

## Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale on Monday 8 September 2008, commencing at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs M Groves, Chairman

Councillors: Mrs W Downes (Chairman for the day), Mrs L Groves, Mr D Overton

In attendance: Mrs B Herbert, Clerk and RFO

There were three members of the public present.

### **94/08-09 Election of Chairman for the Day**

Due to the incapacity of Cllr M Groves it was

#### **RESOLVED :**

THAT Cllr Mrs W Downes be elected as chairman for the day.

### **95/08-09 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Mrs K Le Brecht and M Starke who were both on annual leave. Isle of Wight (IW) Cllr Mrs W Arnold had also tendered her apologies.

#### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the reasons for the non-attendance of Cllrs Mrs K Le Brecht and M Starke be authorised as an approved reason for absence.

### **96/08-09 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage.

### **97/08-09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2008**

#### **RESOLVED ;**

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 July 2008 be confirmed as a true record and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Minutes on behalf of the Council.

### **98/08-08 Matters Arising, not requiring a Resolution**

- a. Minute 61/08-09 a (i) Maricourt, Town Lane, Chale – The application was withdrawn following concerns raised by highways with regard to parking provision and turning on site and also due to the concerns raised by Scottish and Southern Energy regarding the proximity of an overhead power-line.

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Discussions had been held on site with the applicant with a planning officer and a further submission was expected shortly.

- b. Minute 75/08-09 a. Community Chest Funding, Outings for the elderly – Trips had been organised to take place in September and December. It was anticipated that a further outing would be arranged for October.
- c. Minute 75/08-09 b. Property immediately to the north of Hoy Close – The IWC's Area Enforcement Officer was still looking into this matter.
- d. Minute 75/08-09 d. Gore Pit Down – The IWC's Area Enforcement Officer had advised that she was to undertake a site visit with the departments' legal advisor to decide if the untidy land qualified for a Section 215 notice to be served, following failed negotiation efforts.
- e. Minute 75/08-09 e. Sheep Lane Farm – Following lengthy discussions and a site inspection, the owners were informed, on 20 August, that the enforcement notice for the caravan, from 2005, would not be withdrawn and that they had one months compliance for its removal.  
In respect of the Hay Barn, this was currently at the pre-application discussion stage with the agent, examining drawings and considering the justification for the barn proposed. Several other planning applications were to be submitted in respect of a shed, retention of offices and stables.
- f. Minute 75/08-09 f. Eco Island, Pilot Scheme for Parish Councils – The IWC had still to take a decision on allocating additional staffing resources to fully support the pilot Parish Councils. Details, for information, had been received from the IWC of a successful Parish Council involved in the reduction of carbon emissions.
- g. Minute 75/08-09 k. Speed Limit Assessment Framework – A framework for the review would be presented to a meeting of the Cabinet by the end of the year. It was a lengthy process, which would then ensure consistency in speed limits island-wide,
- h. Minute 75/08-09 l. Service 6 – Reference was made to the email, dated 20 August 2008, from the IWC Transport Manager confirming that, with effect from 31 August onwards, a Service 6 bus coincidental with Chale Primary school start time would be in operation.
- i. Minute 77/08-09 Hoy Monument – Work would commence on 15 September and take 3 days to complete. The clerk had written to Mr T Wren enquiring if he would oversee the works on behalf of the Parish Council,.

### **99/08-09 Presentation to Mrs Wendy Hardy the award for Chaler of the Year, for the year 2007/8.**

The Chairman presented to Mrs Wendy Hardy her award for being nominated as the Chaler of the Year for 2007/08.

### **100/08-09 Town and Country Planning**

- a. To consider the following applications received and make comment in accordance with the guidance for material planning considerations listed at <http://www.iwight.com/council/departments/planning/appsip/MakingCommentSInfo.aspx>
  - i TCP/273281C Retrospective planning application for cattle feeding area/chalk hard-standing on part OS Parcel 9591, Gotten Lane, Chale

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Mrs C Gurney-Champion, a local resident, submitted written representations, for information and spoke against the application.

