

Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale on Monday, 14 April 2008 commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs M Groves, Chairman, M Starke, Vice-Chairman

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

In attendance: Mrs B Herbert (Clerk and RFO)
Ward Member for Chale, Niton and Whitwell , Cllr Mrs W Arnold

There were two members of the public present.

190/07-08 Apologies

There were no apologies tendered.

191/07-08 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage.

192/07-08 Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2008

RESOLVED :

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2008 be confirmed as a true record and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Minutes on behalf of the Council.

193/07-08 Matters Arising, not requiring a Resolution

- a) Min 80/07-08 Site at Gore Down – The Isle of Wight Council's (IWC's) Area Compliance Officer had been to visit the site and was now in the process of checking an enforcement notice, which had been served some years ago, to establish whether it covered the current breach.
- b) Min 149/07-08 Sheep Lane Farm – Mr S Cornwell, of the Local Planning Authority had written to the landowner to arrange a site visit to view the several known breaches at the farm.
- c) Min 178/07-08 LO-CO – Mr R Harrington Vale, of the Footprint Trust had agreed to attend the Annual Parish Meeting in April 2009. The clerk had written to Mr Whitehurst inviting his assistance, but as yet no response had been received. The clerk was requested to write again.
- d) Min 189/07-08 Maricourt, Town Lane, Chale Green – The IWC's Area Compliance Officer was in the process of consulting with the Environmental Health section and the IW AONB, before contacting the landowner with a formal opinion as to the likelihood of their obtaining planning approval, for the retention of the stables.
The Police had advised that as there were no parking restrictions along Town Lane there was little that could be done in respect of the horsebox parked there. This had been confirmed by the IWC's highway section.

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194/07-08 Consideration of the implications of the recent changes to the No 6 bus timetable and the responses received from Mr M Morgan Huws, Southern Vectis and Mr A Morris, Isle of Wight Council

IW Cllr Mrs W Arnold provided an oral report on the action she had taken in respect of the un-announced changes to the No 6 bus timetable. She was still awaiting copies of original documentation sent to the IWC by Southern Vectis. On receipt of these she would then be in a better position to make comment. Cllr Arnold was hopeful this would occur prior to the school reopening, after its current two-week break. Councillors expressed concern regarding the implications for villagers, who had no transport in ensuring their children attended the primary school safely and on time and queried the lack of consultation by the IWC. In discussion, mention was made of a meeting that had been held last year, when Southern Vectis had refused to alter the time of the 8.45 am bus from Newport, due to the heavy useage of this service between Niton and Ventnor. Clarification was requested as to why then this service had been withdrawn.

RESOLVED :

- i. THAT clarification be sought from Southern Vectis as to why the 8.45 am bus service from Newport had been withdrawn, when the service appeared to be commercially viable;
- ii. THAT the IWC Transport section be asked to explain the lack of consultation regarding the withdrawal of the subsidy for this service.

195/07-08 Consideration of the consultation exercise in respect of subsidised bus services in Chale

The consultation exercise was in respect of contracts for all contracted local bus services due to terminate on 27 September 2008. For Chale, these related to the Sunday No 6 service and two mid-week No 36 services, although this route did not appear in the current timetable. Councillors expressed support for all the services to be retained, particularly those at the beginning and the end of the day. Villagers needed the service for work purposes and to access the hospital and NHS services.

RESOLVED :

THAT the retention of all the bus services in Chale be supported, in particular those at the beginning and end of the day.

196/07-08 Approval of the Risk Management Schedule

RESOLVED :

THAT the Risk Management Schedule be approved, subject to one minor change.

197/07-08 The Asset Register and consideration of the work identified

A few minor changes were made to the Asset Register.

RESOLVED :

THAT the clerk seek quotations for the maintenance work, which had been identified and obtain advice on the condition of Hoy Monument

198/07-08 Consideration of issues 2, 7 and 8 identified in the Parish Plan for action

RESOLVED :

THAT consideration of issues 2, 7 and 8 be deferred until July 2008.

199/07-08 Approval of the costs of replacing the 'No Parking' signs

The need for a more robust sign and proper mounting kit was highlighted. Investigations to source where these could be purchased would be undertaken.

200/07-08 Appointment of the Internal Auditor for 2007/08 accounts and approval of the Council's internal audit tests

RESOLVED

- i. THAT Dr Paul Hooper be appointed as the Internal Auditor for the 2007/08 accounts;
- ii. THAT the list of internal audit control tests be approved.

201/07-08 Community Chest funding of £750 and consideration of the arrangements to undertake the project

The success of the application for £750.00, to provide monthly trips for up to 14 elderly residents in Chale was reported, which was awarded subject to a number of specified conditions. Mrs I Thorpe, the Elderly Persons Champion for Chale had agreed to operate the project. An award ceremony had been arranged to take place on 6 May at 1.30 pm in the Council Chamber, at County Hall.

RESOLVED :

THAT Cllr M Starke and Mrs I Thorpe attend the award ceremony to receive the cheque for £750, from the Community Chest Scheme.

202/07-08 Application for Awards for All funding

The success of the application for £5,050 to establish a community pageant entitled 'Pieces of Eight' was reported. This was to be undertaken with the involvement of the IWC's Arts Unit.

RESOLVED :

- i. THAT a Working Party, chaired by Cllr M Groves be established comprising of:

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Cllr M Groves, Cllr Mrs L Groves, Mrs M Groves, Mr A Davidson, Ms Celia Lowe, Mr J Lowe, Ms E Young, Ms F Tate, and Ms C Smith, representatives of the IWC's Arts Unit and any other interested persons;

- ii. THAT its Terms of Reference be;
To implement the event in August 2008 and to manage, in conjunction with the IWC's Arts Unit, all activities and training leading up to the event;
- iii. THAT all members of the Working Party must formally agree to abide by the Parish Council's Child Protection Policy.

