



Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022**, commencing at 7pm.  
The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

**Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Dian McWilliam, Chris Parker.  
**IW Councillor:** Claire Critchison  
**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey  
**Public:** 2

The meeting was opened with a short presentation by Mr Jim Fawcett, IWC, in relation to the current situation with installation of Electric Vehicle Charging units on the Island. By the end of 2022 the IWC hope to have 60 charge points (various types) installed across the Island. The IWC will be producing a consultation document which will be disseminated to all Councils for feedback. Councillors advised Mr Fawcett that a charging point within the village would be advantageous. It was agreed that Parish Councillors would assist the IWC in identifying properties within Chale that do not have the benefit of off-road parking as this is one of the concerns of the project.

**RESOLVED: Councillors Gosling and Parker will map those properties without driveways and forward to IWC. Clerk to contact SWAY to ask whether they will consider a EV charge point at the new SWAY HUB.**

**71/22 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: Councillor Liz Groves not present and apologies sent.**

**72/22 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**

**73/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th June 2022.

**RESOLVED: Approved.**

**74/22 PLANNING**

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A: **22/01100/HOU:** Butterfly Cottage 4 East View Cottages, East View Lane, Chale, Ventnor Isle Of Wight PO38 2JP Proposal: Demolition of existing side extensions; proposed replacement Single storey side extensions.

**RESOLVED: No objections raised.**

B: **22/00677/HOU** Location: The Crest Blythe Shute Chale Ventnor Isle Of Wight PO38 2HJ Proposal: Proposed outbuilding to form workshop.

**22/00746/HOU** Location: Selborne Pyle Shute Chale Ventnor Isle Of Wight PO38 2LE. Demolition of conservatory; proposed single storey front extension; front and rear porches; alterations to include new box bay window and cladding; proposed potting shed.

**RESOLVED: Both noted.**

## 75/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for June 2022

Councillors discussed that the £8210 held for Hoy Monument was insufficient for the potential repairs and that this should be re-visited to ascertain an up-to-date picture of the issue. Further discussion took place regarding the current funds for helping residents with the cost-of-living crisis, in particular how to access those people. It was felt that making contact with GP Surgeries or Health visitors/district nurses may help with this.

**RESOLVED: Noted and agreed. Clerk to contact Stone Mason and arrange an up to date assessment of Hoy Monument. Council Member Lockwood to contact Health professionals advising of CPC ability to assist in time of need and to ask them to refer vulnerable residents To CPC.**

5.2 To note receipts and authorise payments for July 2022

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

Chq 1345 WI Chale - Hall Hire (June)	£15.00
1346 Community Action - Payroll	£583.93
1347 M Bailey – Clerk expenses	£120.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 719.23</b>

Clerk advised that Clerk expenses were such due to purchase of thank you gifts for staff at Blackgang Chine for their help in repairing the Beacon and an Isle of Wight produce Hamper for Mr Brown for the use of his land for the event. Both were sent on behalf of Chale and Niton Parish Councils.

## 76/22 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

To co-opt new Council Member from recent applications. Due to the small number of applications Councillors felt it appropriate to review applications and vote on their preferred candidate without the need for informal interviews. With 4 votes and 1 abstention Dr Jeremy Lockwood was formally co-opted onto the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED: Dr Lockwood accepted the post of Council Member.**

## 77/22 COUNCILLOR RESPONSIBILITIES

To elect Councillor or Council Member to represent Chale Parish Council on the following outside committees/groups.

Chale Churchyard Committee.

**RESOLVED: Chairman Dave Stewart agreed to attend the summer meeting.**

Age Friendly Island. Clerk circulated a poster advising the ethos of the Age Friendly set up.

**RESOLVED: This will be placed as a monthly Agenda item for discussion should any issues be raised.**

South Wight Parishes Health and Well-being Forum. Councillors were still unsure of the benefit of this particular group and wanted further information before committing to a representative.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to email and ask for terms of reference.**

## 78/22. FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Two events of note. Chale Show is going ahead on the 7<sup>th</sup> August. There has been no contact from the show organisers asking for help this year. Tour de Britain will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept and will be passing the village from Niton along the Military Road towards Freshwater. There has been no contact from the organisers of this event even though there are numerous areas for spectators along the course within the parish boundary.

**RESOLVED: Chairman will contact lead for Chale Show to offer help if they require it. Chairman will make contact with lead on Tour De Britain for update.**

## **79/22 BLACKGANG VIEWPOINT**

To discuss a way forward to repairing the car park. Ward Councillor Critchison advised that she has spoken to highways and Island Roads about this issue. It is not within the PFI so Island Roads are not responsible and IWC will not consider resurfacing. Gift to Nature has done a lot of work to make the area a great place to rest and picnic but the car park is considered dangerous.

