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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 13th Jan 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
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The meeting commenced with a short presentation from Teresa Brimble-Brennan from the Supporting family's office at the IWC. She advised that there is funding available should the PC wish or know of any group/organisation that may wish to start up any new provision for families, children or young people up to the age of 21. Certain criteria must be met and the closing date is the end of January.

01/25 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: None

02/25 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: None

03/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th DEC 2024

RESOLVED: Minutes agreed.

04/25 PLANNING

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A NONE

RESOLVED: No applications to consider.

B: NONE

RESOLVED: None to consider.

05/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation Dec 2024

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Jan 2025

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

Chq 1498	Chale WI- Hall Hire (JAN)	£15.00
1499	Chale WI – Hall hire food pantry (Dec)	£45.00
1500	Community Action – Payroll (DEC)	£746.13
1501	Dr J Lockwood- xmas carols expenses	£29.79
1502	P.Gosling – xmas carols expenses	£12.50
1503	M.Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£105.08
1504	Hamp Trust Bank- PC Savings Acct	£14000.00
1505	Brightstone Landscapes – green maintenance	£942.00
Total		£15895.50

5.3 To set budget for 2025/26

Clerk presented a forecast expenditure for 25/26 to Councillors. Ringfenced money was discussed for the Hoy monument, running cost for the hut, Connect 4 Communities food bank grant, public donations. Clerk also pointed out that there is an increase in the cost of bin emptying and grass cutting. The Clerk salary increase/national pay rise is unknown. However, due to the recent budget of NI contributions base being lowered for employers the Parish will now have to pay NI for the Clerk of approx. £600.

Clerk also advised Councillors that the tax base formula has not been issued by the IWC but was imminent and that the precept amount must be with the finance team at the IWC by the 26th February so the precept can be placed on the agenda for the February meeting.

RESOLVED: Budget agreed and set for £20060.

06/25 Meeting Dates 2025-2026

Clerk advised that it is still unknown if there will be local elections this year so the AGM in May will have to be confirmed at a later date.

RESOLVED: Dates agreed and to be published once May AGM date known.

07/25 SPEED REVIEW UPDATE

The speed review carried out in 2024 was put before the IWC on the 9th Jan. Chale Street and Town Lane were on that review but were not being recommended for speed reduction or calming measures. The Chairman invited m.o.p, Mr Mortimer to speak, due to his continued support of safety measures and continuous correspondence with Councillor Phil Jordan in previous months. JM advised that there have been 2 incidents requiring Air Ambulance, 3 near misses, a horsebox and transit van near collision that he is aware of. The IWC own criteria is that there should be no more than 30mph speed limit in any village! So what box are we not ticking? The Police & Crime Commissioner is also a supporter of the SWAY build project, which, when up and running will bring more traffic into the village. Ward Councillor Critchison has spoken to PJ and asked for further speed data collection.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to IWC, Island Roads, Police and PCC requesting FOI information of speed data, RTI etc. Also write to PCC asking for support in this matter.

08/25 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OF THE GREEN - UPDATE

Clerk advised that most of the overgrowth is now cleared. There is still a large area to be done BUT this is another cost of £1200 + vat. Once this is completed the IWC will then maintain at an extra cost of £240 + vat p.a. Council Members agreed to get the extra land cleared and then to agree to the IWC additional yearly cost to maintain.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact BS to get extra overgrowth cleared and confirm to IWC for yearly fee.

09/25 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All events noted. Council Member Gosling advised that the mobile pantry opening times is now 1230-1.30 every Friday

RESOLVED: Clerk to update PC website with new pantry times.

10/25 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

RESOLVED: None Received.

11/25 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk circulated her report to Council Members prior to the meeting. Clerk asked that a member of Council sign into the meeting on the 16th regarding the recent IWC decision on devolution. Road closures were discussed. There will be several throughout Jan-march. The Clerk also mentioned that a late planning application for Chale Bay Farm had come into the office today and would councillors require an extra meeting to discuss as the cut off for comment is the 10th Feb. Council Members discussed the application and decided to discuss further on the 10th Feb, however, on first perusal there is no objection. The Clerk also read an email from a m.o.p regarding the

parking issue opposite Lea Bank, and that the grass area is being churned up by cars parking on it. The sender of the email asked if CPC could pay for an additional parking area. Finally the Clerk advised that Shorwell PC had been contacted regarding the planning at Corve Farm. They were not aware of any issues or breaches.

