

Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Woman's Institute Hall, Chale on Monday, 11 June 2007 at 19.30hrs.

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

Councillors: P Atkinson, D T Overton, Mrs E Groves

In attendance: Cllr Mrs W Arnold (IWC), Miss C Dean (clerk and RFO)

There were four members of the public present.

30/07-08 Co-Option of new Councillor

After privately considering the two candidates the Council decided to elect Mrs Wendy Downes as the new Councillor.

Proposed: Cllr Atkinson Seconded: Cllr E Groves Passed

31/07-08 Apologies for absence

No apologies for absence received.

32/07-08 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were not signed due to errors in point 22/07-08. Clerk is to correct and amended minutes are to be signed at the next meeting.

34/07-08 Matters arising not requiring a resolution

The above amendments need to be addressed by the Clerk.

35/07-08 Village Design Statement

Cllr M Groves handed out a timeline and activity plan agreed by the steering group. The Isle of Wight Council would need up to four months to approve this.

36/07-08 Chale Village Partnership

Cllr D Overton confirmed that Chale day is going ahead. He highlighted that it was a village event and not to be advertised Island wide or for tourists. It was a not for profit event, any money received would cover expenses.

37/07-08 Access to Chale Beach

Cllr M Groves described the current state of the steps leading to the beach, that they were coming loose.

Cllr Atkinson stated that there had been a lack of co-operation from the Isle of Wight Council, they were waiting for the land to stabilise before they attempted to repair or replace the steps. It was decided that Cllr Groves would write to the Isle of Wight

Council and also to liaise with The Ramblers Association. (Declaration of interest from Cllr M Groves as he was a current member) to engage their support.

Proposed: Cllr M Starke Seconded: Cllr Atkinson Passed

38/07-08 Hedge at viewpoint Car Park

Cllr Starke described the hedge as an obstruction as cars were unable to park near it. It was suggested that the Chairman write to Mr R Dabell (Snr) to see whether he was able to assist in the clearing of the overgrown hedge.

Proposed: Cllr Starke Seconded: Cllr Atkinson Passed

39/07-08 Affordable Housing

The Clerk was to contact Sharon Packer, the housing enabler at the Rural Community Council, to find out about providing affordable housing for Chale.

40/07-08 Air Ambulance – recycling

The Clerk stated that she had received further correspondence from Air Ambulance asking if the Council could help with the recycling of mobile phones and ink cartridges. It was suggested that the fundraiser should contact Mr Tyerman, at the Chale Shop who was also the Chairman of the Chale Village Partnership.

41/07-08 Chale/Chale Green road signs

Cllr Starke had advertised the signs as agreed at the previous meeting in the local shop and garage, with little feedback received.

It was therefore decided by the Council that the signs should stay in the original position, except Chale Green, which will now be named. The Council favoured the starburst logo (logo 2) and font 1 (please see attached). Cllr Starke was to contact the Isle of Wight Council regarding the erection of the signs.

Cllr M Groves was to write to Mr Dabell regarding the replacement of the Parish boundary signs, stating that the Council were considering a sign saying Blackgang, Parish of Chale, if Mr Dabell was willing to fund it.

42/07-08 Chaler of the Year

Cllr M Groves had previously circulated a note regarding the Chaler of the Year and the Council agreed that it would be a good idea. The prize would be something that the winner could keep, not something to be exchanged each year. Cllr E Groves was to speak to an artist who may be able to design a print with a plaque on.

It was agreed that the four judges suggested by Cllr M Groves should be approached. Cllr M Groves would also look at how much the whole process would cost.

43/07-08 Code of Conduct

Cllr M Groves stated that the new Code of Conduct stated that from October 2007, the Parish Council should adopt everything except section 12.2, which was where Parish Councillors could speak even if they have a prejudicial interest in an item, but must leave immediately afterwards. The Council would need something written in Standing orders to say this, the section also stated that members of the public have a right to speak.

It was agreed that this should be discussed again in the September meeting.

There were 3 training sessions available for the new Code of Conduct. The Chairman would attend and urged other Councillors to attend also.

The Clerk was to write to Mr Blezzard for a copy of the Code of Conduct 2007.

44/07-08 Older Persons Champion

Cllr M Groves attended a presentation by the IWAPTC of a new initiative by the Council. The village needed to identify someone within Chale to propose ideas on how money could be used to help older people so that they may become more involved in the community. Cllr M Groves would approach Mrs Wendy Downes to see if she was willing to take on that role.

45/7-08 Town and Country Planning

P0193/07 Star Cottages considered and no objection.

P0049/07 Chapel Cottages considered and no objection.

P01033/07 Pyle Farm considered and no objection in principal. However the Council wanted to draw attention to the fact that the Grain Store was substantially already in place therefore the Isle of Wight Council should ensure that it was used for that purpose only and not for parking farm vehicles. Secondly the location of the proposed building was close to residential properties and a water course.

47/07-08 Clerks report

There were four cheques to be signed. The clerk's salary and expenses, salary to Cathy Mills for covering the Annual Parish Meeting. The Isle of Wight County press for £57.11.

The Clerk also announced her resignation due to work and family commitments. The Council would advertise the post in the Isle of Wight County Press for two weeks with a closing date of 13 July 2007. The interview panel would comprise of Cllrs Starke, Overton, M Groves and the Clerk.

48/07-08 Councillors reports

Cllr M Groves had received a letter from Cllr A Sutton, of the Isle of Wight Council regarding the closure of rural post offices, the letter did not address the situation in any way, Cllr M Groves would pursue in writing.

Proposed Cllr Starke Seconded Cllr Atkinson Passed

Cllr M Starke had received a letter from Alison Lowton regarding the trees, which says she was looking into. It had been suggested the need for a temporary sign to highlight the danger to others. Cllr M Starke also stated that a new Local Government bill was going through which would give more flexibility around the Byelaws regarding the use of the Green.

Cllr Wendy Arnold had been in touch with Planning at the Isle of Wight Council regarding the trees on the Green. It had been confirmed that they were dead but needed confirmation over who owned them and whose responsibility was it to remove them. The Council decided that Alison Lowton's letter confirmed that the Council owned the land; therefore Cllr Arnold could now pursue the Isle of Wight Council further into taking action.

Cllr D Overton confirmed that the illuminated studs would be put into the road leading to the car park this month.

Cllr W Arnold had requested that the Isle of Wight Council ask for speed monitoring in Blythe Shute and should suggest that a 40 mph limit was put in place. Cllr D Overton was to contact highways regarding this.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE COUNCIL ROSE AT 21.15 FOLLOWING PUBLIC QUESTIONS.