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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025**, 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 & Andrew Burroughs  
**IW Councillor:** Claire Critchison  
**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey  
**Public:** 1

Mr Vince Ward, Future IOW could not attend the meeting to give a short presentation and sent his apologies.

**13/25 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: None**

**14/25 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: Council Member Chris Parker declared an interest in item 4A, as the planning applicant was a personal friend. Chairman advised that CP would not be able to discuss or vote on the matter.**

**15/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

**RESOLVED: Minutes agreed. Clerk advised that the clearance on the Green is now complete. WC Critchison suggested sending before and after photos to the local press so show the good work being done by the PC.**

**16/25 PLANNING**

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A. 24/01925/HOU. Chale Bay Farm, proposed 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension with Juliet balcony.

**RESOLVED: The applicant of the proposal was in attendance and did disclose that some minor amendments had been made in consultation with the planning officer, render not wood, larger windows in keeping with existing and the chimney breast will remain. Council Members had already discussed this application at January's meeting and were still happy with the plans. There have been no complaints to the PC about the plans. 5 Council Members all agreed that there were no objections. Clerk to advise planning accordingly.**

B: NONE

**RESOLVED: None to consider.**

## 17/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation Jan 2025

**RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted. Clerk advised that the cheque for the Hampshire Trust savings account had not been received and to prevent the account being closed, a £1 BACS payment had been made into the account. The original cheque has been stopped and confirmed by Lloyds Bank. A second cheque will be presented at the meeting.**

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Feb 2025

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

BACS 23/1/25 Hampshire Trust Bank	£1.00
Chq 1506 HTB – Parish Savings Acct(replace lost chq)	£13999.00
1507 Chale WI- Hall Hire (FEB)	£15.00
1508 Chale WI – Hall hire food pantry (Jan)	£60.00
1509 Community Action – Payroll (Feb)	£746.13
1510 Brighstone Landscapes – green maintenance	£1400.00
1511 X2 Connect – Bal of phone box replacement	£8390.00
1512 M.Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£46.80

**Total £24697.93**

5.3 To Discuss and ratify Council Tax Precept for 2025/26

Clerk had received and circulated the Tax Base letter from IWC along with a detailed explanation of options available. 4 Votes to request £18500, 1 vote to request £18000 and 1 vote to go with the majority had been received by email from Council Members. The precept was submitted to IWC (deadline by 10<sup>th</sup> Feb). This will mean the average band D property will see a reduction in their PC part of their Council Tax bill and £1560 will be taken from reserves to meet the set budget of £20060.

**RESOLVED: £18500 precept request ratified.**

## 18/25 SPEED REVIEW UPDATE

As per Jan meeting, the Clerk wrote to Councillor Phil Jordan, Donna Jones (PCC) and the author of the speed review, Mr Ian Middleton of Island Roads, advising that the review was flawed in that Chale Street had not been mentioned in the report but Chale Lane was. Replies from Cllr Jordan, Donna Jones and Mr Middleton had been received and were discussed. Mr Middleton advised that Chale Street had been included and that the average speed was 33mph and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 39mph, along with low road incident data, no recommendations would be made, however, a further speed data collection has been requested. Further to this, the clerk did have a meeting with the Traffic Management Officer of Hants Constabulary, who explained why there is a section of Chale Street with a 40mph speed limit. He explained that due to the lack of properties in the 40mph area a buffer zone had been created to warn drivers that they were in fact entering a danger zone (i.e 30mph limit) and would cause them to slow down bearing in mind the amount of properties and junctions in that section of road. This is common place. With the road incident data logged in that section in the last 5 years, 1 slight injury RTI with 1 vehicle and 1 pedestrian, a reduction in speed would not be considered necessary. This falls in line with the IWC recommendations.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to write and thank all those who replied. Clerk to ask what recommendations could be considered for the Newman land junction and would a road narrows sign/speed reactive sign be prudent in the 40mph zone.**

## 19 /25 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All events noted. Council Member Gosling advised that the mobile pantry has become popular with new members each week. Clerk advised that the Bus and Rail Users Group meeting is on the 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1115, Newport Methodist Church Hall should anyone wish to attend on behalf of the PC. Council Member Dr Lockwood suggested another joint venture with the WI in late April, a Moroccan evening has been suggested.