**RESOLVED: Chairman Stewart to write to Councillor Phil Jordan requesting a site visit.**

## **80/22 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS**

Clerk advised that no S137 funding requests had been received this month. Chairman Stewart did advise that he had received a phone call in relation to the damaged/missing bin at the recreation ground. Clerk advised that the recreation ground is managed by a separate committee and the bin is not the responsibility of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED: None.**

## **81/22 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

### **1 The Clerk**

Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Planning Enforcement have confirmed, in writing, that they will be reviewing the planning consents and possible issues relating to Chale Farm. A site visit with Ward Councillor Critchison was made to Town Lane to look at the ongoing speeding and visibility issues which have been included in a letter to Councillor Phil Jordan along with Chale Street, Appleford Lane and Military Road. A response has been received from Councillor Jordan and the PFI Team who are looking into this. The abandoned caravan in the layby near Stroud Green Farm is being investigated by Island Roads. The direct debit for SSE who supply electricity to The Hut has been cancelled and all bills will now be paid by Cheque. The Clerk requested permission to purchase a book on The Law and History of Common Land and Village Greens, at a cost of £25.00. An update on the current balance of the C4C funding which helps vulnerable people/families in the village with food and fuel costs was given. A discussion took place on how the Parish Council can help more of its most vulnerable residents with food and heating. How the message can be passed to the residents that the PC may be able to assist. It was agreed that a poster would be placed on notice boards/WI Hall.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to purchase book. Clerk to produce a poster in relation to the welfare fund.**

### **2 Parish Councillors**

Council Member Parker asked whether a decision on whether the car park opposite the WI Hall is to be sold, has been made?

Councillor Gosling would like to send Hampshire Police a letter regarding the suspected issue of tractor drivers drinking alcohol whilst driving. Hedges and footpaths/bridleways are littered with empty beer cans. Speeding is also an issue.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to email IWC regarding the car park. Clerk to write to Roads Policing Unit regarding the suspected drink driving and speeding issues.**

### **3. Chairman – Dave Stewart.**

**RESOLVED: nothing to report this month.**

### **4. Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison**

The IW Council legal team has been contacted for clarification about who has responsibility of the common land. They will run a title check to see if the land is registered as it does not show it on the online register.

WC Critchison has received many complaints regarding speeding in the villages and on the Military Road. She attended the Brightstone Parish Council meeting to hear about how the Police can address the issue with action from the Roads Policing Unit that will come into force this summer. WC Critchison is still looking to establish a Community Speedwatch programme and work with other areas/parishes who have set these up.

Complaints about the footpaths being overgrown due to rapid growth following the sun and rain had last month. Rights of Way are getting round to cutting them all and most areas should be complete soon. If there are any areas of concern, please let Claire know.

Dog Fouling has also been mentioned and Claire asked the children from Niton primary school

to design a poster to be displayed in the village to ask dog owners to be more vigilant when walking their dogs.

### **Results of Planning Peer Challenge published by the Isle of Wight Council**

The report gives a range of recommended actions, including to urgently finalise and adopt the Island Planning Strategy, and to rebuild trust between councillors, staff and the community. The review was carried out in May this year — at no cost to the authority — by a councillor and senior officers from Cornwall, Colchester, the Isles of Scilly and St Albans City and District councils, as well as the LGA.

The review looked at the council's planning function as a whole including the work of staff in the planning department, and elected councillors making up the planning committee.

Communication was highlighted as an area that needed significant improvement and Claire will be seeking a plan from the Planning Team to address the issues in the report.

### **Help shape the future coastal defences at Yaverland and Shanklin**

Residents and visitors on the Isle of Wight are being encouraged to share their views on the coastal frontages at Shanklin and Yaverland.

The Environment Agency, in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council, are working together alongside industry experts to reduce the risk of flooding and coastal erosion to more than 600 properties in Shanklin and Yaverland.

“The project team is seeking people’s thoughts on the potential opportunities to improve the natural and built environments as part of the schemes. Feedback will help to develop the plans before further public consultation takes place in Spring 2023.”

The questionnaires can be found on the: Isle of Wight Coastal Defence Schemes Information Page - Environment Agency - Citizen Space ([environment-agency.gov.uk](https://environment-agency.gov.uk)) The closing date for responses is Sunday 31 July 2022 for Shanklin and Wednesday 31 August 2022 for Yaverland

### **Sway Garden Party - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 12 noon - 4pm**

Bevois Farm, Laceys Lane, Niton, PO38 2DN

Bunting will be out to show the way to Cream teas and cakes at our farm in Niton to raise money for South Wight Area Youth. There will be young people helping and representatives of SWAY at the event to tell you about their projects. Or just come and enjoy the view and the refreshments!

### **Cllr catch up/surgery sessions**

Claire will be available on the dates below. Please go along and see her or get in touch if there is anything she can help with. No surgery will be held in Chale over the Summer Holiday’s, but Claire will be back at the WI coffee mornings from September.

Niton – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 10.30 – 11.30 am – Niton Exchange

Niton - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 10.30 – 11.30 am – Niton Exchange

**RESOLVED: Clerk to write to IWC regarding the withdrawal of Chale Parish Council funding the grass cutting and dog waste bin emptying on the Green, should the land be owned by IWC.**

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### **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED: None**

The meeting concluded at 9.00pm