



Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024**, commencing at 7.10pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

**Present**

**Councillors:** Council Members: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Lynda Burroughs, Rodney Archer, Chris Parker & Dr Jeremy Lockwood  
**IW Councillor:** Claire Critchison  
**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey  
**Public:** 1

Prior to the meeting, Abbi Leverton, Aspire Pantry Colleague, advised Council that a grant had been awarded for the community pantry to visit Chale Village. Abbi advised that an indoor space was needed for her to set up the pantry for 1 hour each week. The pantry is open for all persons and it is based on a membership basis (free to join). Each adult pays £5.00 and will receive up to £15 of goods in return. It will be set up like a small minimart, crates of goods for anyone to choose from, bag up and pay on the day. No pre-orders are necessary unless the member requires delivery. The service is supported by the Household Support Fund which is a national government funded scheme and is not to be confused as a Food Bank. This is why the pantry will be open to anyone and everyone to use. The more members the more likely the scheme will continue. Council Members agreed to fund the hire of the village hall for 2 hours (including set up and close down) each Friday, 12.30-2.30pm. Date of commencement was confirmed as 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. The pantry will be open to the public 1.00-2.00pm. Council Member Gosling volunteered to help. Ward Councillor Critchison volunteered to make tea and coffee for those attending to combine it as a social event. Flyers will be distributed throughout the village over the coming weeks. The Parish website will also display information. Aspire/Living Well will use social media to advertise.

**86/24 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: None**

**87/24 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**

**88/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**RESOLVED: Minutes agreed. Dr Lockwood met with the author of facebook page who agreed that the page could be kept going in their absence but only if a suitable candidate was found. Council member Gosling has looked at the cost of buying a shed for the village hall and is still researching to ensure the right product is purchased and suitable.**

**89/24 PLANNING**

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A NONE

**RESOLVED: No applications to consider.**

B: NONE

**RESOLVED: No applications to consider.**

**90/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for June 2023

**RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.**

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for July 2024

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

DD.	SSE – Electricity supply-the hut	£71.00
Chq 1472	WI Chale – Hall Hire (July )	£15.00
1473	Community Action - Payroll July	£718.83
1474	Community Action – payroll August	£718.83
1475	M Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£82.80
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1606.46</b>

Clerk advised that two payroll cheques were presented due to there being no meeting in August.

**91/24 COMMON LAND AND CLEARANCE**

The date for legal hedge cutting has now been moved to the end of August. Council agreed to review clearance of green in sept. SWAY will be cutting some of the hedgerow and trees down one the building works start on the new hub. Residents have confirmed that they have agreed works/cutting back with local tradesman.

**RESOLVED: Date to be set at Sept meeting.**

**92/24 PHONE BOX**

Clerk reported that an offer to replace the phone box at St Andrews church, which was destroyed In a Road Traffic Collision last July has been received. A total of £5400 has been offered by the Insurance company which does not cover cost of purchase, delivery, installation. Clerk submitted 2 Quotes and photos of the box as requested. Council members agreed NOT to accept the offer.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to write to insurance company refusing offer. Clerk to remind them that public money will not be used to supplement the replacement and that the parish is not at fault. Clerk to speak to Parish Insurance company and legal team for advice.**

**93/24 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Forthcoming events noted. Dr Lockwood suggested a themed community evening at the hall, in conjunction with the WI.

**RESOLVED: A Caribbean evening was agreed. Date to be confirmed.**

**94/24 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS**

**RESOLVED. None Received.**

**95/24 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

**The Clerk.** Clerks report was circulated prior to the meeting. SSE have been contacted and advised that the PC are no longer responsible for the electricity at the hut. Awaiting final bill. The bike incident at Shorwell has drawn a blank. No further information forthcoming. The parking restriction sign at the old Scout hut has been stolen and reported. IWC replacing. Clerk has registered for online training. GDPR, Risk Assessment, Anti-bribery and DSE completed so far. Further correspondence made with insurance company for phone box culminating in an offer.

**RESOLVED: None**

**Parish Councillors.**

Rodney Archer wished to thank PC for their support with the community pantry.

Lynda Burroughs confirmed that Abbi from the community pantry would be attending the WI coffee morning on the 21<sup>st</sup> September to speak with local residents about the scheme. Lynda also agreed to help

Dr Lockwood with community event .

Chris Parker suggested looking at alternative banking arrangements for the PC savings to earn more interest.

Pete Gosling advised that the next tree warden meeting will be soon. There is only 4 Parish Councils that have a designated tree warden. He also advised that a developer who plants trees on new estates are responsible for those trees for 20 years. The red squirrel trust is also asking for

people to register any red squirrels seen so that colonies can be accurately recorded.

**RESOLVED: Chairman Dave Stewart, Dr Lockwood and Chris Parker to set up finance committee to look at best practice for funds.**

**Chairman – Dave Stewart.**

Chairman advised all to look at the consultation released for the new planning strategy for the IOW. He will be driving the mini-bus for the SWAY trip to the lakes in August. He is pleased to see that the steps at Brook and Compton have been completed. Chale show is on the 3/4<sup>th</sup> August but he has not yet seen any info for volunteers. The license for the ice cream van at Blackgang is up for renewal. He has no objections.

**RESOLVED: Ward Councillor Critchison to forward volunteer meeting date for Chale Show to Clerk.**

**Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison**

Claire explained that the consultation for the new planning strategy ends on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. Whilst there are a few updates of area for development, Chale is not on it. There will also be less than the 750 homes directed by Government. Claire also advised that there are currently 1500 empty school places which may result in closure or repurposing of some schools.

**RESOLVED: None**

**96/24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED: None**

The meeting concluded at 9.05pm