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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, 8 March 2010, commencing at 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Mike Starke (Vice Chairman), Tony Bryant, Liam Cumming, Wendy Downes

In attendance:

Mrs Barbara Herbert, Clerk and RFO  
IW Cllr William Wyatt-Millington  
Mr Harry Dea – the Environment and Neighbourhood Officer (ENO) for Chale

There were no members of the public present.

### **192/09-10 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs M & Mrs L Groves

### **193/09-10 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr M Starke declared a personal interest in Minute No 197/09-10 a, as he was a friend of the agent.

### **194/09-10 Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 February 2010**

#### **RESOLVED ;**

THAT the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 February 2010 be confirmed as a true record, subject to minor amendment to the numbering, and the Chairman be authorized to sign the Minutes on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **195/09-10 Matters Arising, not requiring a Resolution**

- a. Minute 173/09-10a Gore Pit Down – Following instruction at the last meeting the clerk had written to Mr B Murphy, Head of the IW Council's Planning Services. A reply had been received from Jean Penney, Deputy Rural and Compliance Team Leader assuring that a site visit would be undertaken within 20 working days of the 17 February 2010. To date no further response had been received.
- b. Minute 173/09-10b Island Insulation Scheme – Posters and information leaflets had been circulated to the Chairman to be distributed to residents as part of the Chale Community Project.
- c. Minute 173/09-10c Post Office Services in Chale – No information on further progress had been received from the Mr Tyerman, the owner of Chale Stores. However it was reported that a possible candidate had been interviewed for the position.
- d. Minute 173/09-19f Pyle Hall Farm – The update regarding Gore Pit Down also referred to this item.
- e. Minute 174/09-10 Waste Management Team – Following instruction at the last meeting the clerk had written to the Community Safety Services. A response had been received assuring that the removal of fly-tipping and litter would continue to be organised in an effective and efficient manner. It was illegal for

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commercial waste to be taken to the Civic Amenity Site, so changes had been effected to regulate procedures. Contractors were employed for this purpose and responded to a simple phone call to arrange the removal of waste. It was noted that the ENO's vehicles were neither designed nor equipped for the removal of waste. Mr H Dea who was present confirmed the comments. Although the Head of Community Safety had offered to attend a meeting to clarify the situation, councillors thought this was unnecessary. IW Cllr W Wyatt-Millington agreed to contact Ms O'Donnell in person to ensure that the service provided value for money and conformed to the IW Council's environmental policies

- f. Minute 176/09-10 Chale CE Primary School – The Chair of Governors, Mr A Lock had advised that during the close down audit a major concern had arisen regarding the issue of community use of the school. The auditors had advised that it was the IW Council's policy for all equipment to be removed on closure, regardless as to who had been the original provider, as the IW Council had maintained it. This would effectively remove the entire IT suite. The Friends of the school had also provided a number of other articles and equipment over the years. Councillors felt it was important to register the concern of the Parish Council and suggested for the clerk to write to the Chief Executive urging that there be a change in policy.
- g. 190/09-10 a ii – Index Map e Southdown Lane, Pyle Shute – The clerk advised that the search against the Land Registry index map had revealed that the land in question was unregistered. She was unsure of the procedure next to follow and would need to read some Legal Topic notes for advice. However, earlier that day she had received details of a day course shortly to be run by the SLCC on Common Land, Open Spaces etc in Southampton. Although it could prove very interesting and relevant, as the cost was £95, she had written to see if they would be prepared to provide the papers for the day at a nominal cost.

### **196/09-10 To receive the report of Harry Dea, the Environment and Neighbourhood Officer (ENO) for Chale**

Mr Harry Dea, the Environment and Neighbourhood officer for Chale reported that things had been fairly quiet since the last meeting he had attended in December. However, particular mention was made of the following:

- He had reported a large number of potholes in and around Chale. Due to the high number, resulting from the recent bad weather, it would take some time for all to be repaired.
- He had reported to the IW Council Highways Department, the repair of motor vehicles on the highway, by a resident, at the entrance to Spanners Close. Mr Neil Brown, the Highways Inspector would monitor the situation and submit a claim to the resident should any damage to the roadway be incurred. SW Housing was also aware of the case.
- Boneshaker event to organised for the Spring
- Happy to assist in a Big Tidy Up event if one was planned in the future

In discussion, councillors expressed their thanks to Mr Dea and also asked him to highlight to the IW Council Highways department where part of the road, near to the Appleford crossroad was now beginning to crumble away at the edge.

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the report of Mr Dea, the ENO for Chale be noted.

## 197/09-10 Town and Country Planning

- a. To consider the application received and make comments in accordance with the guidance for material planning considerations listed at <http://www.iwight.com/council/departments/planning/apps/ip/MakingComment/Info.aspx>  
TCP/22351/E Saeter, The Terrace, Chale, Ventnor, PO38 2HL – Alterations; proposed stable block comprising three loose boxes and tack room; replacement of conservatory roof to pitched; enclosed porch

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT Chale Parish Council raises no material planning objections to TCP/22351/E.

