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## Chale Parish Council

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

**Present:** Cllrs Malcolm Groves (Chairman), Wendy Downes, Liz Groves, Alan Lock

In attendance:

Mrs Barbara Herbert, Clerk and RFO

There were no members of the public present.

### **126/10-11 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Tony Bryant and Liam Cumming and the IW Cllr for Chale, Niton and Whitwell, Cllr David Stewart.

**127/10-11 To consider the appointment of a co-opted councillor and to receive their declaration of acceptance of office and Register of Financial Interests.**

### **RESOLVED :**

- i. THAT Mr Alan Lock be appointed as a co-opted councillor;
- ii. THAT Cllr A Lock's declaration of acceptance of office be received;
- iii. THAT Cllr A Lock's Register of Financial Interests be accepted at the meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for 10 January 2011.

### **128/10-11 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at this stage.

**129/10-11 To confirm and authorize the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 November 2010**

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2010 be confirmed and the Chairman authorised to sign them as being a true record.

### **130/10-11 To consider any matters arising, not requiring a resolution.**

- a. Minute 111/10-11 b Sheep Lane Farm, Chale – The IW Council's Area Compliance Office (Central) had advised of the planned meeting with the legal department on 2 December, in order to gain an update on progress of all the matters she had requested for formal enforcement action. However due to the severe weather conditions this meeting had been cancelled. Therefore there was no further progress to report.
- b. Minute 111/10-11 c Coastal Footpath – The IW Council's Definitive Map Officer's response to the Parish Council's concerns was read out. It clarified that he was aware that the original footpath, as defined on the Definitive Map, had fallen away and explained that it was for that reason as to why the Coastal Path had been re-routed along C17. The IW Council did not consider

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it appropriate to contact the landowner at this time. However, should the landowner ever attempt to withdraw access over the part of his land, presently used as a footpath, then it was in the IW Council's view that it could be claimed a public right of way existed, due to the existence of the established path. A copy of this response was requested to be forwarded to Dr Mike Howell.

- c. Minute 115/10-11 a Sex Establishment Licensing Policy – Reference was made to the email response from Kevin Winchcombe, IW Council's Principal Licensing Officer. He considered that it would be impractical to provide in a policy document information/guidance to cover every eventuality. The policy provided clear guidance on the application process and as to who would be consulted.
- d. Minute 116/10-11 Neighbourhood Policing Panels – Councillors confirmed that they had received the email response of PC Neil Payne to the questions raised at the last meeting. It was noted that Cllr T Bryant had expressed an interest in being involved and his name had been forwarded to be included in the selection process for membership of the panel covering the Chale area. Cllr M Groves had met Harry Dea who had explained the details of the proposal. It appeared that this scheme was different to others in the past. Information gathered under a neighbourhood street mapping exercise would form the basis to enable the policing panels to prioritise three main issues for action.
- e. Minute 123/10-11 Eneco public exhibition – Cllr M Groves advised that he had attended, along with Cllr L Cumming, the public exhibition on plans for an offshore wind farm. It was suggested that a total of 173 turbines would be installed off the west coast of the island, which would be highly visible from the cliff edge. A study was taking place to determine the exact whereabouts for each turbine and a visual impression was available for information. The scheme was at a very early stage. A further presentation would be made at a later date.

### **131/10-11 To receive the signed declaration of acceptance of office from the Vice Chairman**

Due to absence of Cllr L Cumming, his signed declaration of acceptance of the office of Vice Chairman would be an agenda item for the meeting in January.

### **132/10-11 Town and Country Planning**

- a. The following decision taken by the Local Planning Authority since the last meeting of the Planning Committee was noted –

TCP/16823/G Upper Bramstone Farm, Chale Street, Chale – Conditional Planning Permission for the replacement of planning permission (P/02537/07 – TCP/16823/E) construction of detached building to provide timber store and staff w/cs; retention of car parking area) in order to extend the time limit for implementation.

