

## Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale on Monday, 9 November 2009, commencing at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Malcolm Groves (Chairman),  
Tony Bryant, Liam Cummings, Mrs Wendy Downes, Mrs Liz Groves

In attendance:

Mrs Barbara Herbert, Clerk and RFO  
IW Cllr W Wyatt-Millington

There were no members of the public present.

### **100/09-10 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllr M Starke, due to personal family commitments and to Mr Harry Dea, the Environment and Neighbourhood Officer for Chale.

### **101/09-10 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr L Cummings declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 105/09-10a as he lived in a neighbouring property.

Cllr M Groves declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute 106/09-10 as the payment referred to was in respect of fees occurred when he attended the training session on VAT & Local Council Finance.

### **102/09-10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2009**

#### **RESOLVED ;**

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 October 2009 be confirmed as a true record and that the Chairman be authorized to sign the Minutes on behalf of the Council.

### **103/09-10 Matters Arising, not requiring a Resolution**

- a. Minute 80/09-10 b, Gore Pit Down – The IWC's Compliance Officer had not yet undertaken the site visit to enable a compliance check to be carried out. This would be scheduled as soon as practically possible.
- b. Minute 80/09-10 g Tree on the Green – Arrangements were in hand for the tree to be obtained from Groundsells, the suppliers of the original tree, although no date had been given for its planting.
- c. Minute 80/09-10 h, Solar Stud Lighting – The clerk had spoken with Mr G Muspratt, of Clearview Traffic Group Ltd regarding this matter. He had kindly agreed to send by post a small supply of replacement lights, free of charge. The Parish Council would then have to determine the best way to have them fixed. The clerk to contact David Overton to seek his advice.
- d. Minute 89/09-10 Pyle Hall Farm – A further alleged breach of planning control had been reported to the Parish Council during the past month, which had been forwarded to the IWC's Enforcement section. A meeting was to be arranged with the landowner to enable the new structure to be fully investigated by the Planning Compliance Officer. Advice had been given to

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the complainant that they should contact the IWC's Building Regulation section to question whether the works undertaken conformed to approved building regulations.

- e. Minute 95/09 Allotments – A response had been received from Mrs I Thorpe advising that the PCC had no plans to re-instate the area to allotments. The clerk was advised to write again, this time to Mrs K Burgess, of the PCC

### **104/09-10 To receive the quarterly report of Harry Dea, the Environment and Neighbourhood officer (ENO) for Chale**

In the absence of Harry Dea, the ENO for Chale, councillors noted his quarterly report covering the period 1 July to 30 September 2009.

Cllr W Downes advised of the successful Big Tidy Up event, which had been very well attended by local residents and councillors, including a group of very enthusiastic children. The general consensus was that although several large items of rubbish had been cleared, the volume of smaller items of rubbish had decreased. It was planned to hold a further event in the Spring.

Thanks were expressed to Cllr Downes and to Harry Dea for all their hard work.

### **105/09-10 Town and Country Planning**

- a. To consider the following application received and make comments in accordance with the guidance for material planning considerations listed at <http://www.iwight.com/council/departments/planning/appsdp/MakingCommentsInfo.aspx>

Cllr Cumming having declared a personal and prejudicial interest left the meeting prior to any debate or decision thereon the following item of business.

TCP/29095B 1 East View Cottages, East View Lane, Chale Green, PO38 2JP – Demolition of single storey extension; two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation; removal of and replacement enlarges roof

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT this Parish Council does not believe that the revised scheme overcomes the reasons for objection previously submitted. It was considered that the proposal was oversized and failed to preserve the integrity of the original building (Village Design Statement page 19). It would also be visually intrusive from nearby footpaths due to the dominant height of the extension (Village Design Statement page 11).

Cllr Cumming returned to the meeting chamber.

- b. The decision taken by the Local Planning Authority since the last meeting TCP/20744/D 2 East View Cottages, East View Lane, Chale Green – Conditional Planning permission for the retention of alterations to approved single/two storey extension, was noted.

### **106/09-10 To receive a progress update on proposals for the way forward for Chale CE Primary school**

Cllr Mrs W Downes gave an update on the meeting of the Task Group on 14 October, which she had attended along with Cllr M Starke. Feelings had been rather high, with the Parish Council coming under some attack. The councillors had been

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presented with a letter to sign on behalf of the Parish Council, which expressed support of the school's campaign to seek federation. After some discussion and amendment the letter was duly signed. Although the Parish Council had not given their authority for this, it had been considered that the letter reflected the council's widely known views.

