, Chale Village Partnership in respect of advertisements in the Chale Mail  
Cheque No 000483, £5.00, in respect of the annual subscription to the

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IOW Branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)  
Cheque No 000484, £73.08 in respect of clerks mileage and photocopying  
Cheque No 000485, in respect of Clerks salary  
Cheque No 000486, in respect of the Clerks additional hours incurred for training  
Cheque No 000487, £22.50, Select Signs, in respect of the no parking signs

## **RESOLVED :**

THAT the cheques, as listed above, be approved for payment.

b. Administration

The clerk briefed members as to why the IW Councillor Mrs Jilly Wood was not able to attend the days meeting, as planned. Arrangements had now been made for her to attend the meeting in January. Consideration of any questions to put to Cllr Mrs Wood would be given at the next meeting.

The clerk was awaiting notification from the Halifax Building Society on the changes to the bank accounts held there and requested confirmation that the proposed signatories had indeed taken in evidence to support the transfer applications. Cllrs Overton and Mrs Downes agreed to present their details within the next two weeks.

## **116/07-08 Councillors Reports**

Cllrs P Atkinson and Mrs L Groves reported on matters considered at the recent meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee, namely plans to reconstitute a football team and the reinstatement of the entrance to the Recreation Ground.

Cllr Mrs I Groves advised that the Chale Churchyard Committee had received a letter inquiring if the disturbance of any graves had been noticed. The Recycling Bins were in position outside the village shop.

Cllr M Starke had attended the recent Annual Parish Team meeting, which had unfortunately been cut short.

Cllr M Groves advised of the meeting he had attended along with Cllr M Starke, representatives of the South Wight Housing Association and the IWC to progress a local letting scheme initiative for Chale, which would ensure local villagers had priority for social housing providing they satisfied certain specific criteria. A press release was to be sent to IW County Press and articles provided for the Chale Mail and the Beacon.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE COUNCIL ROSE AT 10.15 PM FOLLOWING PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

Signed .....

Dated .....