- b. To confirm or not, that the 5 bay open fronted barn on land at Part OS parcel 9792, Gotten Lane, Chale has been removed in accordance with the decision of the Local Planning Authority on 28 July 2010 to refuse planning permission for its retention and completion thereof.

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## **RESOLVED :**

- i. THAT the IW Council's Area Compliance Officer be advised that the 5 bay open fronted barn on land at Part OS parcel 9792, Gotten Lane, Chale still remained standing despite the refusal of planning permission on 28 July 2010;
  - ii. THAT inquiries be made with the Local Planning Authority as to when the decision would be taken in respect of application TCP/27328/C - Part retention and completion of chalk hardstanding for storage of hay/straw and agricultural equipment on part OS parcel 9591, Gotten Lane, Chale, as comments had been requested by 13 August 2010.
- c. To consider what action to take in respect of building works at Gladdices Barn Councillors were informed that building works had commenced at the site. Building materials, including pipes had been delivered and scaffolding erected. However concern was raised that not all the conditions, as set out in the Planning Inspectorate's decision letter upholding the appeal, had been complied with.

## **RESOLVED :**

THAT the Local Planning Authority be requested to confirm that Conditions 2,6,7,8,13 and 14, as set out in the decision letter of the Planning Inspectorate dated 10 April 2007, have been undertaken.

### **133/10-11 To consider any implications for the Parish Council in the light of the reports to be presented to the meeting of the IW Council's Cabinet on 7 December 2010**

Cllr Mrs W Downes and Cllr M Groves provided a summary of the special meeting of IWALC, held on 22 November. IW Cllr David Pugh, the Leader of the Council and Mr Steve Beynon, the Chief Executive, had attended the meeting. They had made a presentation on the implications of the comprehensive spending review and the decisions that would need to be taken in relation to the future provision of services. It had been disappointing that no mention had been made of the IW Council's plans to identify some 700 persons at risk of redundancy or specific details of those services, which could be taken over by a parish council. Emphasis had been placed on the possible closure of public toilets, that no extra finances would be available to cover any services devolved to parish councils and the potential transfer of some responsibilities to parish councils under the Localism Bill.

Cllr Mrs W Downes provided an outline as to what was happening in her area of work involving adult social care. Councillors gave consideration as to the implications of the suggested budget cuts and if there was any role that the Parish Council could undertake.

## **RESOLVED :**

- i. THAT it be agreed to not enter into any dialogue regarding the future upkeep and maintenance of the Green;
- ii. THAT Cllr Mrs W Downes make an informal approach to Age Concern and Isobel Thorpe, the Older Persons Champion for Chale to seek their guidance as to the best way forward for the Parish Council to act as a 'Good Neighbour' to those most vulnerable in the village.

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## **134/10-11 Street Trading Consent**

- a. To consider the application for a Street Trading Consent for Julies Ices

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT no comment be made in respect of the application made by Julies Ices.

- b. The approval of the application submitted by Mr Malcolm Dyer, Trading as Chale Farm Ice Cream, at View Point Car Park, Blackgang, for a 3 month period between 10.00 and 18.00 hours, was noted.

## **135/10-11 To consider what response, if any, to make with regard to the following consultations:**

- a. Island Transport Plan consultation

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT no comment be made.

- b. Proposed changes to the IW Council's Charging Policy for Adult Social Care Services and Eligibility Thresholds

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT representation be made indicating the Parish Council's view that the removal of support from people with substantial needs would be very likely to significantly increase the risks to their health and safety in the home, resulting in critical intervention or hospital admission, both of which would be far more costly.

- c. Proposed relocation of Westminster House respite care service to the Gouldings and the Adelaide

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT representation be made indicating the Parish Council's disappointment that decisions were to be taken without undertaking proper and open consultation with the professionals at Westminster House. The re-location to a dark and dingy basement in Freshwater would have a detrimental effect on those in respite care as the resource was nowhere near other suitable facilities, such as the Riverside Centre.

