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Chale Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs Malcolm Groves (Chairman), Mike Starke (Vice Chairman), Mrs Liz Groves, Mrs Karen Le Brecht, David Overton

In attendance:
Mrs B Herbert, Clerk and RFO

There was one member of the public present.

196/08-09 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mrs W Downes, due to illness and from IW Cllr Mrs W Arnold as she had to attend another meeting.

RESOLVED :

THAT the reason for non-attendance provide by Cllr Downes be confirmed as an approved reason for absence.

197/08-09 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage.

198/08-09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 January 2009

RESOLVED ;

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

199/08-09 Matters Arising, not requiring a Resolution

- a. Minute 128/08-09 b. Whale Chine - Alex Russell, the IWC's Rights of Way Manager had advised that the consultant's report should be available by the end of February, at the latest. When the IWC have had the opportunity to assess the conclusions and implications the clerk would be contacted.
- b. Minute 183/08-09 a Silo on Pyle Farm – The IWC's Enforcement department had now taken the view that planning permission was required for the retention of the fourth grain silo. As the timescale for an application had been set for late February, the enforcement officer would provide a further update in early March.
- c. Minute 183/08-09 b Parking on the Village Green – A response had been received from Helen Miles, the IWC's Legal Team Leader advising of the action, which the Parish Council or the owner of the Village Shop would need to take. To seek permission for a permanent area to be used for parking would necessitate an application to be made to the Secretary of State for

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- agreement for the land to be released from the common. A non-refundable fee of £4,900 was payable for all applications made under s16 to deregister land. The Chairman agreed to contact Mr V Tyerman, the storeowner to apprise him of the situation.
- d. Minute 186/08-09 e Annual Meeting of the Parish – Ms Philippa Daley, the Rural Services Officer at the RCC, had declined the invitation to make a presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. The clerk advised that last year, Mr Ray Harrington-Vale had tentatively agreed to attend this meeting, following the Parish Council's decision to take part in the Footprint Trust's Lo-Co project, planned for launch this spring. The clerk was requested to contact Mr Harrington-Vale to confirm his attendance.
 - e. Minute 194/08-09 (i) Guaranteed Reserve – The Halifax had confirmed their error made in December when the funds were reinvested. To rectify the situation the account would have to be closed and then reopened with the correct balance. Due to the current financial situation this would result in a lower interest rate being paid over the term. The clerk had therefore considered it prudent to leave matters unchanged and withdraw the sum of £422.97, being the adjustment and interest accrued, at the end of the year, when the account matured.
 - f. Cllr M Groves advised of his attendance at a recent meeting of the Brighstone and District newsletter committee, which had adopted a constitution enabling the Parish Council to formally appoint a representative to that committee. This item to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

200/08-09 Town and Country Planning

- a. The following decisions taken by the Local Planning Authority since the last meeting were noted:
 - i. TCP/29095/A 1 East View Cottages, East View Lane, Chale Green - To refuse planning permission for the demolition of a single storey extension, two storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation; removal of and replacement enlarged roof (revised scheme)
 - ii. TCP/26102/G land to the rear of 1 Sheep Lane Farm Cottage, Clythe Shute, Chale – To refuse planning permission for the demolition of a derelict pig shed, proposed stable block comprising of 3 loose boxes, tack room/food store and covered area
 - iii. TCP/29363 Part OS Parcel 2551, Emmett Hill, Chale Green, Ventnor – To refuse planning permission for a proposed agricultural workers dwelling with open fronted garage and vehicular access
 - iv. TCP/16934/G Middle Bramstone Farm, Chale Street, Chale – To grant conditional planning permission for the conversion of a barn into a unit of holiday accommodation to include extension with accommodation over in roofspace
 - v. P/02541/08 Chale Green Stores, Chale Green - Split Decision – To give consent for the retention of and proposed signage consisting 3 x non-illuminated wall mounted glazed display units, 5 non-illuminated wall mounted signs, 2 non-illuminated wall mounted notice boards, 1 non-illuminated fascia sign, 2 non-illuminated glass transfer signs, 1 illuminated wall mounted sign.

