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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, 10 January 2011, commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Malcolm Groves (Chairman), Liam Cumming (Vice Chairman), Tony Bryant, Wendy Downes, Liz Groves, Alan Lock

In attendance:

Mrs Barbara Herbert, Clerk and RFO
Cllr David Stewart, the IW Councillor for Chale, Niton and Whitwell

There were no members of the public present.

147/10-11 Apologies

There were no apologies tendered.

148/10-11 Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Groves declared a Personal interest in Minute No 151/10-11 a, as he was the chair of the Steering Group for the Chale Community Project and the planning application fell within the scope of this project, and a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Minute 157/10-11, as the Parish Council's representative on the Chale Recreation Ground Association;

Cllr Mrs W Downes declared a Personal interest in Minute 151/10-11 a, as a member of the Chale Community Project Steering Group and a nearby resident of the proposed application;

Cllr W Cumming declared a Personal interest in Minute 151/10-11 a, as a member of the Chale Community Project Steering Group and a nearby resident of the proposed application;

Cllr T Bryant declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest in Minute 157/10-11, as the Parish Council's representative on the Chale Recreation Ground Association;

Cllr A Lock declared a Personal and Prejudicial interest as a Director of the Chale Heritage Community project.

149/10-11 To confirm and authorize the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 December and the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 13 December 2010

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December and the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary Meeting held on 13 December 2010, be confirmed and the Chairman authorised to sign them as being a true record.

150/10-11 To consider any matters arising, not requiring a resolution.

- a. Minute 130/10-11 b Sheep Lane Farm, Chale – The IW Council's Area Compliance Office (Central) had advised that she was unable to provide any update, although she was due to meet with colleagues from the legal section shortly and would then advise accordingly
- b. Minute 132/10-11b. i. 5 - Bay open fronted barn, Gotten Lane – The IW Council's Area Compliance Officer (Central) had been in communication with

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the planning agent acting for the developer. She had been informed of his client's intention to appeal the refusal decision. They had 6 months in order to log the appeal. If it was not done so within the time limit then discussion would ensue as to the expedience of initiating formal enforcement action. The clerk was requested to diarise this matter for 6 months from the decision date of 28 July 2010.

- c. Minute 132/10-11 b. ii Part OS land parcel 9591, Gotten Lane – The IW Council's senior planning officer had forwarded ongoing correspondence between himself and the applicant in respect of several matters of concern, which remained unresolved. A decision had not yet been issued and the senior planning officer advised he was rapidly moving to the position that without the necessary information requested, he would look at refusing the proposal. However, he was to offer the applicant one last chance to provide the information being sought.
- d. Minute 132/10-11 c Gladices Barn, Gladices Lane, Chale Green – The IW Council's Monitoring and Commencements Officer had acknowledged receipt of the Parish Council's inquiry regarding the site. He advised that due to the high workload this would be prioritised and investigated in due course. However, the Parish Council stressed that this was not a matter of complaint, rather that reassurance was being sought that the conditions set by the Planning Inspectorate had been complied with. The clerk was requested to clarify this with the IW Council and also send copies of the correspondence to IW Cllr D Stewart, for his information.
- e. Minute 143/10-11 Isle of Wight Speed Limit Review – B3399 – Mr Ian Middleton, of the IW Council's Transport Strategy section advised that the collision rate was based on data of recorded personal injury collisions held in their database. The period for review covered the full years between 2007-09 and during this period no collisions appeared in their search records. Mr Middleton understood that there may have been collisions that went unrecorded through no police involvement, but for consistency they only used the collision data available to them. Councillors expressed some concern over the validity of the data as a head-on crash had occurred on the first Saturday in August 2009, which had resulted in a hospital admission and police prosecution.
- f. Minute 144/10-11 b Urbaser Ltd – The clerk advised that she had received a service level agreement from Urbaser Ltd, which set out the responsibility of the Parish Council to ensure that the dog waste litterbin was not improperly used, overloaded, overfilled or damaged. The Parish Council would also have to make good any damage done to the bin.