RESOLVED: Clerk to register CPC initial thoughts on Chale Bay Farm but to reiterate that the final decision will be registered on the 11th FEB (after the council meeting on the 10th). Clerk to raise Lea Bank issue to IWC and Island Roads. Clerk to contact Planning/enforcement regarding the potential breaches at Corve Farm.

Parish Councillors: Lynda Burroughs advised that she had responded to the school closure consultation. Andrew Burroughs advised that both the Coastal meeting and Affordable housing meeting was cancelled and he is awaiting new dates. Chris Parker advised that the Church clock has now been looked at by specialists, today, and some minor repairs were made but it does require a substantial overhaul. The quote for that will be sent to the church.

RESOLVED: None

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.

Niton: Wednesdays 05/02/25 02/04/25 30/04/25

Chale: Friday 17th & 31st January 1-2pm Chale Village Hall (Chale food pantry)

Evening community update meeting (date to be confirmed)

Speed review

The speed review report is now available. It includes a proposed 20mph through Shorwell Village and a reduced speed limit on the Whitwell to Ventnor Road. As well as recommending more police enforcement.

I will get further details on what is planned and any implementation timescales.

It was never going to go far enough and does not meet the expectations of many residents but as with all reports I will work with what we have, to get the best results for the areas in the ward. Speeding is one of the main reasons I am contacted by residents so I am sure many will welcome reduced limits in built up areas and on roads that are narrow/bendy.

Roadworks

There has been a lot of roadworks taking place in the villages and there will be more in the coming months.

Island Roads on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council give notice that between Friday 17 January 2025 and Friday 18 March 2025 the following roads will be closed at all times for a period of approximately one to 3 days within this period, or when the works have been completed, to enable carriageway maintenance and investigation works to be undertaken.

These works may include carriageway and footway reconstruction, resurfacing works, reflective stud work and lining works. In some cases, it may be necessary to close these sections of roads on more than one occasion within this timeframe. Exact dates, durations and access information will be communicated to affected businesses and residents via letter and on street advanced warning signs before the scheme commences. Adverse weather will have an impact on this programme:

Kingston Road, Shorwell, Isle of Wight (Temporary Road Closure and Parking Restrictions) Order No 1 2025 – Kingston Road will be closed for its entire length.

Appleford Road, Chale, Isle of Wight (Temporary Road Closure and Parking Restrictions) Order No 1 2025 – Appleford Road will be closed for its entire length.

Billingham Shute, Shorwell, Isle of Wight (Temporary Road Closure and Parking Restrictions) Order No 1 2025 – Billingham Shute will be closed for its entire length.

Emmett Hill

Emmett Hill there is a job in the system to dig out the verge in order to fully access a gully

which may require a new frame and cover. The closure is currently scheduled between 27 – 29 January.

Hopefully this will help ascertain the cause of, and alleviate, flooding in the area.

Waste survey

The Isle of Wight Council has launched its annual recycling and waste survey, inviting residents to share their views and suggestions on how to enhance recycling efforts and minimise waste across the Island.

The survey will run for six weeks closing on Thursday, 23 January 2025.

www.iow.gov.uk/waste

Budget consultation

The annual budget consultation is now underway — These views will help shape the draft budget for the 2025/26 financial year.

Each year the council is required to balance its budget so that spending does not exceed income from council tax, grants and other sources.

Residents are encouraged to complete the consultation survey and have their say by Sunday, 26 January. Responses are anonymous and the survey should take no more than ten minutes to complete.

English Devolution White Paper

There has recently been a cabinet decision on devolution plans. Two things are clear to me:

1. The Island must retain a self-governing authority amidst the government restructure.
2. We need money... and quick.

Both of which - in my mind - can be accomplished by getting onto the priority track for devolution. I'm saying this as someone not particularly convinced about strategic regional mayors. But this is happening whether any of us like it or not.

The council budget next year is stark, and the costs of adult social care continue to rise at an increasing rate that we cannot sustain as a single council.

Any plan needs to ensure powers are handed down - not up - but what's clear is it will bring additional and much needed funding, so for that reason I think we must move forward with it. There may be a delay to the local council elections. This would be unfortunate, and I hope that they will happen as planned but I do not have confirmation at the time of writing. The IW Council expects a decision by the end of January.

**12/25 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
RESOLVED: None**

The meeting concluded at 9.21pm