

## Notes for report at Annual Parish Meeting

### Chale Parish Council

#### ***Just a summary***

##### Business as usual

1. New clerk – Barbara Herbert & new Cllr Wendy Downes
2. Precept kept to inflation – financial report to follow
3. Policies and procedures
  - a. Brought up to date with current best practice
  - b. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations revised
  - c. New Child Protection Policy and Risk Management Schedule
4. Consultations
  - a. With the parish council
    - i. Wide ranging – not a month goes by e.g. dogs on beaches, bus subsidies from September – most important was the future of education of the Island (see below)
  - b. By the parish council
    - i. VDS (see below)
    - ii. School (see below)
5. Representation on other bodies
  - a. IWALC – keeps in touch with what other PCs are doing/concerned about
  - b. Rec Gd; Churchyard Committee; CVP
6. Planning
  - a. Applications – IWC do take comments into account
  - b. Enforcement
7. Looking after the village
  - a. New signs bought with grant monies – descriptive boards to come (Rupert Besley)
  - b. Seats – need some minor repairs and a coat of paint
  - c. Hoy Monument – some frost damage on base
  - d. The Green – parking signs disappeared – having another go

##### Additional Activities

1. Communication – ensuring villagers are aware
  - a. Would like more people to come and listen to our meetings
    - i. Standing Orders now permit villagers to speak on agenda items – best to speak to Barbara first
    - ii. Agendas and Minutes are put up (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday except August at 1930, here in the WI Hall)
  - b. Reports written and published in – Chale Mail, South Wight Beacon, Village Talk in IWCP
2. School
  - a. Sub committee met chaired by Vice Chairman
  - b. Strong case submitted by PC to County Hall

- c. Cllrs M Groves and M Starke have offered to visit County Hall to explain further
- 3. Housing – village homes for village people
  - a. Agreement with SWHA and IWC re future lettings at Spanners Close – honours the original promise to the village – 25% for Chalers
  - b. Low cost shared ownership – a handful of houses (up to 4) - working with Rural Housing Enabler – complex issues to be resolved in order to ensure they are affordable by villagers – possible sites being investigated
- 4. Speeding
  - a. Arranged surveys at a number of locations including Town Lane, the Green, Spanners Close and Blythe Shute
  - b. Speed Indicating Device on the Green came as a surprise
  - c. Cllr D Overton (experienced) now taking forward a Road Safety Working Party
- 5. Village Design Statement
  - a. Arose from Parish Plan when 108 out of the 124 forms agreed that 'Chale has a character worth preserving
  - b. About describing that character in detail
  - c. Questionnaires – village and show
  - d. Summer workshops
  - e. Winter drafting sessions
  - f. School Project – what is important to the children
  - g. Draft day in January
  - h. Positive comments from AONB and planners
  - i. Draft available for comment tonight – please use Post-It Notes
  - j. Submission in a few days to IWC
  - k. Final Version will have pictures
  - l. Funded by Awards for All (Lottery)
  - m. Free consultancy support throughout from Planning Aid
- 6. New Grants
  - a. Precept barely covers what we have to do so Grants remain key
  - b. Grants just received from IWC Community Chest and from Awards for All (Lottery)
    - i. Monthly Minibus trips for Older People – Isabel Thorp – took on Older Person's Champion Role
    - ii. Smuggling Pageant – activities at Spring Half Term and more in the summer holidays plus a parade and a village party. Steering Group is being pulled together and we will be looking for lots of volunteers. Carnival Truck will be providing professional workshops for costumes, etc.
- 7. Footpaths and Car Parks
  - a. Whale Chine – slow progress but a positive outlook
  - b. Viewpoint Car Park – planning concerns by the owners overcome thanks to AONB team research and support. Thanks to Mr S Dabell for cutting it back. Should present no problem in the future as situation is understood
  - c. Cutting back brambles – IWC respond urgently where safety involved e.g. bus stop retreat in Chale Street

- d. Solar lighting studs at village Car Park – free thanks to Cllr Overton and supplier
- 8. Councillor vacancy currently – nomination forms from Mrs B Herbert or IWC Electoral Services

Cllr M H Groves,  
Chairman of Chale Parish Council  
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