151/10-11 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/apps dip/MakingComment sInfo.aspx>

TCP30381 Flats 1 – 16 St Edmunds, Spanners Close, Chale Green, Ventnor
– Householder Application for replacement windows and doors

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THAT no comment be made in respect of the Application TCP30381.

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

TCP/30191 Southdown Corner, Southdown Lane, Chale, Ventnor – Conditional Planning Approval for the proposed two storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation; dormer on north east elevation; detached double garage with roofspace storage area

152/10-11 To receive the signed declaration of acceptance of office from the Vice Chairman

RESOLVED :

THAT the signed declaration of acceptance of the office of Cllr W Cumming, the Vice Chairman be received.

153/10-11 To receive the Register of Financial and Other Interests from Cllr Alan Lock.

RESOLVED :

THAT the Register of Financial and Other Interests of Cllr A Lock be received.

154/10-11 Precept 2011/12

- a. To consider any implications for the Parish Council in the light of the letter from Cllr D Pugh dated 17 December

Reference was made to item n, in the list of correspondence received, which set out a draft list of those public conveniences the IW Council proposed for retention and those earmarked as surplus. Discussion ensued on the effect the closure of the toilets at Compton would have on the local community and the tourist industry.

Cllr D Stewart mentioned the options paper regarding the future of the library service on the island and made particular reference to recent meetings held at the Quay Arts Centre, Newport and one held in Niton. Cllr Stewart explained that as several volunteers had expressed an interest to run the service in Niton, it was very hopeful that the library would continue and could provide an example of community determination and commitment for other areas to follow.

Cllr W Downes advised that she was still seeking advise as to the best way forward to establish a Good Neighbour scheme, which could provide a network of advice for the elderly and those most vulnerable in the village.

RESOLVED :

- i THAT a response be made to the consultation on the future of public conveniences, with a copy to the chairman of Brighstone Parish Council, indicating that Chale Parish Council deplores the proposals for a reduced public toilet provision across the Island, specifically the potential withdrawal of the facilities at Compton. It considers this will have a severe and adverse impact upon the Island's tourism industry and the sports events and activities undertaken there, as well as creating problems for local residents. It was

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considered that the facilities were an important community asset, being situated in a very popular and well-used area of the coastline and some three to four miles away from any other toilet provision;

- ii THAT Cllrs M Groves and L Cumming attend the meeting, to be jointly hosted by the IW Council and IWALC on Tuesday, 11 January.

- b. To consider the draft Precept for 2011-12

During discussion of the suggested financial implications, as set out in the draft Precept proposal, thought was given to the benefits of rejoining IWALC. It was considered that the structure of the organisation had much improved under the leadership of the current chairman, Cllr Gill Kennett and that it would now be beneficial to reapply. Membership would also entitle free training on those courses run by IWALC.

RESOLVED :

- i. THAT it be agreed to maintain the current level of Precept, this being £8,600.00, for the financial year 2011-12;
- ii. THAT the Parish Council apply to rejoin IWALC with effect from 1 April 2011 at a cost of £88.20.

155/10-11 To consider the purchase of new Christmas tree lights up to a maximum cost of £90.00

RESOLVED :

THAT Mr D Whitehurst, the Honorary Tree Warden for Chale, be advised that approval had been given for the purchase of a new set of Christmas tree lights up to the maximum value of £90, for the tree on the Green.

156/10-11 Chale Heritage Community Centre

- a. To receive a progress report

Cllr A Lock advised that a meeting was to take place shortly with officers of the IW Council to determine the value of the site. An application was to be submitted for Heritage Lottery Funding. However, there was some slight confusion as to whether the scheme complied with the regulations for Lottery Funding, being as the Heritage Community Centre was a community asset transfer building.

- b. To consider the request received for a letter, to support the grant application bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund

Cllr A Lock having declared a personal and prejudicial interest withdrew from the meeting chamber and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

RESOLVED :

THAT a letter of support be sent to Mr Andrew Davidson, Chair of the Chale Heritage Community Centre.

Cllr A Lock returned to the meeting room.

