

## **Chale Parish Council**

Minutes of the meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale on Monday 10 September 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 three members of the public present.

### **62/07-08 Apologies**

No apologies tendered.

### **63/07-08 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr P Atkinson and Cllr Mrs L Groves declared personal interests in Minute No 68/07-08 as they were members of the Recreation Ground Committee.

Cllrs M and Mrs L Groves declared personal and prejudicial interests in Minute No 78/07-08 a. as they lived in a property neighbouring Southdown Dairy, Southdown.

### **64/07-08 Declaration of Office**

Cllr Mrs Wendy Downes signed her written declaration of office in accordance with the Local Government Act, Section 52(1).

### **65/07-08 Minutes of the Meetings held on 14 May, 11 June and 9 July 2007**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 14 May, 11 June and 9 July 2007 were confirmed as true records and the Chairman was authorized to sign them on behalf of the Council.

### **66/07-08 Matters Arising, not requiring a Resolution**

Access to Beach at Whale Chine. Cllr M Groves reported that he had now received a response from Mr Stuart Love, the Isle of Wight Council's (IWC's) Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods, to his letter of 2 July. Mr Love had indicated that access at Whale Chine had been closed due to the high risk to members of the public as a result of ground movement. The area was currently being monitored and works undertaken to rebuild the steps. It was anticipated that the path would be reopened as soon as possible. Cllr Groves had, on the 6 August, sent a further letter requesting an indicative timetable for the re-opening of the path. A response was still awaited.

Hedge at Viewpoint Car Park. Cllr M Groves advised that he had been in contact with Mr John Brownscombe of the IW AONB. Mr Brownscombe had expressed his

agreement in that the hedge should be cut back so that the view of the coast was unobscured. Mr Brownscombe confirmed to Cllr M Groves, in an e-mail of 9 September, that he would look into the issue as a matter of urgency.

Chaler of the Year. Cllr M Groves had still to receive costings for the design of an award for the Chaler of the Year.

Speeding Outside of the School. Cllr M Groves advised that he had been in contact with the IWC regarding limiting the speed outside of Chale Primary school to 20 mph. However, as this was deemed to be a main road he had been advised that it was not possible to do so. The IWC had agreed to monitor the position by initially undertaking a speed survey, although no fixed date had been set. Cllr M Groves agreed to follow up this matter.

Older Persons Champion. Cllr W Downes had approached Mrs Isabel Thorp, who had agreed to become the Older Persons Champion. Mrs Thorp was due to attend a meeting with Claire Foreman, the Chair of Adult Services and Jackie Raven a Care Manager on 28 September to discuss ideas. Chale had been invited to become a pilot study on the island, in respect of the Older Persons Champion scheme and to feature in the IWC's One Island magazine. The Lease of Life funding of £300 was to be divided between parishes and Mrs Thorp had suggested that the monies could be used to provide a Directory of Services to help the elderly.

'No Parking' Signs on the Green. Cllr Atkinson tabled a design for the proposed signs, to be of half the width of A4 size in covex, a plastic fibre material, at a cost of £7.50 per sign. It was agreed for this to be an agenda item for the next meeting in October.

Illuminated Studs at the entrance to the car park. The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to Mr Graham Muspratt of Clearview Traffic Group Limited in appreciation of their work.

Speed Monitoring in Blythe Shute. Cllr Overton advised that the IWC had agreed to undertake a speed survey in Blythe Shute. However this would not be carried out until November. The results would indicate variance in speeds and times of day, but would not specify if a car or motor bike.

#### **67/07-08      Approve Appointment of the Clerk**

The Council approved the appointment of Mrs Barbara Herbert, as Clerk to Chale Parish Council. It was agreed for the interview panel to consider the draft contract and job description for the position and to report back any comments to the next meeting.