- b. The following decision taken by the Local Planning Authority since the last meeting in respect of P/01930/09 Downsview, Church Place, Chale – Lawful Development Certificate issued for proposed conversion of garage into bedroom, was noted.
- c. The letter dated 22 February 2010, from the IW Council advising of the appeal submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government against the IW Council's decision 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 at 1 East View Cottages, East View Lane, Chale Green, was noted.

## 198/09-10 To consider the bus network currently provided and comment on the journeys that are contracted at present and of any local unmet public transport needs

Consideration was given to the letter, dated 8 February, from Mr M Mullins, the IW Council's Public Transport Officer and the list attached of current contracted bus services running within or through Chale. Additionally, councillors also made comments as part of the new Local Bus Service Performance Management Framework tool, to assist in the process of evaluation of the relative merits and values in providing a subsidy for each supported bus service.

### **RESOLVED :**

- i. THAT Chale Parish Council welcomes that all the services outlined were ranked as the highest priority for subsidy, it was vital for villagers that these services be maintained;
- ii. THAT the IW Council be requested to consider subsidising, to meet local unmet public transport needs, of
  - a. the provision of two early morning services leaving Chale at around 8.00 am, travelling towards both Newport and Ventnor to enable residents to get to their place of work
  - b. the provision of an evening service leaving around 9.00 pm from Newport to enable residents to return home after a late shift at work, college or an evening out.
- iii. THAT the IW Council considers the use of shopper type, smaller buses, which could be more cost effective and enable more services to be provided to Chale.

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### **199/09-10 To consider proposals for the reduction in the speed limit to 40 mph, along an area of the A3055, Blackgang Road and Blythe Shute**

Following the review of speed limits on all A roads, in accordance with the new adopted Speed Limit Policy, the IW Council were suggesting a reduction in the speed limit to 40 mph, along the part of the A3055, which had long been advocated by the Parish Council.

#### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the Parish Council welcomed and raised no objections to the proposals for the reduction in the speed limit to 40 mph, along the A3055, Blackgang Road and Blythe Shute from 60m north of Blackgang roundabout to 295m west of Church Place.

### **200/09-10 To consider proposals for the use of the telephone kiosk, opposite the Parish Church along the Military Road, Chale**

The clerk advised that she had received confirmation that planning permission would not be required and as the telephone box was not situated on IW Council owned land no consent was needed from the Head of Asset Management. A letter had been received from BT enclosing a copy of the contract regarding the adoption of the kiosk, and advising that arrangements were in hand to remove the payphone equipment. A completion notice would be sent to the Parish Council when this had been undertaken. Councillors requested that the clerk write to BT Payphones to ensure that they make good any damage when the telephony was removed.

Confirmation had also been received from the insurance provider that no charge would now be made to include public liability cover to the value of £800.

### **201/09-10 To consider establishing an Emergency Plan for Chale**

Cllr Bryant advised that following a meeting with Cllr M Groves, he was now due to meet with members of the Chale Village Partnership to receive their views on an emergency plan for Chale. A template had been provided by the IW Council's Emergency Planning section, which was being adapted to suit the Parish Council's needs.

### **202/09-10 To consider any progress in the installation of the green solar powered studs**

Cllr Bryant, due to his incapacitation, had still not been able to progress this further. It was therefore

#### **RESOLVED :**

THAT this item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

### **203/09-10 To consider any response to the letter regarding the Military Road**

#### **RESOLVED :**

THAT a letter be sent to IW Cllr Edward Giles expressing the Parish Council's disappointment that little progress had been made to identify a suitable alternative route for the Military Road and advocating that contact be made with Dr Bruce Denness, a renowned expert in this field, who resided locally in

Whitwell.

**204/09-10 To consider arrangements to establish Chale as a No Cold Calling Zone**

Julie Woodhouse, of the IW Council's Fair Trading section had agreed to liaise with Mrs I Thorp, to identify those residents who might need a personal visit to explain the No Cold Calling Scheme. Ms Woodhouse had also agreed to assemble the information packs on behalf of the Parish Council and to keep the clerk apprised of the timescale for delivering them to all residents.

**205/09-10 Arrangements to hold Chale Day 2010 on Sunday, 11 July, 12 noon to 4.00 pm**

The arrangements in hand for Chale Day 2010 were noted. The event would be covered once again by the Parish Council's insurance policy. Cllr Bryant advised that some of the stalls were proposing to donate any funds raised to a local charity. He had suggested the Hoy Monument repair fund.

**206/09-10 To receive an update on the meeting of Chale Village Partnership held on 16 February**

Due to sickness, the Parish Council representative did not attend the meeting. It was agreed for the minutes of that meeting, which had been circulated to some members to be forwarded to the clerk for dissemination to all councillors.