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- vi. P/02541/08 Chale Green Stores, Chale Green – Split Decision – Refusal of consent to display 4 non-illuminated pole mounted banner signs. The clerk was requested to advise the Planning Authority that the area concerned did actually form part of Chale Green.
- b. P/02541/08 Alteration/Revision to the planning application at Chale Green Stores, Chale Green for the retention of and proposed signage. Amended plans had been received and advertised, which were considered a minor revision to the scheme and therefore, further comments were not required.
- c. The appeal, submitted against the Planning Authority's refusal to grant permission for a proposed ménage at land adjacent Gotten Manor Farmhouse, Gotten Lane, Chale, was noted and no further representations were raised.
- d. Cllr Starke reported the unauthorised works being undertaken at Maricourt in respect of stabling and an extension to the rear of the property. Reference was made to correspondence received from a local resident, which confirmed the serious breach of planning regulations. Mention was also made that copies of the said letters were included on the IWC's Planning on line web site.

RESOLVED :

THAT the clerk writes to the IWC's Enforcement Department advising of the disturbing developments at Maricourt, requesting notification of any action intended to be taken.

201/08-09 To consider what action to take, if any, in respect of the Big Tidy Up being launched by the Keep Britain Tidy

Information was noted of the national campaign, launched in September 2008, with a view to encouraging as many community groups as possible to register by the end of February 2009, to take part in litter pick and tidy up events during March 2009. The Isle of Wight Council were actively promoting for an island wide event to take place.

RESOLVED :

- i. THAT it be agreed for the Parish Council to formally register their intention to participate in the Big Tidy Up on the Isle of Wight;
- ii. THAT Cllr Mrs W Downes be the lead councillor in organising the event for the Parish Council.

202/08-09 To receive an update on the Million Blooms project and to consider any recommendations outlined in respect of tree planting and quotations received

Cllr M Groves referred to the plan available indicating the sites for the proposed tree planting scheme. Permissions had been obtained for SW Housing Association, Island Cottages and the IW Council. Approval was still to be sought from the Diocese to enable the planting of a number of trees and hawthorne hedging in the gap by the old rectory. Mr Whitehouse, the honorary tree warden for Chale, was seeking quotations for the supply of the proposed trees. Due to there being a lack of potential suppliers on the Island only two estimates would be able to be obtained. In

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view of the very tight timescale of the project it was agreed for a Sub Committee to be established to approve the authorised contractor, as a decision could not await the next meeting of the Parish Council.

Responsibility for the upkeep of the trees would be incorporated into the IW Council's highway trees documentation, following a two/three year period after planting, to ensure that all the trees had been established satisfactorily.

RESOLVED :

THAT a Million Blooms Sub Committee be established comprising of Cllrs M Groves, Mrs L Groves and M Starke to approve the authorised contractor for the supply of trees and hedging for the Million Blooms project, up to a maximum cost of £2,500.00.

203/08-09 To consider the award of the Grass Cutting contract for 2009/10 and the request received from the Churchyard Committee

Discussion ensued on the need to award the grass-cutting contract for 2009/10. Estimates had been obtained from three contractors in line with Financial Regulations. In view of the Parish Council's decision taken at the January meeting, quotations from the two lowest contractors listed in the report, for two further options for a reduced specification, had been obtained and were circulated for information. Reference was made to the letter from Mr C Mathews, IWC's Head of Democratic Services, which suggested that the IWC were now considering a revised approach in respect grass cutting and churchyard maintenance and that some form of grant was now likely to be paid during the next financial year. However, no specific details had been advised. The Parish Council were also mindful of the request received from the Chale Churchyard Committee for a donation of £750 towards the cost of their grass cutting expenditure for 2009/10.

At their meeting scheduled for the following day, the IWC's Cabinet was due to agree a recommendation on the Budget, to go before the meeting of Full Council on 25 February for decision, which would then provide some clarity on the situation. In view of this it was

RESOLVED :

- i. THAT a decision on the award of the Grass Cutting contract for 2009/10 be deferred until the March meeting of the Parish Council;
- ii THAT the Chairman advise the Chairman of the Chale Churchyard Committee of the reasons as to the delay in responding to their request.

