

Chale Parish Council

Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Chale Parish Council held in the Women's Institute Hall, Chale on Monday, 6 September 2010, commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Malcolm Groves (Chairman), Mike Starke (Vice Chairman), Liam Cumming, Wendy Downes, Liz Groves

In attendance:

Mrs Barbara Herbert, Clerk and RFO

There was one member of the public present.

59/10-11 Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Tony Bryant and IW Cllr William Wyatt-Millington

Apologies had also been received from Barry Cooke, IW Council's Head of Property Services and Janet Newton, the IW Council's Schools Capital Project Director. Mr Cooke had expressed his regret and frustration at the lack of any representative from the Diocese of Portsmouth for the second time running, deeming it pointless in attending. Tony Blackshaw, Director of Education at the Diocese of Portsmouth and Emily Fletcher, Deputy Director of Education at the Diocese of Portsmouth, had initially agreed to be present, however the clerk was only made aware earlier in the day that neither would be in attendance. As Chale CE Primary School had now closed, with effect from 1 September the responsibility changed from the Diocesan Board of Education and now fell under the Diocesan Education Trust. The Diocesan Secretary and her deputy both had prior engagements and were unable to attend. It was noted that the deputy Diocesan Secretary, Mr Paul Tizzard and Barry Cooke had both agreed to attend the meeting of the Parish Council on 11 October 2010.

60/10-11 Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Groves, Cllr Mrs L Groves and Cllr M Starke all declared a personal interest in Minute No 63/10-11 as they knew the applicant.

61/10-11 To consider and discuss the data collected by the Chale School Committee in respect of proposals for the future use of the school buildings and land at the redundant Chale CofE Primary School site

During the discussion thereon, Cllr Mrs L Groves declared a personal and prejudicial interest, being the President of the Chale Women's Institute (WI).

Cllr M Groves referred to the results and analysis of the community consultation, which had been circulated prior to the meeting by email. 286 questionnaires had been delivered with additional copies made available at the two collection points. 37 forms (13%) in total had been returned by the due date. This was considered a sufficient sample from which to draw general conclusions. It was considered encouraging that 8 persons had indicated their willingness to be involved in taking the project forward.

It was reported that the chairman and vice chairman had held a useful meeting with Mr Martin Simpson, who ran the Dinosaur Farm. Mr Simpson, an expert in his field, had expressed a positive interest in establishing a commercial enterprise at the school. Mr Simpson had tentively proposed exhibiting his large collection of fossils in

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conjunction with operating a small retail outlet facility. This would enable an IT suite to continue at the premises and facilitate further community use during the evening. Cllr M Groves had met on site with Mr Alan White, of the IW Council's Highways department, who confirmed his willingness to work with the Parish Council to ensure all highways issues were addressed should a full business plan and associated planning application be submitted. Councillors noted the key points that arose from that meeting.

During discussion it was indicated that the option suggested by Mr Simpson was the only viable way forward. However, access to the school was required so that its suitability could be determined.

Cllr Mrs L Groves expressed some concern over any evening rental as this could effect the hire of the WI Hall, a much needed income stream for the WI.

RESOLVED :

- i. THAT the clerk contact Mr Barry Cooke to obtain access to the Chale CE Primary School;
- ii. THAT Cllrs M Groves and M Starke liaise with Mr Simpson, in order to prepare a draft paper for consideration at the next meeting.

62/10-11 To consider and comment on the Isle of Wight Council Speed Limits Consolidation Order in respect of proposals for Blackgang and Chale

RESOLVED :

THAT representations be made in respect of the proposals for the introduction of a 40 mph speed limit along various parts of the A3055 in Blackgang and Chale. The Parish Council while welcoming the changes suggested that the whole length of the A3055, within the parish of Chale, should be subject to a 40 mph speed limit. The Parish Council believes that this would slow vehicles prior to the entrance of the View Point car park, at Blackgang where pedestrians crossed to observe the St Catherines Oratory and, if extended to Whale Chine, would improve the safety to the Recreation Ground and nearby car park of the Wight Mouse public house and improve the access/egress at the junction with Southdown.

63/10-11 Town and Country Planning

To consider the following applications received and make comments in accordance with the guidance for material planning considerations listed at

<http://www.iwight.com/council/departments/planning/appsdip/MakingCommentsInfo.aspx>

TCP/14662/2 land adjacent, Star Cottage, Town Lane, Chale Green, Chale - detached house with detached garage; formation of vehicular access and parking/turning area (aorm)

RESOLVED :

THAT Chale Parish Council makes no material planning objections to the application in respect of TCP/14662/2 – land adjacent Star Cottage, Town Lane, Chale.

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64/10-11 PAYMENT OF CHEQUES

RESOLVED :

THAT Cheque No 000652, AJ Wells for £1065.00 being the balance outstanding for the production of the Chale Descriptive Map, be authorised for payment

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 8.20 PM

Signed -----

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