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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, commencing at 7.00pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

**Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Lynda Burroughs, Rodney Archer  
**IW Councillor:** Ward Councillor Claire Critchison  
**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey  
**Public:** 0

**28/24 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: Council Member Chris Parker sent apologies.**

**29/24 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**

**30/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**RESOLVED: Council Member Pete Gosling is yet to research archives for D-Day tribute.**

**Clerk to add this to April Agenda for update.**

**Council Member Archer has had meeting with Food Pantry and as yet no Chale resident has used it. Council Member Burroughs submitted a cost of repair to hall steps.**

**31/24 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.**

**32/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for Feb 2023

**RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.**

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Mar 2024

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

DD.	SSE – Electricity supply-the hut (4 <sup>th</sup> Mar)	£71.00
Chq 1446	WI Chale – Hall Hire (March )	£15.00
1447	Community Action - Payroll	£705.70
1448	Ron Groves – C4C mileage	£36.00
1449	Rodney Archer – C4C food pantry mileage	£9.00
1450	M Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£87.70
<b>Total</b>		<b>£924.40</b>

Clerk advised that the electricity bill for the HUT is extremely large but that it was classed as a business premises so unit prices were high. There are still sufficient funds to pay for the ongoing use until it is knocked down. Council Member Gosling offered to take up to date meter reading.

### **33/24 NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

Clerk circulated a summary of the training event she attended in relation to the latest update from central government of the NPPF. In summary, it was felt that the new guidance did not go far enough, had no provision for more social rent homes but weighed heavily on local authorities prioritising their local and neighbourhood plans and that older people have been added to a specific list for which authorities must consider meeting housing targets. Parish and Town Council still have no greater say in planning.

**RESOLVED: NONE**

### **34/24 TREE WARDENS**

An email was received from Helen Butler from the IW Red Squirrel Forum asking if PC's wished to resurrect their volunteer tree warden scheme which was created prior to Covid lockdown in 2020. An invitation to a meeting with the IWC Tree Officer, Mr Willis has been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> June if anyone wished to attend.

**RESOLVED: Council Member Gosling is the designated volunteer tree warden and will attend the meeting to find out more. Clerk to advise HB accordingly.**

### **35/24 POLICY REVIEWS**

#### **8.1 RISK MANAGEMENT**

Annual review to ensure to day to day running of the PC is managed. Chairman advised that he will take on training with the clerk to ensure he has all the necessary tools to take over should the Clerk be unable to carry out her duties but suggested that a nominated Council Member be the first point of contact.

#### **8.2 ASSET REGISTER**

Annual review of Parish Council Assets to ensure adequate insurance cover. Replacement of old printer and laptop have been added accordingly and removal of destroyed phone box in Chale Street has been reflected.

**RESOLVED: Both policy reviews agreed and ratified.**

### **36/24 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Clerk reminded members that Defib training was taking place the following day at the Wight Mouse Public House. Meet at 10 for 1030 start. Training will take approx. 1 ½ hours and all 10 places are now filled. Council Member gosling confirmed he had spoken to Stubbings and offered staff training as they have a defib on the side of their building.

A reminder that the WI coffee morning is on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> 10-12 at the village hall. Anyone wishing to bring a cake will be most welcome.

### **37/24 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS**

**10.1** Clerk advised and circulated a letter from the IW Youth Trust asking for donations. The letter was summarised by the Chairman. Council Member Gosling nominated a donation of £100.00. This was supported by all Council members.

**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 Isle of Wight Youth Trust.**

At the request of the Council in February minute 26/24 Council member Burroughs submitted a request for a donation towards the repair to the village hall steps which were in dire need. Council chairman Stewart suggested awarding £150.00. This was agreed by Council members Gosling and Archer.

**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 £150.00 in respect of repairs to chale Village Hall which is managed by Chale WI.**

### **38/24 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

**The Clerk.** The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk confirmed that the bus stop hardstanding request at Town Lane has now been sent to the Highway Safety Officer. Clerk has now submitted the insurance claim for the Phone Box but has requested payment in advance due to lack of Parish funds and having to fight to recoup it later on. Total cost £8280.00. Clerk also confirmed that she is now getting ready for internal audit and the website is under way. The yearly Parish Insurance questionnaire has been completed and sent. Clerk also wished to arrange Emergency Parish Plan meeting. Clerk confirmed that she and Council Member Burroughs will be attending the Governance meeting at County Hall on the 27<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk also advised Members that she would like renewed Register of Interest forms completed after the May AGM.

**RESOLVED: EPPM set for 8<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to send ROI forms with MAY Agenda.**

#### **Parish Councillors.**

Council Member Archer reported that he has so far had no takers for the mobile pantry but is aware of some elderly residents who may wish to use the facility.

Council Member Burroughs voiced concern over the upcoming road closure from Upperhouse Lane to the Military Road which may impact on the hall bookings between 25/3 -16/4. There appeared no mention of whether the car park opposite would be accessible. Ward Councillor Critchison advised that when the road closures were in Whitwell access to private driveways were left accessible. However, it would be advisable to advise hall users. Also mentioned was the issue with the date of the D-Day -1940's event on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. The WI are now running their coffee morning on the same day and will flow into the picnic event, so all help welcomed.

**RESOLVED: Council Member Gosling offered to assist with the 8<sup>th</sup> June event. Update to be discussed at April meeting. Clerk to put on Agenda.**

#### **Chairman – Dave Stewart.**

Chairman advised that he will now be away for the AGM in May and asked if the meeting could be bought forward. All Council Members present agreed to 13<sup>th</sup> May.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to bring forward AGM to 13<sup>th</sup> May.**

#### **Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison**

CIr community catch up/surgery sessions

Niton: Wednesday 1st May 10.30 - 11.30 am, Niton Exchange

Chale: Saturday 18th May 10.30 – 11.30 am, Chale Village Hall

IW Council information and advice

If you need assistance or advice please get in touch with Claire or the IW

Council Cost of Living page includes links to welcome spaces, heating support, health advice and much more. [www.iow.gov.uk/keep-the-island-safe/cost-of-living/](http://www.iow.gov.uk/keep-the-island-safe/cost-of-living/)

Bus service

Funding for the evening services on the No. 6 will continue through the summer. It is likely it can continue into next winter, but the service needs to be used to ensure it can be justified. Please use the bus service anytime you can and encourage others to let the bus take the strain for a trip into town or a night out.

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The traffic management has been removed from this location and the road fully reopened. The road sweeper was required to clear the debris. The Geotechnical Engineer reports that the material above is mostly made up of vegetation and loose root bound soil. Both the Engineer and District Steward confirm there has been no further recent deterioration or movement since initial reports of slippage. However, they will continue to monitor. Island Roads are liaising with the landowner and have recommended that consideration be given to removing the trees and root bound soil overhang.

A further discussion regarding the bus stop at Town Lane and a hardstanding to make it safe for users took place. The Clerk also asked Claire to chase up the replacement glass in the bus shelter at Chale green which has been missing for a long time. Island roads are awaiting funding authorisation from the IWC.

**RESOLVED: Ward Councillor to liaise with IWC regarding bus shelter on Chale Green**

**39/24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No Members of the Public present.

**EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

In accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act of 1960, the Press and Public will be excluded from the following item, having due regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

**40/24 CHALER OF THE YEAR 2024**

To Discuss pre-nominated recipients for Chaler of the year for 2024. Council Member Gosling nominated a Chale resident for their commitment and dedication to the cleanliness of the village and all Council Members agreed.

**RESOLVED: Council Member Gosling to arrange gift for recipient to be presented in June.**

The meeting concluded at 8.30pm