## **RESOLVED :**

THAT Chale Parish Council make representations in respect of the application TCP/273281C due to

- The oversize of the development
- The potential risk of flooding as a consequence of the large chalked area and lack of proper provision for drainage
- No proper provision indicated for liquid waste, particularly as the watercourses are in close proximity
- The site is in breach of a number of conditions specified in the previous application
- All recommendations outlined in the letter from the Environment Agency, dated 2 July, must be strictly adhered to
- The suggestion to plant Mountain Ash trees at strategic points is not very clear, these trees are not local native trees and could be one of at least two species

b. The following decisions taken by the Local Planning Authority since the last meeting, were noted:

- i. TCP/29081 Elm Bank, Chale Street, Chale Green - The Planning Authority received revised plans for application, which were considered to be a minor revision to the scheme and therefore, further comments were not sought from the Parish Council. The changes removed the third floor and hence reduced the overall mass of the building. This application had subsequently been granted conditional planning approval.
- ii. P/00475/08 Clarendon Hotel & Wight Mouse Inn, Church Place, Chale – Refusal of planning permission (or not to issue certificate) for the retention of 7 lighting columns to access drive

The clerk was requested to advise the IWC's Enforcement Officer that the Wight Mouse Inn were continuing to use the lighting columns.

- iii. P/00582/08 Land adjacent Gotten Manor Farmhouse, Gotten Lane, Chale – Refusal of planning permission (or not to issue certificate) for a proposed manege
  - iv. P/01301/08 1 East View Cottages, East View Lane, Chale Green – Refusal of planning permission (or not to issue certificate) for the demolition of single storey extension, two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation with juliet balcony at 1<sup>st</sup> floor level, removal of and replacement enlarged roof
- c. To note that the application TCP/23532/G Maricourt, Town Lane, Chale Green, Ventnor had been withdrawn

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## **101/08-09 To consider matters in respect of the proposed closure of Chale CofE Primary school**

- a. Meeting held with Mr K Simmonds, the IWC's Children's Services Head of Policy, Planning and Commissioning

Discussion ensued in respect of the letter received from Mr K Simmonds, following the joint meeting on 22 September, which had been attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Miranda Botha, Governor at Chale CE Primary school. The letter, which had been circulated by email prior to the meeting, set out the IWC's informal response to the submissions, provided by the Parish Council and the Governing Body, to the proposed re-organisation of education on the Isle of Wight.

### **RESOLVED**

- i. THAT the Parish Council reiterate the submission to the IWC, as their informal response did not properly address the issue of 'federation';
- ii. THAT the IWC be advised of the interest of the village of Chale in the school possibly being considered under the Community Asset Transfer management strategy.
- b. Response received from Mr Tony Blackshaw, Diocesan Director of Education, Dioceses of Winchester and Portsmouth

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the response to the questions raised at the previous meeting of the Parish Council be noted.

## **102/08-09 To receive an update on the sale of the Chale Recreation Ground and to approve the Trust Deed relating to the proposed Chale Recreation Field Trust**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended a meeting with Mr Barry Cooke, the IWC's Head of Property Services, where it had been confirmed that it was for the Parish Council to resolve the issues around 'Erewebe' and the Garden Licence being sought by Mr and Mrs Dale. A meeting of the Recreation Ground Association was being arranged to enable further discussion to successfully resolve the issues outstanding. Other technical issues could be overcome with the support of the IWC.

### **RESOLVED :**

- i. THAT the draft Trust Deed submitted to the meeting of the Parish Council in October 2007, be approved subject to the minor amendments highlighted at that meeting;
- ii. THAT it be agreed for the sale of the Recreation Ground to proceed, subject

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to the 'Erewebe' issues being resolved.