**207/09-10 Update of the sale of the Chale Recreation Ground**

There was no further progress to report.

**208/09-10 Report from the Affordable Housing for Chale Working Party**

Councillors were informed that a letter had been received from a firm of Chartered Surveyors advising that their client had expressed an interest in possibly releasing some of his land in Chale for affordable housing. A meeting to include the landowner and Sharon Packer, the Rural Housing Enabler and Cllr M Starke was to be arranged to discuss the matter further.

**20909-10 Update from the Parking and Signage Working Party**

Cllr W Downes gave a comprehensive report on her recent conversation with Mr M Marchant, of the Ramblers Association. Mr Marchant considered there to be no significant problems with the footpath signage in Chale and had provided advice as to the legal requirements for when a fingerpost sign should be erected. Way markers were only installed if there was a particular problem for walkers, but were consider unwelcome in the rural environment if too many were used. The IW Council's Rights of Way section and the Ramblers Association checked all the footpaths twice per year and would look into any problems reported in between time. Mr Marchant had appeared pleased that the Parish Council was taking such a keen interest. Cllr Bryant suggested that he would contact Mr Marchant to volunteer to accompany him when he next inspected the footpaths in Chale.

**210/09-10 Report from the Hoy Monument Working Party**

There was no further progress to report.

**211/09-10 To receive an update on the Chale Community Project**

Cllr M Groves had provided an update via email, which was read by the clerk.

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Cllr Bryant circulated a copy of a brief survey that requested residents to identify how their homes were heated, which could help to inform future initiatives. The survey would also identify households that could qualify for free renewable energy systems. Subject to councillors' approval, the survey would be produced for distribution to all households in Chale.

IW Cllr W Wyatt-Millington informed that he had a contact, who had developed a method of ground bore drilling in a far more efficient manner than previous techniques used. He was requested to pass the details to members of the Chale Community Project.

## **RESOLVED :**

- i. THAT councillors submit any comments on the brief survey to Cllr Bryant, within the next few days, for his consideration, prior to its publication;
- ii. THAT councillors also advise Cllr Bryant of their availability to deliver the survey to every household in the village.

## **212/09-10 To receive the report of Cllr W Wyatt-Millington, the IWC Ward Member for Chale, Niton and Whitwell**

Cllr Wyatt-Millington apologised, that due to an extremely high increase in his personal business workload, he had not been able to deliver or work for the Chale community as he had originally intended, when he first stood for office.

Reference was made to the IW Council budget set for 2010/11. Cllr Wyatt-Millington was concerned for the provision of adult social services, in the current difficult financial climate. He spoke of areas of the IW Council where he would like to see a review undertaken, to identify where possible savings could be made.

## **213/09-10 Correspondence**

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

The clerk referred to item ee – alleging possible breach of planning. The email had been forwarded to the IW Council's Enforcement Section who intended to visit the site with a colleague from the housing department to inspect the caravan and assess its use. An update on the outstanding matters would be provided in due course.

## **214/09-10 Clerks Report**

### **a Administration**

- i. The success of the Parish Council's application for Quality Status reaccreditation was noted. Cllr M Groves and the clerk, Mrs B Herbert were thanked for their work to achieve the qualification.
- ii Domain Name

## **RESOLVED :**

THAT the domain name of chale.org.uk be renewed for a further two years at a cost of £40 plus vat.

### **b. Finance**

- i. The interim budget to the end of February 2010 and the bank

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reconciliation with Statement No 7 were received and noted.

- ii. To authorise payment of the following cheques  
000627, Post Office, Clerks Salary  
000628, £70.33, Clerks Expenses  
000629, £16.50, British Legion, replacement of cheque No 000612,  
which had not been presented for payment

## **RESOLVED :**

THAT the above cheques be approved for payment.

### **215/09-10 Councillors' reports**

Cllr M Groves reported by email that the updating of the Parish Council's website had now been completed, but still required a short blog from Cllrs Downes, Cumming and Bryant.

Cllr M Groves had reported by email of a notification that a new pole had appeared on Emmett Hill, right in front of the Chale Green "Welcome" sign. The clerk had forwarded the details to Alex Russell, the IW Council's Rights of Way officer, but had yet to receive a response.

Cllr M Groves had suggested by email that a note of thanks be sent to Highways for clearing the ditch along the Green, which had alleviated the road flooding more than a little. He also requested that a reminder be sent advising them that drains needed unblocking in Town Lane, The Green and the area around the junction of Newman Lane and Chale Street.

Cllr T Bryant reported details of an internet scam using the name of DHL.

Cllr M Starke advised that 3 letters nominating the same person had been received for the Chaler of the Year award. The intended recipient had expressed that he would be honoured to accept the award, which would be presented at the Annual meeting of the parish.

Cllr M Starke referred to the Village Talk section of the County Press, which had indicated that the Parish Council meeting was to take place on Tuesday, 9 March. He had made a formal complaint.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.54 PM**

Signed -----

Dated -----