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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024**, commencing at 7.00pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

**Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Chris Parker, Lynda Burroughs  
& Dr Jeremy Lockwood  
**IW Councillor:** Not Present  
**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey  
**Public:** 2

**138/24 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: Ward Councillor Claire Critchison sent apologies.**

**139/24 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**

**140/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 and the finance meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024.

Clerk advised that the Phone Box will be due for delivery and fitting in February all being well.

**RESOLVED: Minutes agreed.**

**141/24 PLANNING**

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A NONE

**RESOLVED: No applications to consider.**

B: NONE

**RESOLVED: None to consider.**

**142/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation Nov 2024

**RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.**

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Dec 2024

**RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:**

Chq 1492	Chale WI- Hall Hire (DEC)	£15.00
1493	Chale WI – Hall hire food pantry (Nov)	£75.00
1494	Community Action – Payroll (DEC)	£746.13
1495	SLCC – Clerk yearly membership	£150.00
1496	P.Gosling – Christmas Tree	£245.00
1497	M.Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£81.05

**Total** **£1312.18**

5.3 To discuss future membership of SLCC for Clerk

The Clerk advised Council that the yearly membership was due and still of great benefit to the clerk for advice and training.

**RESOLVED: Membership agreed.**

5.4 To discuss opening of new savings account.

Council Member Parker advised Council that the Public Sector Deposit Fund would not be suitable for the Council savings as it was based upon investments. Clerk has researched other savings accounts and the best option so far was with the Hampshire Trust Bank.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to open savings account with HTB and transfer £14k into it.**

#### **143/24 POLICY REVIEWS**

- 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.**

#### **144/24 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

Chairman advised that no applications for the council Member vacancy had been received. However, Mr Andrew Burroughs, who has previous experience serving on Chale Parish council for many years had agreed to step into the vacancy should no other applications be received. Mr Burroughs was present and was asked to vacate the room whilst Council Members discussed the co-option. Concerns was raised with regards to a husband and wife both serving upon the council and possible perceived conflict however, it was agreed that on balance Mr Burroughs has a lot to offer the residents and Parish Council due to his experience.

**RESOLVED: Deputy Chairman nominated Mr Andrew Burroughs to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Council Member Dr Jeremy Lockwood and supported by the Chairman, Mr Dave Stewart.**

**Mr Andrew Burroughs was welcomed to the council.**

#### **145/24 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OF THE GREEN**

Clerk advised Council that numerous emails had been sent to the IWC due to the misleading wording of the contract and its inference of Grounds Maintenance not just grass cutting. Ward Councillor Critchison has also intervened and had received a response whereby the IWC say the contract is for up to 12 cuts per year and any additional work will be billed. In addition, the Clerk has now received a letter from the IWC advising that there will be an increase in service charge for next year. Clerk has sent a lengthy email to the service manager and the service director asking for a site meeting but as yet no responses has been received!!!! In respect of quotes/tenders for cutting back of the overgrowth, only one has been received. Council members discussed the quote and agreed to pay for the cutting back on this occasion but to continue with the dispute with the IWC and agree a way forward for next year. Clerk advised that there was no budget for this work but money could be vired/reallocated from the car park maintenance budget.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange for the overgrowth to be cut back and use the remaining £298 from the grounds maintenance budget and VIRE/re-allocate £644 from the car park maintenance budget.**

#### **146/24 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

All events noted. The WI coffee morning is on the 21<sup>st</sup> DEC and not the 23<sup>rd</sup> DEC as agenderd. The Christmas tree is now up, lights on and the Carols on the Green event is ready. Council Member Dr Lockwood will purchase the mulled wine. The food pantry is well attended and some are being very generous and giving some/all of their purchases to the helpline.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to send the Coastal TEAMS meeting login to Council member Andrew Burroughs.**

#### **147/24 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS**

**RESOLVED: None Received.**

## 148/24 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

**The Clerk.** The Clerk circulated her report to Council Members prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED: None**

**Parish Councillors:** Council Member Lynda Burroughs advised that the WI tree was now up at the IOW Pearl and all donations are going to the Daisy Bus. She hoped that members would support and visit. The WI are also promoting the Food Pantry and trying to get people to join and use. Council Member Andrew Burroughs will continue to jointly, with the Clerk, look at a PC facebook page.

Council Member Parker updated the situation with the Church Clock. He also asked if anyone knew what was happening at the old Chale Service Station as there were lots of cars still on the front. A loss of a great asset to the village. A reminder that the Carol service at St Andrews Church will be held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 3pm.

Council Member Dr Lockwood asked that consideration be given to put notices up regarding fireworks. During November, fireworks were being let off without regard for livestock, thatched properties and pets. With Christmas and New Year approaching the likelihood is more will be used. Whilst there is no time now perhaps this could be looked into for next year reminding people of the legislation. Also, a date and discussion over the next fundraiser to be agenderd for January. Deputy Chairman Gosling mentioned the increased traffic in Corve Lane due to the change of use of the buildings to holiday lets and a glamping/camp site. Whilst this is not within Chale Parish perhaps contact could be made with Shorwell to see what their thoughts are.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to liaise with CM AB regarding facebook. Clerk to make contact with Shorwell PC and WC Critchison over Corve Lane issue.**

### **Chairman – Dave Stewart.**

Chairman has been invited to the SWAY event at the IOW Pearl as they have received the Kings Award. The new hub is now delayed due to underground pipework issues.

### **Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison**

Ward Councillor Critchison circulated the below report prior to the meeting:

#### **Food Pantry**

*The Food Pantry is continuing to be popular with more customers signing up each week. There is a new pantry opening in Shalfleet, also on a Friday. As they will be coming straight from Shalfleet to Chale it is proposed to move the time to 12.30-1.30pm. They will be asking existing customers about this change over the next few weeks. Any changes would not happen until the new year.*

#### **Grounds maintenance**

*There have been several email communications with the Public Realm service manager to ascertain details of what the Chale Green maintenance contract includes. The contribution of £837.00 is for amenity grass cutting. This does not include hedges, or other undergrowth. If Chale Parish Council would like these items to be added for next year, they can calculate the additional contribution. A site visit from the team is requested to enable a better understanding of the additional maintenance required.*

#### **Cycling and Walking Plans**

*The Isle of Wight Council wants to hear from residents and local groups about new plans to improve cycling and walking routes across the Island. The authority is looking to adopt four Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) within the Island Plan. The plans have been developed in close collaboration with local communities, parish and town councils as well as various local groups and organisations. The draft LCWIPs under consideration cover the following areas:*

- Bay Area
- Bembridge, Brading and St Helens
- Cowes, Northwood and Gurnard
- East Cowes and Whippingham

*The consultation is open until 5pm on Friday, 17 January 2025. After this, the council will review the comments and aim to adopt the plans in February. For more information on how to respond and to view copies of the draft SPDs, please visit the Supplementary Planning Document consultations page on the council's website.*

**149/24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Mr Ron Groves advised that he has received an extremely generous (anonymous) donation of toy vouchers to the value of £120.00 to the helpline which will be distributed accordingly. Ron also advised that he is also promoting the food pantry and has often taken residents to it to collect goods. Ron was thanked by all Members for his continuing work with the helpline.

**RESOLVED: None**

The meeting concluded at 9.07pm

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