Cllr M Groves advised of the Annual Meeting of the Governing Body of Chale CE Primary School, where Mr A Locke had been appointed as the new chairman. Arrangements were in place for school governors of potential federation partners, to attend a meeting on Thursday, 12 November at the school. This would provide an opportunity for them to meet with the governing body and receive a presentation on Chale as a community, explaining what the school and residents have to offer. Mr Locke was to open the meeting, followed by a talk from Mr D Sprake about the village. Cllr M Groves had agreed to close the event providing a summary of the proceedings. Refreshments would also be available.

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the report be noted.

#### **107/09-10 To receive an update on discussions for the retention of the postal services in Chale**

The Parish Council had not received a response to their letter of 13 October. It was believed that Mr V Tyerman, the owner of Chale Green Stores, was also still awaiting a response to his correspondence with the Post Office Ltd. Councillors were minded that the next course of action should be to involve the local member of Parliament in the campaign. The clerk was instructed to request a potted history of events from Mr Tyerman, which could then be sent to Andrew Turner MP.

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the clerk liaise with Mr V Tyerman, so to send background details with a request to Andrew Turner MP to take up the matter on behalf of the village.

#### **108/09-10 To consider the report from Alex Russell, The IW Council's Rights of Way Manager setting out the conclusions of the report on Whale Chine**

Ms Alex Russell had advised that a report was to have been ready for consideration at the days meeting. Unfortunately, this had not been the case. A meeting of officers at the IW Council was due to take place towards the end of the week to discuss the consultant's report and the clerk was to be advised of the outcome. An invitation for Ms Russell to attend the next meeting of the Parish Council had been issued, but a response had yet to be received.

#### **109/09-10 To consider the purchase of six advertisements in the Chale Mail**

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT it be agreed to purchase six advertisements in the Chale Mail at a cost of £75.00

**110/09-10 To approve the Parish Council's Community Engagement Strategy**

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the draft Community Engagement Strategy be approved.

**111/09-10 To consider the request for the re-siting of the dog bin from Spanners Close, to a position on the Green**

Inquiries with Island Waste Services had failed to determine the identity of those responsible for the dog bin, near to the play park in Spanners Close. Although a suggestion had been made for its re-siting onto the Green, the chairman agreed to ensure that, if it was left in place, South Wight Housing would undertake the emptying of the bin.

**112/09-10 Update on the Eon proposal for the installation of a HeatPlant in the village**

No further information had been received.

**113/09-10 To consider querying with Southern Water the two unmonitored Southern Water overflows in the Parish of Chale**

Reference was made to an article that had appeared in a recent copy of the County Press advising that there were two unmonitored Southern Water overflows, at Blackgang and in Chale Street. As all Councillors were unaware of this information, it was duly

**RESOLVED :**

THAT Southern Water be contacted to ascertain the whereabouts of the two overflows and to raise questions as to whether there were any future plans proposed to monitor their output.

**114/09-10 To consider making a donation of £30 towards the provision and lighting of a Christmas tree on the Green**

**RESOLVED :**

THAT it be agreed to make a donation of £30 towards the provision and lighting of a Christmas tree on the Green.

**115/09-10 To approve the Guidance for Parish and Town Council on Notifications**

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the Guidance to Parish and Town Councils issued by the Ethical Standards Committee on Notifications be approved, subject to not including in any contracts of employment the requirement for the clerk to comply with any reasonable request of the Monitoring Officer or any Investigating Officer, as recommended on Page 2, final paragraph.

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Cllr M Groves, having declared a personal and prejudicial interest, left the meeting room prior to any discussion or decision thereon the following item of business.

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, it was duly

### **RESOLVED** :

THAT Cllr Mrs W Downes be elected chairman for the following item of business only.

**116/09-10 To grant retrospective approval of the attendance of Cllr M Groves on the VAT and Local Government Finance course at a cost of £25 per delegate**

### **RESOLVED** :

THAT retrospective approval be agreed of the cost of £25 for the attendance of Cllr M Groves on the VAT and Local Government Finance course.

Cllr M Groves returned to the meeting room and resumed the chair.

**117/09-10 To consider what response, if any, to make with regard to the following consultation on The Dog Exclusion (Isle of Wight) Order 2010**

### **RESOLVED** :

THAT this council makes no response to the Dog Exclusion (Isle of Wight) Order 2010.

