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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wed 11th January 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: 17

01/23 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Councillor Liz Groves, Dian McWilliam and Ward Councillor Claire Critchison sent apologies.

02/23 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

03/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th Dec 2022.

RESOLVED: No outstanding matters. Minor typos discussed and Minutes approved.

04/23 PLANNING

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

Chairman Stewart commenced by advising members of the public that questions would be allowed at this stage of the meeting. He then went on to explain the Planning material considerations that the Parish Council would be using to assist with their decision-making process for each application.

A1 **22/01897/HOU**: Location: Milston Chale Street Chale Ventnor Isle of Wight PO38 2HF

RESOLVED: No Objections raised to application A1

A2 **22/02246/FUL**. Location: Land Rear Of Maricourt, Town Lane, Chale.

Several members of the public raised concerns regarding this proposed development. A summary of those concerns are: Technical errors on the application. Loss of privacy. No School, inadequate transport and no need for affordable housing in that location. Concerns that properties would be purchased as 2nd or holiday homes. Grounds for refusal of last application have not been addressed. Safety of road users and residents due to increase of traffic. Urban sprawl in an AONB area. Setting a precedent for future green field development. Underwhelming and incorrect Ecological report as there is a definite wildlife corridor. The suggested conversion of the lane leading to Myrtle Cottage to a one way system is flawed as the existing residents would then have to drive through the new development to exit onto Town Lane. What does affordable mean. House prices in Chale are already high and just because the properties will be marketed as affordable does not mean they are.

RESOLVED: Clerk to place an objection to this proposal based upon material considerations not being met.

B **22/01936/CLPUD** Location: Pelhams Town Lane Chale Ventnor Isle of Wight PO38 2JS

RESOLVED: Refusal of application B was noted.

05/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for Dec 2022

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Jan 2023

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

Chq 1375	WI Chale – Hall Hire (Dec)	£ 15.00
1376	Community Action – Payroll	£ 583.93
1377	M.Bailey – Clerk expenses	£ 62.08

Total **£ 661.01**

5.3 To discuss 2023 Budget. Clerk advised that there would be some savings from 2022/2023 budget but that some areas were given a zero budget and would need addressing For next year. Clerk training, office equipment and Clerk pay needed to be reviewed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to look at figures for replacement office laptop, printer and training events required and present at Feb meeting. Clerk public sector pay rise is pending at present.

06/23 MEETING DATES 2023-2024

Dates for 2022/23 presented by Clerk allowing for bank holidays, clerk annual leave and HM Kings Charles III Coronation.

RESOLVED; Dates agreed and to be published on Parish Website.

07/23 WIGHTFIBRE

Clerk circulated emails from WightFibre in relation to the complaint about size and colour being Installed in the village. Councillors not happy with reply on schedule of works and date of completion as 3 different responses received!

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Mr John Irvine and request definitive date.

08/23 COMMON LAND – OLD CHALE GREEN STORES

A meeting was held on site with Planning Enforcement on the 13th December. The issue of potentially losing 4 spaces was highlighted. It was suggested that a further planning application would have to made to change the layout and to discuss with IWC parking services who is responsible and who would cover the cost. Both residents of the old house and shop have been spoken to and their intention to place a boundary fence discussed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to arrange a meeting with Parking Services.

09/23 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RESOLVED: None. Chairman wished to thank Councillor Pete Gosling for arranging the Carols around the Christmas tree event and everyone else involved.

10/23 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

RESOLVED. None received.

11/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. The 2016 agreement between IWC and CPC regarding the maintenance of the Green is still outstanding but contact from Mr Mathews and Mr Thorne has been received regarding this.

An informal meeting has been arranged on the 16th Jan at 7pm in relation to the cost-of-living crisis and how Chale PC can reach out to those in need.

Clerk advised that and independent health advocacy has emailed asking to display posters.

Clerk asked Council member Dr Lockwood to remove expired defib pads at Stubbing's at the end Of January. New pads are already in the box.

Clerk confirmed that Chris Parker and Dr Lockwood are now signatories on the Chale Parish Council bank account for the purpose of signing cheques only.

RESOLVED. Clerk to contact Wendy and John Hardy and invite to meeting on the 16th. Councillors agreed to placing posters on notice boards for the advocacy. Dr Lockwood to check defib at Stubbing's.

Parish Councillors. Council Member Parker highlighted the 3 inconsistent responses from WightFibre were unacceptable and asked for a definitive answer.

RESOLVED: As minute 07/23

Chairman – Dave Stewart. Chairman Stewart discussed the receipt of an email from the Voluntary Community Social Enterprise Support service. The email highlighted the shortfall in Council funding for the service and what Parish and Town Councils could do financially to assist. A deficit of £40 for Chale Parish was requested. The email was not specific in how this service works within the parish other than it appeared that monies previously received was spent on training volunteers.

RESOLVED: Clerk to respond to VCSE email declining financial assistance due to lack of specific information in relation to the Parish of Chale.

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

12/23 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The issue of growing a Christmas Tree was raised to save money and help with sustainability.

RESOLVED: Councillor Gosling has already looked at purchasing a rooted tree but was unable to find one of a decent size. However, having spoken to local growers, it has been suggested that growing Christmas trees takes a lot of work, pruning to gain shape. This may not be achievable in the long term as the Parish rely on the goodwill of residents/Councillors to do this.

The meeting concluded at 9.14pm