**Proposed: Cllr M Groves    Seconded : Cllr M Starke      Agreed**

#### **68/07-08      Request for a Garden Licence for Ere-We-Be, Military Road, Chale**

A written representation had been received from Mr John Hardy, Chairman of the Chale Recreation Committee in respect of the application for a Garden Licence for Ere-We-Be, Military Road, Chale. The Council agreed to defer the item, without any

discussion, to the next meeting of the Council in October, in order to allow the applicant sight of the submission and time to make a response.

Cllr M Groves made mention of the terms of reference set out in the Chale Recreation Ground Management Agreement dated 12 April 1999 and to the Council's representation on the Chale Recreation Ground Committee.

#### **69/07-08 Code of Conduct.**

The Council agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct, including paragraph 12.2, which enabled Parish Councillors to speak even if they had declared a prejudicial interest.

The Clerk tabled Guidance Notes and a suggested outline of words, which she had received from the IWC, to form the basis of the procedure to be included in the Council's Standing Orders regarding Public Questions. A motion was agreed without discussion for this matter to be considered at the next meeting of the Council in October.

**Proposed : Cllr M Groves**

**Seconded : Cllr M Starke**

**Agreed**

#### **70/07-08 Leader+**

Correspondence had been received from the Isle of Wight Economic Partnership advising of funds available for grants of up to £3,000 towards community projects and non-profit making organisations. It was necessary for any project identified to fulfill one or more of the specified criteria detailed. All spends had to be completed by 31 December 2007.

Cllr Mrs W Downes agreed to contact Mrs I Thorp to determine if these funds could be utilized. The Committee agreed to give the matter some thought and bring back suggestions (if any) to the next meeting.

#### **71/07-08 Notice Boards**

a. Environment Notice Board

Discussion ensued on the best position in the village for the Environment Notice Board, recently received from the Footprint Trust. It was suggested that it would be most appropriate for the Notice Board to be sited on the bus shelter, on the east side of Chale Green, near to the village store. The Clerk was requested to contact the IWC to gain advice on the appropriate approval required and to the Chale Village Partnership advising of the decision and to seek their comments.

b. Chale Village Partnership Board

Consideration was given to the request received from the Chale Village Partnership for a grant of £500 to fund the development of a village map, to be displayed in the notice board near Chale Green.

Mr Besley, a freelance cartoonist was in the process of producing an illustrative descriptive panel for the Council, as part of the Parish Council award funding. Cllr Starke agreed to discuss with him the production of a second panel, of a size to fit the notice board, near Chale Green, which the Parish Council would have installed at their cost and would then negate the request for funding. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Vern Tyerman, Chairman of Chale Village Partnership outlining the proposal.

#### **72/07-08 Dog Control Orders under Section 55 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005**

The Council supported the proposal by the IWC to make Dog Control Orders under Section 55 of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005

#### **73/07-08 Proposal to remove the Designated Premises Supervisor requirement under the Licensing Act 2003**

No objections were raised as to the Government's proposal to remove the Designated Premises Supervisor requirement under the Licensing Act 2003, for village halls and similar community buildings.

#### **74/07-08 Village Design Statement**

Cllr M Groves provided an update on the work of the steering group for the Village Design Statement. Particular mention was made of a second workshop, due to take place on Saturday, 15 September covering the survey work, which had taken place during the summer around the village and would provide an opportunity for villagers to express their views enabling commencement of the guidance for future development. A 30% return of the questionnaires delivered to every household was reported. Analysis of the issues raised had indicated parishioners concern with regard to speeding on the village's roads, the need for a safe walking route from one end of the village to the other and highlighted a perceived need for a Community Hall in the northern end of the village.

Cllr M Groves agreed to e-mail a copy of the questionnaire analysis to those interested in the results.

#### **75/07-08 Chale Village Partnership**

All matters had been covered earlier in the agenda.

#### **76/07-08 Choice Based Lettings**

Cllr M Groves reported on a presentation he had attended outlining details of the Choiced Based Letting scheme, which was planned to be introduced on the Isle of Wight by 2008/09, in respect of the allocation of social housing.

#### **77/07-08 Correspondence**

Correspondence received was listed in the file. Cllr Overton agreed to attend the IW Best Kept Village Awards ceremony on 21 September.

