

Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale on Monday 8 October 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 were five members of the public present.

81/07-08 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs W Arnold, the Isle of Wight Council's (IWC's) Councillor for Chale, Niton and Whitwell due to family matters. Cllr Arnold requested that particular mention be made in that all the correspondence she had received regarding educational matters had been passed to the Director of Education, Mr Steve Beynon.

82/07-08 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

83/07-08 Minutes of the Meetings held on 10 September 2007

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2007 be confirmed as a true record and for the Chairman to be authorized to sign them on behalf of the Council.

84/07-08 Matters Arising, not requiring a Resolution

- a. Access to Beach at Whale Chine. Cllr M Groves advised that he had now received a further response from Mr Stuart Love, the IWC's Director for the Environment and Neighbourhoods. The plans for the way forward to reinstate public access to the beach had included a survey of the area to be undertaken, followed by discussions to be held with Natural England. Mr S Love had expressed his apologies as the survey work had not yet commenced.
- b. Hedge at Viewpoint Car Park. Cllr M Groves reported that Mr J Brownscombe, of the IW AONB, after reviewing the planning conditions, had confirmed that the hedge could be cut back as the conditions did not stipulate any height restriction. Mr Brownscombe was to arrange a meeting on site with Mr S Dabell and Cllr M Groves.
- c. Chaler of the Year. Cllr M Groves had received an indication from the artist that the charge for the design would be a maximum of £100. However, as this

sum related to a size larger than the A4 size anticipated, he was hopeful that the charge would be reduced. This matter to be an agenda item for the meeting in November.

- d. Speeding Outside of the School. Cllr M Groves advised that, in a letter from Mrs J Jolliffe of the IWC, he had been informed of plans for the monitoring of traffic speeds outside of the school, along Church Place. The speed survey would take place from 12 – 26 October. It was noted that one week of this period included the school half term.

85/07-08 Change to Standing Orders to enable Members of the Public to speak at Council Meetings

In accordance with the motion agreed at the last meeting, consideration was given to the Guidance Notes and suggested outline of words received from the IWC, for inclusion in the Council's Standing Orders to enable members of the public to make representation or ask questions at Parish Council meetings. Councillors agreed for public speaking to take place on all agenda items, at the end of the debate by the Council, but before a vote had taken place. It was decided that each speaker should be restricted to 5 minutes, with a total overall maximum time of 15 minutes for all speakers.

RESOLVED :

THAT a procedure be drawn up to enable members of the public to speak on all items of Council business for insertion into the Council's Standing Orders.

86/07-08 Request for a Garden Licence for Ere-We-Be, Military Road, Chale

The clerk advised of a discussion, she had held earlier in the day with Mr Oliver Dunne, of the IWC's Property Services department. She had been informed that the sale of the recreation field was imminent, although no date had been mentioned, and was advised that the Parish Council should not enter into any agreement in respect of a garden licence for Ere-We-Be, Military Road, Chale. Once the sale had been completed it would then be more appropriate for any such request to be considered by the trustees of the Chale Recreation Field Trust.

Councillors agreed to not give any further consideration to the application and requested that the appointment of two nominated representatives of the Council to the new charitable Trust, be placed on the agenda for the next meeting, in November.

87/07-08 Draft Trust Deed relating to Chale Recreation Field Trust

Following discussion on the draft Trust Deed relating to the Chale Recreation Field Trust, the following comments were made:

- The locality should read the Civil Parish of Chale
- Para 24, to be revised to enable a charge to be levied for access to any chargeable event
- The Chale Recreation Ground Association and the Chale Horticultural Society should both give detailed consideration to the draft Trust Deed.

88/07-08 Notice Boards

a. Environment Notice Board

The IWC had raised no objections, in principal, with the installation of the Notice Board, where planned, but had advised that the IWC's approved highway contractor, who would charge approximately £40 for the works, must undertake the work. It was noted that the same contractor was due to erect the 'Gateway' signs to the village. Cllr Starke agreed to contact the contractor to discuss the feasibility of the two jobs being undertaken together to reduce costs.

No comments had been received from the Chale Village Partnership, although it was noted that their meeting was not scheduled until 30 October. Cllr Overton to make enquiries at that meeting and report back on the installation of the 'Village of the Year' sign.

RESOLVED :

THAT a maximum of £40 be authorised on the costs of the installation of the environment notice board.

b. Chale Village Partnership Board

Consideration was given to the request from the Chale Village Partnership for a contribution towards the costs of providing the Notice Board, near to Chale Stores. The Council had agreed at its last meeting to provide and install, at their cost, an illustrative descriptive panel on the side of the Notice Board, nearest to the road. It was confirmed that any contribution was within the terms of the grant monies received from the IWC under the Parish Award Scheme.