203/07-08 Progress report on the 'Chaler of the Year Award'

It was reported that the painting, which was to form the basis of the annual 'Chaler of the Year' award had not yet been completed. However, it was agreed that the name of the winner for 2007/08 would continue to be announced at the Annual Meeting of the Parish, on 28 April 2008, with the prize to be presented at a later date.

204/07-08 Progress report on the descriptive boards

Work on the descriptive boards was now well advanced. It was noted that approval had been granted by the IWC, for an extension to the time frame, for the spending of monies awarded under the Parish Grant scheme.

205/07-08 Progress report on the sale of the Chale Recreation Ground

The Chairman had been furnished with documentation, which required a number of signatures, to complete the actual sale of the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that the exchange of contracts should not proceed until after the Parish Council has had sight of the final draft Trust Deed.

206/07-08 Report of the Village Design Statement Steering Group

An extension had been approved, to 9 October, of the timescale for the completion of the project. The final draft would be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish in April.

207/07-08 Report of the Affordable Housing for Chale Working Party

An update was provided on matters arising from a similar project being undertaken in Nettlestone. It was possible that a housing trust for the Island would be established.

Details of agricultural land fronting the north side of Town Lane, which was available by sale was to be advised to Sharon Packer.

208/07-08 Report of the Road Safety Working Party

No matters to report.

209/07-08 Update report on the Chale Village Partnership

The clerk to forward by e-mail the minutes of all future meetings. A regular meeting and AGM had been held on 1 April.

210/07-08 Correspondence.

Correspondence received was listed in the report circulated with the agenda.

211/07-08 Town and Country Planning

- a. Consideration was given to the following application –
TCP/3187/D Land adjacent to Gotten Manor Farmhouse, Gotten Lane, Chale, PO311 2HQ
Proposed Sand School (revised scheme, reduced area and landscaping scheme)

RESOLVED :

THAT no material planning objections were identified.

- b. The decision taken by the Local Planning Authority since the last meeting to grant conditional approval in respect of TCP/21017/B, Chale Farm, Church Place, Chale was noted.

212/07-08 Report of Cllr Mrs W Arnold, the IWC Ward Member for Chale, Niton and Whitwell

Cllr Mrs W Arnold reported on a number of issues:

- Whale Chine, Any identified works would not take place until Summer 2009, at the earliest and would also require the approval from Natural England. A survey would be conducted later this month.
- Gladdices Barn, IWC Tourism services were content with matters.
- Maricourt, A full planning application was required in order to retain stable block.
- The introduction of fixed penalty notices by the IWC.
- Main issues identified at Forum meeting held on 1 April related to speeding, lack of footway, location of speed restriction signs.

In discussion the importance of ensuring the work of the Forum did not duplicate that of the Parish Council was raised. It was confirmed that this was an initiative by the police and that the two bodies would not be in competition with each other.

PC Urry had indicated that he would attend a future meeting of the Parish Council

213/07-08 Clerks Report

a. Finance

- (i) The End of Year Accounts for the Year 2007/08 and the Bank Reconciliation of Statement No 272 were received and noted.
- (ii) Consideration was given to the current insurance provision and to

the provider for 2008/09

RESOLVED :

THAT Norwich Union be appointed for a three year period at a cost for the current year of £272.44.

- (iii) To approve the renewal of the domain name 'chale.org.uk' for another two years at a cost of £40 plus VAT.

RESOLVED :

THAT the renewal of the domain name 'chale.org.uk' be approved at a cost of £40 plus VAT, for the next two years.

- (iv) Authorisation of payment of the following cheques was given
000507, Isle of Wight Council, for the Clerks Salary
000508, Clerks Expenses, £62.73
000509, Mrs B Herbert, £180.50 in respect of additional hours in undertaking the Cilca qualification
000510, Mr I Richardson-Smith £35.00, for the repair to the Notice Board
000511, Womans' Institute, £120.00, for the hire of hall for year ending March 2008
000512, Audit Commission, £158.63, for the cost of External Audit
000513, Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils, £75.04, for the IWALC Annual Subscription 2008/09
000514, Isle of Wight Council, £25, to cover the cancellation fee due to the non attendance of Cllr L Groves (Cllr M Groves issued a personal cheque for this amount)
000515, Brighstone Landscaping, £286.21, for the cost of the seasonal tidy-up.
000516, £40.00, for renewal of domain name

RESOLVED :

THAT payment of the above cheques be approved.

b. Administration

RESOLVED :

THAT Island Waste Services be approved as the accepted contractor for the emptying of the litter/dog waste bin in Chale

214/07-08 Councillors' reports

Cllr P Atkinson advised that the IWC's Parish and Community Liaison Team provided feedback on how a parish council administered their parish meetings. It was agreed for an invitation to be extended for them to visit a future meeting.

Cllr M Groves reported on a meeting he attended of the Brighstone and District

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newsletter committee on 27 March 2008 regarding communications in Chale.
Cllr M Groves had attended the launch of Eco Island. Three parish councils were to be invited to take part in a pilot scheme. Councillors supported that Chale Parish Council submit an expression an interest.
Cllr P Atkinson had tendered his resignation to the Chairman due to work commitments.

RESOLVED :

THAT the Parish Council formally thank Cllr P Atkinson for all his help and service to the Parish Council over the past years and wish him well and every success for the future.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE COUNCIL ROSE AT 9.55 PM .

Signed

Dated