The Parish Council were content for the plaque depicting the poem 'A Chale Tale' to be installed adjacent to the bus stop on the Village Green subject to the IWC approval and providing it would not interfere with the cutting of grass on the Green.

## **78/07-08 Town and Country Planning**

Cllrs M and Mrs L Groves withdrew from the meeting chamber prior to any discussion or decision thereon the following item of business.

Cllr M Starke took the chair.

- a. P/01942/07 Southdown Dairy, Southdown – No objections were raised by the Council.

Cllrs M and Mrs L Groves returned to the meeting chamber and Cllr M Groves resumed the chair.

- b. The following applications approved by the IWC since the last meeting of the Council were noted:
  - TCP 19865/F Land adjacent church hall, Newman Lane, Chale Green – Detached House
  - TCP 19292/Y Blackgang Chine Theme Park, Blackgang – Change of use of copse/woodland
  - TCP/199292/Z Blackgang Chine Theme Park, Blackgang – Removal of entrance kiosk and construction of building to provide 'chocolate heaven' feature
  - TCP 09541/C Knowings, Chale Street, Chale – Demolition, replacement and reposition of garage; single storey extension
  - TCP 07907/C Whistle Grey, Pyle Shute, Chale – 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension on rear elevation
  - TCP/14662 land adjacent Star Cottage, Town Lane, Chale – Renewal: Outline for a dwelling
- c. The following application refused by the IWC since the last meeting was noted:
  - TCP/28478 Blackgang Chine Theme Park, Blackgang – Removal of pirate fort feature, construction of cinema building

## **79/07-08 Clerks Report**

- a. Finance

The Annual Audit return and the annual Guidance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2007 was approved.

The cheque for £5.00 was approved, in retrospect, issued to IW Sports and Recreation Council on 20 July in payment of their annual fee.

Cheques were signed. Previous Clerks salary and expenses. Current Clerks salary and expenses. Cheque for £140 in respect of the Clerk attending essential training. It was agreed for the Chairman to sign the form applying for a Bursary to offset this charge and the SILCA registration fee, which would

then leave the overall cost to the Council of £11.25.

b. Administration

Approval was given for the Clerk to receive statements relating to accounts held with the Lloyds TSB and Halifax Building Society.

Approval was given to enable the Clerk to order an up-to-date copy of the Local Council Administration by Charles Arnold-Baker as the Council's current copy was over 32 years old. The cost was anticipated to be approximately £40.00.

## **80/07-08 Councillors Reports**

Cllr Starke advised of the meeting of the IW Association of Local Councils held on 18 July 2007.

Cllr D Overton requested an update on the setting up of a charitable trust for the acquisition of Chale Recreation Ground. Advice was received that matters should shortly be finalized. Cllr M Groves offered to be an intermediary with the IWC should any assistance be required. A copy of the draft Trust Deed was requested to be circulated to Councillors and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr P Atkinson referred to an e-mail from the editor of Chale Mail in respect of advertising on the Parish website. This to be placed as an agenda item for the next meeting in October.

Cllr M Groves advised of a national competition being run by the Countryside Alliance to find the Best Rural Retailer. Voting could take place on line at [www.bestruralretailer.co.uk](http://www.bestruralretailer.co.uk).

Cllr M Groves advised that the overgrown hedge by the passenger waiting area near to the bus stop had been cleared by the IWC.

Cllr M Groves referred to comments received from concerned residents regarding the illegal parking of two vehicles in the village. The first, relating to a horsebox, it was agreed that no action at present should be taken. The second, relating to a mobile home parked in the Chalk Pit, visible from Blackgang Hill, the Clerk was requested to refer the matter to the IWC.

Cllr M Groves remarked on the condition of the drains positioned in the Military Road, 20 yards short of the junction with Church Place. The Clerk was requested to write to the Highways section of the IWC advising of their blocked condition and asking if they could be repositioned correctly next time the road was to be resurfaced.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE COUNCIL ROSE AT 9.44PM FOLLOWING PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**