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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Mon 12th June 2023**, commencing at 7.05pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Chris Parker, Dr Jeremy Lockwood
IW Councillor: Claire Critchison
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
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73/23 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: None

74/23 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

75/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meetings held on 10th May 2023.

RESOLVED: Agreed.

76/23 PLANNING

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A. None

B. 23/00556/RVC Location: Silver Birch, Chale, Green Chale, Ventnor, Isle Of Wight, PO38 2JN. Variation of condition 2 on 21/02167/HOU to allow alterations to external finish of garage and part of the chimney stack from brick to waterproof render. GRANTED

RESOLVED: Noted.

77/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for May 2023

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for June 2023

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

Chq 1401	SSE – The Hut	£ 161.79
1402	Community Action – payroll	£619.03
1403	Wi – Chale, Hall Hire for June	£15.00
1404	Pete Godling – Expenses (chaler)	£50.00
1405	Michala Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£311.76
Total		£1167.44

Clerk clarified her expenses which included 2 gifts for leaving councillors. Purchase of Defib pads and stationery.

78/23 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Clerk advised that no by-election had been requested for the 2 Councillor vacancies and that the process of co-option can now proceed.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advertise vacancies by way of co-option and present candidates in time for the next Parish meeting.

79/23 DARK SKIES

Councillors discussed the application for the dark sky status and agreed that they support protecting dark skies, they support the application of dark skies park in principle but unless there is a supplementary planning document which does the same, then no formal letter of support can be written.

RESOLVED; Clerk to advise accordingly.

80/23 SPEEDING ISSUES/COMPLAINTS

Councillors discussed a response from Mr Stewart Chandler, Highways Client Manager, IWC in relation to the letter of complaint regarding the speeding issues in Chale and the potential for a speed radar indicator. The response was clear that the IWC will not install radars for free or at a reduced cost to Parish Councils and that should an independent radar be purchased then the IWC would have to agree to its location, maintenance contract, liability insurance and the emergency call out contract before installation.

RESOLVED: Councillors noted the letter and agreed that any complainant of speeding should be sent a copy of the letter for information.

81/23 FORTHCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

A cost-of-living pressures partnership meeting will be held on Tues 20th June at 3.30pm (zoom).

RESOLVED: Noted.

82/23 S137 FUNDING REQUEST.

Clerk advised that a letter from Victim Support had been received and supported by data of Chale residents currently being helped by them.

RESOLVED. That in pursuance of the powers conferred by S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approved expenditure of £100.00 in respect of continuing support to residents of Chale Parish to Victim Support.

83/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk advised that an email was sent to Councillor Fuller asking him to attend this meeting to discuss the recent letter regarding planning enforcement. No response has been received. Clerk also advised that an email to SGT Corby, Roads Policing unit for the IOW was sent regarding enforcement action of those parking on the Common Land. NO response has been received. Clerk advised councillors that some new scam equipment is available for those who are vulnerable in the community. This is available from the Fair-trading office at IWC. Clerk advised that an email was received regarding the change of licensing hours application for Blackgang Chine. This email had wrongly been sent to Niton PC and so could not be agenda in the correct manner but had a reply deadline by 30th June. Clerk also advised that further issues at the Old School had happened since the last PC meeting and the owner had placed a temporary bollard across the top of his steps but a more permanent solution was required.

RESOLVED: Clerk to draft letter to IWC and Police regarding lack of response regarding the parking on Common Land. Clerk to send list of enforcement cases in Chale to Chairman who will then liaise with Enforcement Dept at IWC. Clerk to raise objection to Licensing regarding the lack of consultation from Blackgang and to ask that they defer their decision on this.

Parish Councillors. Council Member Parker stated the bus shelter at St Andrews Church was looking unsightly and dangerous. Clerk advised that the previous report of damage to Island Roads had resulted in them advising that it belonged to the IWC and was not their responsibility to repair. He also advised that the notice board inside it looked like it had previously been used by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Colin Rowland regarding the lack of repair to the bus shelter.

Chairman. Chairman asked councillors to think about what measure can be taken to support the community during the autumn and winter due to the cost-of-living crisis and to bring any ideas to the July meeting. He also reminded councillors that there will be no meeting in August.

RESOLVED: Cost of Living item to be on July Agenda.

IWC Councillor - Ward Councillor Claire Critchison advised that a speed review by Police is being carried out and that 15 roads per month are being targeted. However, this is very much intelligence led and should Claire will be giving them target roads within her parishes to look at. Police confirmed that the Isle of Wight has received more speed enforcement than anywhere else in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Shorwell has now set up their own speed watch. Claire also advised that Island Roads will be carrying out carriageway cracking repairs and this may lead to more temporary road works.

RESOLVED: None

84/23 Member of the Public Questions

Mr Archer asked is the Parish Council had received any update from WightFibre recently. Council advised that nothing has been received. He also stated that he has some further ideas regarding the warm spaces events for the autumn/winter which he will pass onto the Clerk.

The meeting concluded at 8.15.pm