**118/09-10 To consider the invitation from BT to adopt the red telephone kiosk at Chale Church on the A3055 in Blythe Shute for £1**

Consideration was given to the letter dated 24 October from BT Payphones. Due to insufficient usage over the past twelve months to cover the running costs, a number of red telephone kiosks were being offered up for adoption at a cost of £1 each. The telephony would be removed enabling adaptation for change of use. It was noted that the listed building status would remain unaffected and the scheme had the full support of English Heritage. The location of the telephone kiosk, near to Chale Church was able to obtain full mobile network coverage. The phone at Whale Chine could be accessed in case of any emergency.

### **RESOLVED** :

- i.. THAT this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting;
- ii. THAT investigations be made as to the insurance cover required and if any legal advice was obtainable from the SLCC.

**119/09-10 Update of the sale of the Chale Recreation Ground**

It was reported that proceedings had rather slowed down. Mr Hargreaves, of the IW Council, was in the process of obtaining a formal valuation of the recreation field and no further progress could be made until this had been undertaken. Dependent on

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the result of this, the Recreation Ground Committee would then need to consider their next step.

### **120/09-10 Report from the Affordable Housing for Chale Working Party**

Ms S Packer, the Rural Housing Enabler had been advised of the current situation regarding the status of the future of the scout hut, in Chale.

### **121/09-10 Update from the Quality Status Working Party**

Members noted the volume of the application in comparison with the previous submission in 2005. The cost of re-accreditation would be £58.75. A number of tests still required minor additions. Mr P Atkinson had confirmed that the website would be finalised by the end of the week.

### **122/09-10 Update from the Parking and Signage Working Party**

Cllr Bryant provided a progress report.

Councillors had each taken an element of the work required for the improvement of footpath, bridleway and highway signage throughout the parish. Cllr Mrs W Downes had produced a brilliant map detailing all the pathways, which would form the primary source of future reference. A meeting was now required to collate all the information into one spreadsheet, which would enable a detailed report to be presented to the next meeting of the Parish Council.

### **123/09-10 Update report from the Green Towns Project Working Party**

The inaugural meeting of the Working Party had been scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 10 November. The objective would be to try and obtain a wider understanding from members and councillors of the shape of the project and proposed project indicators.

### **124/09-10 Update on the Chale Village Partnership**

Cllr Mrs W Downes reported on matters discussed at the meeting on 20 October. Particular mention was made of:

- The Green Town Project
- The still awaited descriptive map

### **125/09-10 To receive the report of Cllr W Wyatt-Millington, the IWC Ward Member for Chale, Niton and Whitwell**

There were no matters of an urgent nature to report.

### **126/09-10 Correspondence**

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

Item j. - Blocked ditch to the south and forming the eastern boundary of Chale Green. Cllr Mrs W Downes to advise Mrs Meg Groves that this had been included in the IW Council's schedule of works.

Item l. – Pilgrim from Chale. Mr D Sprake had received a copy of the email and would contact the senders.

Item n. – Climate Change and Civil Engineering conference to be held on 20 November at Cowes Yacht Haven. Cllr M Groves to try and obtain a copy of the papers.

**127/09-10 Clerks Report**

Finance

- i. The interim budget to the end of October 2009 and the bank reconciliation with Statement No 291 were received and noted.
  
- ii. To authorise payment of the following cheques  
000613, £53.61, Clerks Expenses  
000614, £155.25, Audit Commission, Audit Fee 2009

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the above cheques be approved for payment.

**128/09-10 Councillors' reports**

Cllr T Bryant reported on the IWALC workshop he had attended on 5 November. He had come away feeling rather confused and disillusioned. Attendees had been divided into four interactive groups, but he considered there had been a lack of management and structure to the debates, with an assumption on the level of knowledge of those councillors present. There had been two lines of thinking – should IWALC be a lobby group to the IW Council or a professional group providing training and advice to improve the quality of parish and town councils? However, Cllr Bryant felt there had been no direction as to how either proposal could be achieved.

There had also been a debate over the level of subscription fees, with suggestions made as to how these could be set. Cllr Bryant was thanked for his report.

Cllr Mrs W Downes advised that she had been approached by two residents requesting that the Parish Council look into the provision of a bus shelter on the shop side of the Green. The clerk to investigate the feasibility of a shelter and to report back at the next meeting.

Cllr M Groves had laid a wreath at the Remembrance Day service.

Cllr M Groves reported his attendance at the Open Space workshop, the latest in a series of planning events, which would form part of the Island Plan. Several differing views were highlighted, which reflected the differences between the variety of town and parish councils found across the island.

Mention was made of the report advising that persons unknown, had moved a caravan into the IWC's Highways storage compound, adjacent to the Viewpoint car park at Blackgang. A copy of the email had been forwarded to the Highways Area Superintendent for their attention.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.30PM**

Signed -----

Dated -----