**RESOLVED: WC Critchison to forward minutes of BRUG meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> March if no one is able to attend.**

## **20/25 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS**

No requests were received. Council Member Chris Parker gave an update on the church clock repair situation. A total of £18700 has been quoted. CP to monitor situation as this is a true asset to the village and fundraising avenues should be explored.

**RESOLVED: None Received.**

## **21/25 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

**The Clerk.** The Clerk circulated her report to Council Members prior to the meeting. In addition to what was previously minuted, the speed reactive sign at Chale Green has been reported to Island Roads as defective, along with the issue of parking on the grass verge opposite Lea Bank. This is maintained by Island Roads who have visited the site and will reinstate it back to grass, however, in addition, they noticed that the layby is not an official one and will also be reinstated back to grass. This will cause problems with parking on the road/bend. Clerk also advised that once the balance of the damaged phone box replacement is received the new box will be delivered and installed. The Clerk also mentioned an email from a company called KEERT, who deliver for the food pantry. They have requested a space whereby they can have 24/7 access, space to their bike should the PC feel that a delivery service would be an asset.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Sovereign Housing in relation to the parking issue at Lea Bank. Clerk to write to KEERT and acknowledge letter but to advise that at present there is lack of need.**

**Parish Councillors:** Council Member Andrew Burroughs attended the Coastal meeting and agreed that it was very informative. This meeting was predominantly on Ventnor coastal defence scheme but land slippage at St Lawrence and Leeson Road were mentioned. The next meeting is in 3 months time. In addition, the Chale Parish Council facebook page is in its final stages. Clerk and Andrew to meet before next meeting to finalise.

Council Member Linda Burroughs mentioned to problem with the ditches being dug out but spoils being left on side of road and being pushed back in by passing traffic. Also, there will be another talk by Dr Ruth on Food from the Past on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan at 7pm. Tasters will be provided. Tickets paid for at the door.

Councill Member Gosling has received a complaint from mop regarding the milestones, which are listed, being dirty and needing attention.

**RESOLVED: Facebook page for March Agenda. Clerk to place poster of WI event on website. Clerk to get quotes for milestones.**

**Chairman – Dave Stewart.** Nothing to report.

**RESOLVED: None**

## **Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison**

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

CLLr community catch up/surgery sessions.

Shorwell: Friday 14 th March 10.30-11.30am, The Crown

Chale: Friday 14 th & 28 th February 1-2pm Chale Village Hall (Chale food pantry)

Niton: Wednesday 2 nd April 10.30 – 11.30am. The Exchange

## **Speed Review**

I have contacted officers in the highways team and have had the following response.

I can confirm that I have asked for the details of any traffic surveys undertaken on this section of Chale Street and for a summary from the Road Safety Engineer. Once I have these I will be able to come back with an informed response'. I will also be asking for another monitor to be placed on the middle 40mp stretch of Chale Street. Could the Parish Council please confirm where they would like this to be situated.

### **Scams**

There are very high numbers of reports of suspicious emails relating to cold weather payments schemes, such as the Winter Fuel Payment. The emails purport to be from various agencies, such as HMRC, and instruct you to make a claim “using the link provided”. The links lead you to phishing websites created by criminals, designed to steal personal and financial information. Please check with the organisation before responding to any messages. Don’t use the number or address in the message - use the details from their official website. Your bank (or any other official source) will never ask you to supply personal information via email. Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service @phishing.gov.uk

### **22/25 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A question was asked whether to replacement phone box outside the Church will require a new application for listed status? Clerk advised that it would not as it was an exact replica and this has been agreed by IWC.

**RESOLVED: None**

The meeting concluded at 8.35pm