**103/08-09 To consider the Island Plan Core Strategy Options and make comment in line with the consultation exercise**

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the Parish Council make no comment

**104/08-09 To comment on the Rural Sustainability Matrix Table, which will be fed into the Core Strategy Options document**

Discussion ensued on the Matrix Table. It was suggested that a minimum sustainability score of 22 was needed for inclusion in the list, however Chale has been included with a lower score.

The inclusion of points for the primary school should be discounted as the school had been identified for closure by the IWC. It was also considered that the table was possibly rather distorted, as due to the physical geographical layout of the village, the infrastructure services were not easily accessible by the whole of the village. Niton and Whitwell had been considered different settlements although, in some instances, facilities were closer to those residents who lived in the other village.

It was also felt that because of the lack of a bus service in the evenings Chale should receive a lower score than those settlements with a full bus service.

Councillors were concerned that while there was some support for limited housing development within the village there was a danger that if open market housing development was generally permitted this might prevent land being offered for affordable housing at less than free market value.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT Cllr Overton formulates and circulates for comment an appropriate form of wording in response to the Rural Sustainability Matrix Table consultation.

**105/08-09 To consider the Village Green Bye Law and to decide what action, if any, to be taken**

The clerk advised of a telephone conversation she had held with a local resident, reporting an incident resulting from the unlawful placing of large boulders on the village green. It was noted that as the original Byelaws dated February 1962, relating to the village green, had now been found by the IWC, enforcement action could be undertaken, providing that this was as the request of an internal department.

**RESOLVED :**

- i. THAT the clerk write to the IWC to ascertain the process to formulate new Byelaws;

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- ii. THAT the IWC be requested to pursue the resident who had placed the obstructions on the Green, instructing that they be removed.

## **106/08-09 To consider the proposal in respect of the Million Blooms project**

Arising from questions raised at the Annual Meeting of the Parish, discussions had taken place between the Chairman and Mr D Whitehurst, the Tree Warden for Chale to formulate a proposal in respect of the Million Blooms project. A number of trees had been lost over the years along highway hedgerows in Chale. The proposal formed a first phase, to replace those losses by the reinstatement of 50 native trees in locations that would provide the maximum impact, by planting them in small groups to mark the entrances to the village. The cost of the proposal amounted to £50 per tree, totalling £2,500.00

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the application for the reinstatement of 50 native trees at the entrances to the village at a cost of £2,500.00, be submitted in respect of the Million Blooms project.

## **107/08-09 To consider the request from Chale Village Stores for support in the relocation of the postbox to a more appropriate position.**

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the Parish Council make no comment.

## **108/08-09 To take a view, in line with NALC's consultation exercise, regarding the Code of Conduct and Councillors Indemnity**

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the Parish Council make no comment.

## **109/08-09 To make comment on the draft Parish Charter**

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the Parish Council make no comment.

## **110/08-09 To consider what action to take, if any, regarding the loss of the prescription service**

Cllr Mrs W Downes advised that the changes to the prescription service had occurred due to the Safety of Medicines Act. She had been informed that should any resident or their carer encounter difficulties in obtaining their prescriptions, they should be advised to contact the doctors surgery at Niton to seek assistance. Any housebound resident would be entitled to receive a home delivery service.

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## **RESOLVED :**

THAT no further action be taken.

### **111/08-09 To note the Training Calendar of the IW County Training Partnership for September 2008 – July 2009 and to approve the costs of any training requirements, where appropriate**

Councillors were reminded that all courses could be booked online or they could forward their preferences to the clerk.

The clerk was requested to contact the IW County Training Partnership to suggest that a Town and County Planning module be organised, in the evening, enabling those councillors who work fulltime the opportunity to attend.