RESOLVED :

THAT the sum of £375.00 be approved as a contribution to the Chale Village Partnership towards the provision of a Notice Board, near to Chale Stores, from the monies received under the Parish Award Scheme.

89/07-08 'No Parking' Signs on the Green

Consideration was given to the purchase of No Parking signs for the village green. The signs, as reported at the last meeting would cost £7.50 each and would be mounted on posts, 18" off the ground.

RESOLVED :

THAT approval be granted for the purchase of three signs, at a total cost of £22.50.

90/07-08 Funding of Advertising on the Parish Website

Discussion ensued on proposals to update the Parish Website, for it to be more dynamic and provide links to other organizations and services in the village.

91/07-08 Further Grass Cutting

RESOLVED :

THAT, subject to confirmation that the terms of the contractual arrangements had been complied with, Brighstone Landscaping be instructed to complete two further cuts.

92/07-08 Village Design Statement

Cllr M Groves provided an update on progress to date of the review and analysis of all the material collated to facilitate the initial drafting of descriptions of the character of the village and design guidance. Councillors noted that the second workshop had been held on 15 September, to which a number of new attendees had been present.

93/07-08 Chale Village Partnership

Cllr M Groves provided a brief update on the last meeting of the Chale Village Partnership. The core debate had centered on the Youth of the Village.

94/07-08 Contract and Job Description of the Clerk to the Parish Council

RESOLVED :

- i THAT the Contract and Job Description of the Clerk to the Parish Council be approved;
- ii THAT the additional hours incurred by the clerk to undertake the training courses Working with Your Council and the CiLCA, be paid as normal working hours.

95/07-08 Correspondence

Correspondence received was listed in the file.

All Councillors to notify the clerk, by 15 October 2007, of any training that they wished to participate in as detailed in the training calendar provided by the IWC Training Partnership.

Prior to any discussion on item h. of the list of Correspondence, the letter received from Chale Churchyard Committee, Cllr Mrs L Groves declared a personal and prejudicial interest, in accordance with the revised Model Code of Conduct, as she was the Council's appointed representative on that Committee and left the meeting chamber.

It was suggested that Mr D Sprake, the Chairman of the Chale Churchyard

Committee be requested for an indicative budget for the year 2008/09, to assist the Council when setting the budget in the new year. A question should also be raised with him regarding the long term plans, if any, for the reinstatement of the provision of allotments for the village.

Cllr Mrs L Groves returned to the meeting chamber.

96/07-08 Town and Country Planning

The following application approved by the IWC since the last meeting of the Council was noted:

TCP 28583 Champex, Town Lane, Chale Green - Conservatory

97/07-08 Clerks Report

a. Finance

Authorisation of the following cheques was requested:

Isle of Wight Council £50 for a copy of Local Council Administration by Charles Arnold Baker

Brighstone Landscaping £351.60 for grasscutting 1 July – 30 September and Strims 1 April – 30 June

A J Wells £1,224.35 for signage

Clerks salary and Clerks expenses of £86.56 for mileage and photocopying

Chale Churchyard Committee £500, the annual grant/donation towards costs of maintaining churchyard

The Council were advised that no formal resolution had been made to authorise A J Wells to undertake the contract to provide the 'Gateway' signs, which was to be funded by monies received from the IWC under the Parish Award Scheme. It was confirmed that the contract had gone out to tender and discussion of the tenders received had been given at a previous meeting of the Council, although not recorded in the Minutes.

RESOLVED :

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

b. Administration

The clerk briefed members on administrative details regarding the Annual Audit Return for 31 March 2007, accounts held with the Halifax Building Society and the Clerks' training bursary fund.

In accordance with the Halifax Building Society rules, any changes to the approved signatories of an account would result in the need for both accounts held to be closed and reopened with the revised signatories. It was agreed for Cllrs M Groves, M Starke, D Overton and Mrs W Downes to be the named signatories.

98/07-08 Councillors Reports

Cllr M Groves referred to complaints received regarding the frequency of motorcycle events held at Corve. According to Planning Enforcement no specific planning permission was necessary, only general permissions. Cllr Groves would respond accordingly to the complainants.

Cllr Mrs W Downes raised a question as to who would be the budget holder of the Lease of Life funding of £300? It was noted that this would be the Parish Council.

Cllr M Groves highlighted a concern received from a recently appointed school governor regarding the lack of public transport, in the evening, from the village to Newport. The last bus service was at 5.45pm. Southern Vectis had been contacted to ascertain the subsidy required to provide an evening service.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE COUNCIL ROSE AT 9.10 PM FOLLOWING PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

Signed

Dated