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157/10-11 To Adjourn the Meeting

RESOLVED :

THAT in accordance with Standing Order 23r, the meeting be adjourned to enable PC Neil Payne and Police Sgt Richard Stapleton of the Local Safer Neighbourhood team to address the Parish Council on the establishment of a Local Action Group (LAG) within the community area covering the parishes of Wroxall, Godshill, Chale, Niton and Whitwell.

The Meeting was re-convened at 8.50pm.

158/10-11 To receive an update on the sale of Chale Recreation Ground

Cllrs M Groves and T Bryant provided an update on matters with respect to the adjacent landowners of the Recreation Ground and explained their recent change of position. Cllr M Groves and Bryant having previously declared personal and prejudicial interests withdrew from the meeting chamber, prior to any discussion or decision thereon.

Cllr L Cumming took the chair.

Councillors noted that members of the Recreation Ground Association were not content with the proposal now received from Mr & Mrs Dale over the sale of the portion of land, as identified in the previous garden licence and after due consideration thereby

RESOLVED :

THAT the Parish Council agree for the Recreation Ground to be purchased outright, with any subsequent sale of land to Mr & Mrs Dale to be dealt with at a later date.

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

159/10-11 To receive a report from the Affordable Housing for Chale Working Party

Cllr M Groves reported on the email correspondence with Ms Sharon Packer, the IW Council's Rural Housing Enabler regarding the potential for the school playing field site to be used for a small-shared ownership development. As the last Housing Need Survey was undertaken in 2006, Ms Packer advised that a further survey should be undertaken to confirm the current need. Providing the surveys were distributed by the end of January, this would enable sufficient time for their completion and return for data input, facilitating the compilation of the report by the end of March.

RESOLVED :

THAT it be agreed for a further Housing Need Survey to be undertaken to support any future proposal for a small-shared ownership development in Chale.

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160/10-11 To receive an update from the Parking and Signage Working Party
Reference was made to the new signing project, being undertaken by the IW Council's Rights of Way team, this year. Details were passed to Cllr T Bryant who would report back at the next meeting.

161/10-11 To receive a report from the Hoy Monument Working Party
There were no matters to report.

162/10-11 To receive an update on the Chale Community Project
Cllr M Groves advised of the meeting to take place the following day with representatives of the Department of Energy and Climate Change to consider the future direction of the project. The recent newsletter provided an update on work being undertaken.

163/10-11 To receive a report on the Chale Village Partnership
Cllr W Downes informed of the latest meeting. Vacancies still existed in the key leadership positions. Mr Tyerman was to meet with the editor of Chale Mail. The clerk to provide an up to date list of councillors and meeting dates for the next issue.

164/10-11 Report of Cllr D Stewart, the Ward member for Chale, Niton and Whitwell

Cllr D Stewart highlighted his priorities. He planned to develop a communications strategy to enable a two-way channel of information with local residents. A community meeting had already been held in Niton and Cllr Stewart questioned how best to organise one in Chale. A 6 monthly newsletter was also planned. Councillors, however, advised of the Chale Mail and suggested contact be made with the editor.

Cllr Stewart also planned to develop an Asset Retention scheme to prevent the loss of any other services that could come under pressure in the future. Cllr M Groves advised of the proposal for a shared use of a mini bus scheme, which he was to present to the February meeting of Niton and Whitwell Parish Council. Councillors mentioned how best Cllr Stewart could assist the Parish Council.

165/10-11 Correspondence
Correspondence received was listed in the report circulated with the agenda and updated at the meeting.

The clerk was requested to forward item y, the email regarding the new arrangements for planning applications, to Cllr D Stewart.

166/10-11 Clerks Report

Finance

- a. The interim budget to the end of December 2010 and the bank reconciliation with Statement No 17 were received and noted.
- b. To authorise payment of the following cheques
000672, Post Office Ltd, Clerks Salary for November
000673, £50.00, Mrs B Herbert, Clerks Expenses
000674, £35.25, The Island Copier Co Ltd, Quarterly contract

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THAT the above cheques be approved for payment.

167/10-11 Councillors' reports.

Cllr M Groves reported his attendance at a meeting organised by the Green Towns project.

Cllr M Groves advised of the changes to the Parish Portal, which had been undertaken without any reference to Parish and Town Councils.

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

Signed -----

Dated -----