## **RESOLVED :**

THAT the following training sessions be approved:

Cllr M Groves, Internal Audits on 4 March 2009 , at a cost of £10.00

Cllr M Groves, VAT & Local Council Finance on 5 March 2009, at a cost of £15.00

### **112/08-09 To consider the report from the Pieces of Eight Working Party and approve any invoices received within the agreed budget**

The clerk reported that she had received a breakdown of the final costs of the Pieces of Eight pageant and the Chale day event. However, although the figures still remained to be verified it appeared that there would be an under spend of approximately £1,700.00, which would be returned to the Awards for All scheme, in accordance with the agreed criteria.

## **RESOLVED :**

- i. THAT payment be made to the Isle of Wight Council of £3,522.30, subject to receipt of their invoice;
- ii. THAT the under spend of approximately £1,700, subject to the clerks agreement of spends incurred, be returned to the Awards For All, Big Lottery Fund.

### **113/08-09 To receive a report from the Village Design Statement Steering Group**

Cllr M Groves advised that the Village Design Statement was in the process of being designed and should go to the printers later in the week.

### **114/08-09 Report from the Affordable Housing for Chale Working Party**

There were no matters to report.

## **115/08-09 Report from the Road Safety Working Party**

The issues raised had now been resolved.

## **116/08-09 Update report on the Chale Village Partnership**

The clerk had circulated a copy of the minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2008. There were no issues to be raised arising from the meeting.

## **117/08-09 Report of Cllr Mrs W Arnold, the IWC Ward Member for Chale, Niton and Whitwell**

In her absence, the email received from Cllr Arnold was read out, which advised of the appointment of Mr Keith Wood to the position of Director of Children's Services.

## **118/08-09 Correspondence**

Correspondence received was listed in the report circulated with the agenda and updated at the meeting.

Item e. Cllr Overton agreed to attend the launch of the IW Historic Environment Action Plan (HEAP)

Item z. Cllr M Groves to complete the questionnaire on the IW Shoreline Management Plan

IW AONB presentation on Managing Landscapes in a Changing Climate, to be held on 14 October at Northwood House – Cllr Overton to consider attending.

## **119/08-09 Clerks Report**

### **a. Finance**

- i. The interim budget to the end of August 2008 and the bank reconciliation with Statements No 276 and 277 were received and noted.
- ii. Authorisation of payment of the following cheques was requested:

000530, Isle of Wight Council, Clerks salary for July

000533, Ventnor Community Bus, £54.00 from the Community Chest funding

000534, Isle of Wight Council, Clerks salary for August

000535, Mrs B Herbert, £100 , Clerks expenses

000536, SLCC Enterprises Ltd, £35.25, Clerks attendance at SLCC National Conference on 18 October 2008

000537, Cllr M Groves, £197.50, in respect of the Chaler of the Year Award. This sum, which was a reduction on the approved costs, comprised of three invoices - £39.00 for copying, £140.00 for framing and £18.50 for brass labels.

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT payment of the above cheques be approved:

b. Administration

- i. To approve the Gifts and Hospitality Policy.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the Gifts and Hospitality Policy be approved.

- ii. A copy of a letter, which had been sent to the IWC Planning Authority, had been received advising of the unauthorised construction of a grain silo at Pyle Farm, Atherfield Road, Chale.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the clerk advise the IWC's Enforcement Officer of the situation at Pyle Farm, Atherfield Road, Chale.

**120/08-09 Councillors' reports**

Cllr M Groves and the clerk had both attended the Power to the Parishes conference, held at Gurnard Pines on 4 September. It was reported that IW Councillor D Pugh had stated the Town Centre Manager scheme was to be extended into all neighbourhoods from 1 December 2008, utilising the service of the Community Support Officers through additional training. The clerk had a small supply of CDs which had been distributed to those who had attended the event, should any councilor require a copy.

**121/08-09 Councillor Mrs W Downes**

**RESOLVED :**

THAT a vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs W Downes for chairing the meeting of the Parish Council be formally recorded in the Minutes.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 10.15 PM**

Signed -----

Dated -----