

Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wed 10 May 2023**, commencing immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Liz Groves, Chris Parker, Dr Jeremy Lockwood.
IW Councillor: Claire Critchison
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
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WELCOME

Dave Stewart, Chairman, welcomed everyone present.

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CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairperson.

Nominated: Dave Stewart was nominated by Councillor Pete Gosling, seconded by Council Member Chris Parker.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Dave Stewart is duly elected Chairman

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VICE CHAIRPERSON

To elect a Vice Chairperson.

Nominated: Councillor Peter Gosling.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Peter Gosling is duly elected.

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APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence

RESOLVED: All Councillors present. Chairman advised that Councillor Dian McWilliam has resigned with immediate effect. Councillor Liz Groves submitted her resignation to council. Clerk advised council that the Council must now advertise the vacancies and give the electorate the opportunity of calling a by-election. This will be completed by the Clerk by the end of the week. The notices will be placed on the website and upon the two notice boards.

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DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests and written requests for dispensations on items forming the agenda

RESOLVED: None

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TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Chale Churchyard Committee

RESOLVED: Ward Councillor Critchison volunteered to re-present the Parish Council.

- Age Friendly Island

RESOLVED: To carry this vacancy temporarily.

- IWC Town and Parish Council Seminars

RESOLVED: Council Member Chris Parker.

- South Wight Parishes Health and Well-being Forum

RESOLVED: Council Member Dr Jeremy Lockwood.

- 59/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2023
RESOLVED: Minutes approved.
- 60/23 STANDING ORDERS**
To review the adoption of Standing Orders
RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders were reviewed and no amendments were required, and then approved
- 61/23 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**
To review the Financial Regulations
RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations were reviewed, and no amendments were required, and then approved
- 62/23 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)**
To review the policies and documentation required under GDPR.
10.1 Information and Data Protection Policy.
10.2 Consent to Hold Information.
10.3 Document Disposal and Retention Policy
10.4 Retention of Documents Appx A.
10.5 Removable Media Policy
10.6 Vexacious Policy
10.7 Audio Recording Policy
10.8 Gifts and Hospitality Policy.
RESOLVED: That all policies and documentation required under GDPR were reviewed And no amendments were required and then approved.
- 63/23 PLANNING**
A. To review and approve any Planing Applications;
1. NONE
RESOLVED: None
B. 23/00310/TW. Location: Springfield Town Lane Chale Ventnor Isle of Wight PO38 2JS.
Tree Works. Decision: **GRANTED.**
- 64/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS**
1 To note the bank reconciliation
RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation for April is noted
- 2 To note receipts and payments for May 2023
RESOLVED: The following payments were authorised.
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| Chq 1397 | WI Chale | Hall hire for April & May | £30.00 |
| 1398 | Community Action | Payroll | £619.03 |
| 1399 | Gallagher | Insurance renewal | £389.05 |
| 1400 | Michala Bailey | Clerk expenses | £91.50 |
| TOTAL | | | £1129.58 |
- 3 To approve the insurance renewal premium with effect from 1st June 2023
RESOLVED: Approved.

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REGISTER OF INTERESTS

Council Member Dave Stewart and Dr Jeremy Lockwood confirmed that new forms were completed and signed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to forward amended forms to Electoral services at IWC.

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PARKING ON COMMON LAND

Clerk advised Councillors that the letter asking residents not to park on the green has not yet been sent out due to waiting for confirmation from IWC and Police of their respective powers in dealing with this. Ward Councillor Critchison advised that the Open Spaces Society would happily assist with advising the legal way forward if required. There are 3 areas of concern. 1 vehicle is being parked near Spanners Close. One vehicle is already parking further up on the green and a second vehicle potentially belonging to the same household is now churning up the grass and creating a further parking area. On the opposite side of the road, near the old shop, a large vehicle is parking on the grass. It was agreed that residents may not know the boundary of the Common Land and this has to be explained.

RESOLVED: Clerk to chase IWC and Police. Clerk to contact Open Spaces.

Residents to be reminded of the exact area of common land and the rules and regulations surrounding it once the legal situation is known. Councillors to meet and do a site visit, see the problem for themselves and then write or speak to residents.

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COMMUNITY COMMUNICATION

Chairman raised the issue of how to communicate various issues going on in the village. This was raised at the Warm Space events. Councillors agreed that there are various issues that needed to be communicated to the residents but how to do this without incurring vast costs is an issue. The Chale Mail (not Parish Council led) was a great way to do this but unfortunately, this is a time-consuming job and requires an editor with time. Advertising was discussed to help fund this. Facebook was also discussed but realised that not all Chale residents are on Facebook.

RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that this was needed and agreed to set up a sub-committee to discuss further. Mike (website manager volunteered to sit on the committee.)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Clerk reminded Councillors that a village green event was muted in April. Councillors discussed running a joint event with the WI again due to the success of the Coronation picnic. All proceeds to help fund raise for the village hall which requires a substantial amount of money to paint and maintain the outside.

RESOLVED: All ideas to Dr Jeremy Lockwood.

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S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

To discuss funding requests.

RESOLVED: None received.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**1 The Clerk including correspondence received**

Clerk advised that there was still no response from Mr Rowland regarding the letter sent to him concerning speeding in the village. Contact with Southern Housing regarding a complaint of long grass in the children's play area at spanners close has been made. The Hoy Monument is now repaired thanks to Wight Contactors. Fencing and pins now need removing. A complaint of fly-tipping at Whale Chine has once again been received. IOW Pride have emailed asking us to purchase and fly their flag in July. Still awaiting a reply from IOW Police and IWC legal team regarding parking on the common land. A discussion on the NO MOW MAY effects on the common land/chale green took place. The grass is very long already and will look terrible at the end of the month.

RESOLVED: Clerk to forward copy of letter to Mr Rowland to WC Critchison. Councillors asked that a thank you gift be sent to Wight Contractors. Council member Gosling will remove pins and fencing at the Hoy over the weekend. Whale Chine has been checked by WC Critchison and Gosling for waste but nothing found. Email IOW Pride and advise we have no provision to fly a flag. Clerk to contact Mr Mathews at IWC to ask that next year the common land/green be cut at end of April so that NO MOW MAY does not have an adverse effect on the look of the green.

2 Parish Councillors

Council Member Gosling wished to thank Ward Councillor Critchison and her family for helping with the spring clean/ village litter pick event last month. He has also sourced a 9ft potted Christmas tree from the mainland for £90 delivered. There has been a complaint made regarding untidiness of private gardens in the village and asked if there was anything that can be done about this.

Council Member Parker asked whether WightFibre had contacted and updated council with their schedule of works as there was a lot of work happening at Blythe Shute. He also stated that the new planning enforcement policy circulated prior to the meeting was very confusing and required further explanation/clarification.

RESOLVED: Council Member Gosling to purchase potted Christmas tree and plant tree when delivered. Clerk to contact Paul Fuller (planning) and ask him to attend next meeting to clarify enforcement policy. Clerk to contact WightFibre for an updated schedule of works. Ward Councillor will also make contact with WightFibre.

3 Chairman

Chairman Dave Stewart wished to thank Wight Contractors for their time and generosity in repairing the Hoy Monument.

RESOLVED: None.

4 Ward Councillor Claire Critchison.

For the first time the Civic Ceremony of celebration was held in St Andrews Church, Chale and Claire wished to thank all those that attended. Claire was very pleased to attend the Chale Parish Council and WI celebration of the Kings Coronation on the 8th May. Claire also made enqs with Open Spacing Society about the parking on the green. Private gardens that are untidy should be reported to enforcement or environmental health. eh@iow.gov.uk. Litter bin doors at Blackgang will be replaced but further investigation into what can be done to stop wildlife getting into them must be looked into. Claire wished to thank all involved in the Coronation Event which was very successful and lovely for the village.

RESOLVED: None.

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QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Prior to the meeting the Clerk circulated information from the owner of the old school regarding the ongoing issues with the bus stop located immediately outside his property. Littering, people sitting on his steps waiting for the bus and now the issue with his daughters having to get thru lines of people at the bus stop to gain access into their property. Parcels go missing as they are left at the top of the steps. People leaving rubbish and the family dog is picking this up. The solution is to place private gates to stop people using his steps to stand off the road whilst they wait for the bus but this will push pedestrians into the road. He is concerned about this so the other option is to approach southern Vectis and ask for the bus stop to move further down the road. This will require views from the Parish Council who then refer to the IWC. Chairman wanted to know what the impact would be upon other residents, road users, the Wight Mouse and the church. What are the views from Southern Vectis? Council clarified that it is private land entirely that passengers are standing on to wait for the bus and whilst the resident does not mind this, the problems are now escalating. Forcing people onto the road is not his preferred option as there is a safer option.

RESOLVED: Resident to put issues in writing to the Council as Southern Vectis have advised resident to bring this to the council.

The meeting was then closed to the public at 2136.

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CHALER OF THE YEAR - EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

“That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and are instructed to withdraw”. (1960 Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act)

RESOLVED: A brief discussion took place between all Councillors present. A unanimous decision was made. The recipient will be invited and awarded at a future meeting.

Meeting Closed at 9.53PM.

Chairman.....
12th June 2023