## **136/10-11 To receive a progress report on the Chale Heritage Community Centre**

Cllr A Lock provided an update on progress, which was moving very swiftly. Mr Andrew Davidson, the Chair of the Chale Heritage Community Centre was working closely with Martin Johnson, of the IW Council's Partnership team. Company Status had been achieved and an application for Charity Status was in the final stages. The Business Plan for the Community Asset Transfer was also nearing completion. An application had been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund. Martin Simpson,

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owner of the Fossil Museum was content as to how the situation was progressing, as several opportunities to apply for grant funding had been opened up. A tour of the school building would take place on 9 December, to enable relevant persons to be reminded of the spaces available.

### **137/10-11 To receive an update on the sale of Chale Recreation Ground**

No progress had been made since the last meeting due to the unavailability of the adjacent landowner.

### **138/10-11 To receive a report from the Affordable Housing for Chale Working Party**

Cllr M Groves had apprised Sharon Packer, the Rural Housing Enabler as to the situation regarding the playground at the school.

### **139/10-11 To receive an update from the Parking and Signage Working Party**

There were no matters to report.

### **140/10-11 To receive a report from the Hoy Monument Working Party**

There were no matters to report.

### **141/10-11 To receive an update on the Chale Community Project**

Cllr M Groves made reference to the Chale mini bus project. In order that an application could be submitted for Leader funding, it would be necessary to broaden the scope of the use of the mini bus. This could be achieved by possibly including schemes in Chale, Niton and Whitwell that demanded the use of such a vehicle.

### **142/10-11 Correspondence**

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

Item c – Cllr M Groves had attended, along with Mr A Davidson. However, the person with knowledge of plans for Chale was absent due to illness and no-one else was available.

Item i – A representative of the Chale Community project would be attending.

Item r – A notice was displayed in the shop with the dates

Item bb – The expenditure limit of £6.44 per electorate under Section 137, for 2011/12 was noted.

### **143/10-11 To comment on the recommendations for an extension to the 30mph restrictions along the B3399 Chale Street**

Under the IW Council's new Speed Limit Policy a review of existing speed limits had been undertaken. The assessment of the B3399 had been completed, and whilst the average speed of vehicles and collision rate on the majority of the route showed that existing limits were appropriate, it had been identified that one section would likely benefit from a reduction in the speed limit. Councillors indicated that two collisions had taken place along this stretch of roadway, contrary to the advice provided by the IW Council's Highways and Transport section

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the proposals for an extension to the 30mph restrictions along the B3399 Chale Street, be welcomed.

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## **144/10-11 Clerks Report**

### Finance

- a. The interim budget to the end of November 2010 and the bank reconciliation with Statement No 16 were received and noted.
- b. To authorise payment of the following cheques  
000669, Post Office Ltd, Clerks salary for October  
000670, £67.50, Mrs B Herbert, Clerks Expenses  
000671, £19.56, Dog Bins for period November – December 2010, as payment was required within 30 days of 30 November.

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the above cheques be approved for payment.

- c. To consider the re-investment of funds from the maturing Halifax Guaranteed Reserve Account.

### **RESOLVED :**

THAT the sum of £7,759.90 be invested for one year in a Halifax Guaranteed Reserve Account

- d. The suggested draft Precept for 2011/12 was noted. A formal decision would be taken at the January meeting.

## **145/10-11 Report of Cllr D Stewart, the Ward member for Chale, Niton and Whitwell**

No report received.

## **146/10-11 Councillors' reports.**

Cllr Mrs W Downes advised of the rally organised to take place the following day at 5.00pm, outside County Hall to express discontent at the planned loss of services and jobs on the island.

Cllr M Groves highlighted that in the December issue of the Chale Mail the contact details of councillors had been omitted. The clerk was instructed to furnish the editor with updated details.

Cllr M Groves reported flooding at the bottom of Town Lane, due to blocked drains and Cllr W Downes mentioned the flooding in Blythe Shute, opposite to Sheep Lane.

Cllr M Groves advised of the need to purchase a new set of Christmas tree lights for the tree on the Green. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting, with the suggested cost set at a maximum of £90.00.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIRMAN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 9.25PM**

Signed -----

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