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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Mon 11th December 2023**, commencing at 7.00pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Chris Parker, Dr Jeremy Lockwood
IW Councillor: Not Present
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
Public: 0

133/23 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Council Members Lynda Burroughs, Rodney Archer and Ward Councillor Claire Critchison sent apologies.

134/23 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

135/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the amended minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 9th Oct 23.

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th Nov 2023.

RESOLVED: No outstanding matters. Minutes approved

136/23 PLANNING

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A

RESOLVED: No applications to consider.

B: **23/01687/FUL.** Emmet Hill Farm. Hardstanding's to existing barns

Decision: Granted.

RESOLVED: Noted.

137/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for Nov 2023

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Dec 2023

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

Chq 1432	WI Chale – Hall Hire (Dec)	£15.00
1433	Community Action - Payroll	£1485.94
1334	Councillor Gosling – purchase of xmas tree	£134.00
1335	M Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£70.80

Total **£1705.74**

Clerk advised Council that the Payroll for December was due to a back dated payrise.

5.3 To discuss a further 1 year membership to the SLCC for the Clerk a a cost of £148.00.

RESOLVED: Council acknowledged and agreed the pay rise for the clerk in line with government guidelines. Council agreed to the membership and also asked the Clerk to explore the cost of the next SLCC national conference.

5.4 To note the increase of Grounds Maintenance charges for 2024/2025

Clerk advised that the increase will be approx. 5.95%. From £790 p.a to £837 plus vat for 12 cuts per year.

RESOLVED: Cost increase noted. Clerk to request details of cuts for 23/24 as there appeared fewer cuts during the summer due to the hot weather.

138/23 POLICY UPDATES

- 6.1 Health & Safety
- 6.2 Code of Conduct
- 6.3 Equality
- 6.4 Complaints
- 6.5 Publication Scheme
- 6.6 Remote Access

RESOLVED; All policies noted and agreed for 1 year.

139/23 COMMUNITY MAPPING – FAMILY HUBS

To discuss any known provision for families within the Parish for the information of the Barnardo's Support Worker.

RESOLVED: None in village. Clerk to advised accordingly but to advise of new SWAY hub and the potential for the future.

140/23 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Carols on the Green update. Due to the water on the green it may have to be moved to the old Shop front with the band in the old bus shelter. This will be looked at on the day. A gazebo will be erected if the event continues on the Green. Help from local residents warming the mince pies had been arranged. Carol sheets are being provided by the church and the Vicar will be attending.

RESOLVED: Council Members Gosling and Dr Lockwood will arrange to erect gazebo if the ground allows.

141/23 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

Scout Jamboree. Clerk circulated a letter from Alison Burt from IOW Scouts advising that 1 scout leader from Chale would be attending the Essex international Jamboree in July 2024 and was asking for support to finance this.

RESOLVED. Clerk to contact and ask if any Scouts or Girl Guides were attending the event from the village and report back to January meeting.

142/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk advised that the letter regarding the parking on the common Land/Green and a copy of a map outlining the area of the common land is now on the Parish website. A copy of the map has also been placed on the notice board outside the old shop. The Council Tax precept must be discussed at the January meeting or a separate meeting held as the IOW /council have asked for an early response this year. An invitation to the Gala Dinner and Charity Auction for Ability Dogs 4 young people has been received. Clerk has also spoken to The Wight Mouse regarding Defib training. The Mouse would like to have all its managers trained and are happy to host the training. Clerk is also aware of one mop who would like to be trained.

RESOLVED: Clerk to look at defib training cost and dates for February.

Parish Councillors. Council Member Dr Lockwood advised that the curry night went very well. He wished to thank the WI of Chale who made the hall look amazing with an Indian theme. He suggested another supported community evening in the new year.

Council Member Parker wanted to know if there was an update on the installation of WightFibre in the village.

Council member Archer provided a written update on the warm hub events advising that whilst they were not well attended he felt it was worth running something like a surgery in the new year on a Saturday morning which he is happy to run.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact WightFibre and ask for update.

Chairman – Dave Stewart.
RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

Ward Councillor – Report was forwarded to Clerk prior to the meeting and circulated to all Councillors.

143/23 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
RESOLVED: NONE.

The meeting concluded at 8.20pm