204/08-09 Quality Status

- a. To consider arrangements to enable re-accreditation by the end of the year

The Parish Council's Quality Status was due to expire in September. Consideration was given to the benefits gained by applying for re-accreditation and the arrangements required to facilitate this. Although it was agreed in principle to reapply for Quality Status, it was suggested that any action should be deferred until after the Parish Council elections in June.

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RESOLVED :

THAT the setting of arrangements to enable re-accreditation by the end of the year be deferred until after the Parish Council elections.

- b. To consider the return of the previous Quality Parish portfolio of evidence

RESOLVED :

THAT it be agreed for the previous Quality Parish portfolio of evidence to be obtained at a cost between £7 - £15 for postage and packing, depending on size and weight.

- 205/08-09** To consider what action to take in respect of litter around the village

RESOLVED :

THAT this item be deferred to the next meeting of the Parish Council in March

- 206/08-09 To consider what response, if any, to make with regard to the following consultations:**

- a. Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority – Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2009 – 2014

RESOLVED :

THAT the draft Integrated Risk Management Plan be noted.

- b. Road Safety Compliance Consultation

RESOLVED :

THAT the Road Safety Compliance consultation be noted.

- c. Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity consultation

RESOLVED :

THAT the Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity consultation be noted.

- 207/08-09 To receive an update on the sale of the Chale Recreation Ground**

Cllr M Groves advised of his attendance at the joint meeting with Mr & Mrs Dale and with Mr B Cooke, the IWC's Head of Property Services to discuss the ongoing issue of a garden licence. Mr Cooke had agreed to undertake some research on various issues in relation to the matter, which were not yet complete.

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RESOLVED :

THAT the report be noted.

208/08-09 To receive the report from the Affordable Housing for Chale Working Party

There was no further action to report.

209/08-09 To receive the report of Cllr Mrs W Arnold, the IWC Ward Member for Chale, Niton and Whitwell

Cllr Mrs W Arnold, in her absence, had not submitted a written report.

210/08-09 Correspondence

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

Particular mention was made of the meeting of IWALC held on 15 January. Some councillors present had expressed disappointment of the decision taken by Chale Parish Council, to withdraw their membership. The IWALC finance sub-committee would be merged with the into a general purposes committee. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman were to attend the meeting of IWALC on 19 February when presentations were to be made by Stuart Love on the Highways Private Finance Initiative and by Bill Murphy, Head of Planning Services.

211/08-09 Clerks Report

i Finance

- a. The interim budget to the end of January 2009 and the bank reconciliation with Statements No 281 and 282 were received.
- b. To authorise payment of the following cheques:
000559, Isle of Wight Council, Clerks Salary for January
000560, Mrs B Herbert, £53.60 Clerks Expenses for January
000561, Audit Commission, £155.25, Audit Fee for 2008
000562, David Whitehurst, £64.96, Supply of Christmas tree for 2007 and 2008

RESOLVED :

THAT payment of the above cheques be approved.

- c. Cheque No 000558 for £38.00 issued to IW Gateway Club in respect of a trip organised under the Community Chest grant scheme.

RESOLVED :

THAT retrospective approval be granted of cheque No 000558 for £38.00 to IW Gateway Club from the Community Chest grant funding

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b. Administration

There were no matters to report.

212/08-09 Councillors' reports

Cllr Starke advised that he had approached Harry Dea, the Environment and Neighbourhood Officer requesting his assistance for the repair of a number of potholes along the Appleford Road.

Cllr Starke mentioned the ditch near to Gotten Lane, which had flooded. Cllr M Groves advised that this had been reported to the IWC's Highways Section, as well as the ditch near to Lower Bramstone Farm.

Cllr M Groves provided an update report in respect of the number of telegraph poles springing up around the village. Scottish and Southern Energy had provided him with a useful map detailing which company owns what. The latest pole, near to West View, was erected following a request for a supply in a nearby field. Cllr Starke agreed to provide copy of the map to the resident who raised the original complaint.

Cllr M Groves highlighted the production of the Chale School Newsletter, Issue No 1. Cllr M Groves reported a telephone conversation he had with a concerned landowner who was under the mistaken view that a footpath was to be constructed across his land. Cllr Groves had reassured him that if or when any proposals for a pathway were to be considered, this would be undertaken following full consultation with local residents and interested parties.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.50 PM

Signed -----

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