



Chale Parish Council
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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 10th Mar 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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23/25 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: None

24/25 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

25/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th FEB 2025

RESOLVED: Minutes agreed. Clerk advised that photos of the green clearance have not been sent to CP. They will appear on the facebook page.

26/25 PLANNING

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A. None

B. 24/01925/HOU Chale Bay Farm Military Road. GRANTED

RESOLVED: Noted

27/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation FEB 2025

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Mar 2025

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

Chq	1513	Chale WI- Hall Hire (MAR)	£15.00
	1514	Chale WI – Hall hire food pantry (Feb)	£60.00
	1515	Community Action – Payroll (Mar)	£746.13
	1516	SPOILT	£0
	1517	M.Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£53.50
	1518	Bus and Rail User membership	£10.00

Total **£884.63**

5.3 To discuss membership of Bus and Rail User Group.

RESOLVED: Council Members agreed that it is useful to remain a member due to the Uncertainty of the No 6 service and keeping up to date with decisions made by transport providers. Mr Archer will remain the link between CPC and BRUG.

28/25 FACEBOOK PAGE

Council Member Andrew Burroughs confirmed that the face book page is now ready for use but he requested 2 other members to be administrators. The page is for information only. No posts will be accepted and it is to complement the Parish Council website. The Parish website host had emailed some very useful advice and this has been taken on board. The page will have a link to the Parish website. Chairman suggested running the page for 2 months to see what response we get to it and once it is deemed worthwhile then other members will be asked to take on responsibility of admin. This was agreed by Council.

RESOLVED: Clerk to pass on thanks to Mike, website host for his input. Andrew thanked by all for his time and hard work in setting up the page.

29/25 POLICY REVIEWS

Clerk advised that these policies require review now but will be added to the reviews in December to bring all policy renewal at the same time of year.

RESOLVED: Both Policies reviewed and agreed.

30/25 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

All events noted. Council Member Lynda Burroughs advised that the WI coffee morning is actually the 15th March and not 22nd March as on the agenda. It will also be followed by soup and roll lunch. Council Member Gosling asked that a date be set for the village Litter Pick. It was also agreed that there will be no Parish Council VE DAY anniversary event due to the lack of support at the D-Day event.

RESOLVED: Litter pick date set for 13th April. 10am. Meet at the car park outside the old shop. Clerk to put date on the Council website.

31/25 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

No requests were received.

RESOLVED: None.

32/25 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk circulated her report to Council Members prior to the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the replacement phone box should be delivered and installed on the 25th March.

The Parish insurance renewal questionnaire has been completed and we are now awaiting the quote.

The IWC has chased a decision of the grass cutting contract BUT have not added the tractor and flail, yearly hedgerow cut back to it. The Clerk has chased this and not receiving any response.

The Clerk then advised that the notice of Town and Parish Council Elections have now been posted on notice boards around the village and will be on the website. Each Council Member has to complete a nomination pack, signed by 2 nominees and deliver to County Hall not later than the 2nd April. In addition, due to the delay in notifying T&PC;s of the election and budgets already being set in January, there are no funds to pay for the election! Normally the fees are swallowed up within the Ward Elections which are now delayed until 2026. This could cause a big hole in the funds if the election is contested. The Clerk then asked whether Council Members required polling cards to be sent out to 518 electors at a cost of £363.00 which could be avoided as the IWC are supporting the elections with a voter awareness campaign which will include press releases and social media. Council Members agreed that this was an unnecessary expense.

The Clerk then discussed a letter from Lloyds Banking who have switched the Parish account to a community account which will now involve paying a monthly fee of £4.25 and a 50p fee for every cheque written or 7p fee for BACS payments. The Clerk advised that approx. 80 chqs were written each year. Council Members agreed to BACS payments for all bills except the Clerk expenses who will continue to have a cheque. This is to protect the Clerk who is the only person to have access to the bank account. The chq will still be signed by 2 council members and the bacs payments will be presented each month for agreement.

Clerk then advised that the IWC were increasing the dog bin emptying fee to £3.50 per bin at a yearly cost of £364 + vat.

Finally, there will be a webinar on English Devolution by the SLCC and Council Members are encouraged to attend.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise Council Member Gosling of confirmed phone box date so he can be on site. Ward Councillor Critchison to chase Commercial services regarding the maintenance of the Green. Clerk to advise IWC that Polling Card WILL NOT be required for Chale. Clerk to set up BACS payments for Lloyds from May and to claim overtime for the hours incurred to do this. Clerk to advise Chairman of devolution webinar date and time.

Parish Councillors. Council Member Lynda Burroughs advised that the Wi event with Dr Ruth went very well and she will be returning sometime in the future. The Hall trusteeship is currently being looked into as all of the trustees are now deceased.

Council Member Parker advised that he had received an update on the new SWAY hub. Some difficulties had been experienced during groundworks but the builders are doing a great job and hopefully the construction will be finished by autumn. The matter of fundraising for a kitchen will have to take place.

Council Member Gosling advised that a fridge or similar has been dumped by the bin at the old shop.

RESOLVED: Clerk advised that fridge would be reported to Island Roads.

Chairman – Dave Stewart. The Chairman advised that he had met with the Hampshire Police Road Safety and Enforcement Officer, Malcolm Smith (with the Clerk) to discuss the recent IWC speed review and in particular the 40mph section on Chale Street. It was clear that originally the 40mph section was a demarcation between Chale and Chale green and also between the two sections of 30mph in Chale Street. The recent speed data was analysed and did not indicate a speeding issue. Based upon this data and the lack of incident reporting to the Police, Mr Smith advised that he would not request or propose a reduction of speed BUT would not object should the IWC wish to reduce it to 30mph. Several recommendations had been made, larger speed signs, roundalls on road but this needs a longer discussion and Council Members were asked to think about solutions for the April Meeting. This would then give residents opportunity to attend the meeting and discuss. The Chairman also advised that he will be driving the bus for SWAY to the Brecon Beacons again this year.

RESOLVED: Clerk to Agenda Speed review for April meeting.

Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison

Ward Councillor Critchison circulated the below report prior to the meeting:

Email: Claire.critchison@iow.gov.uk Tel: 07855022429

For road closure updates and general information please visit:

www.facebook.com/clairechalenitonshorwell

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Clr community catch up/surgery sessions.

Niton: Wednesday 2nd April 10.30 – 11.30am. The Exchange

Chale: Chale food pantry is available every Friday 1-2 pm at Chale Village Hall. I will attend on Friday 11th April and Friday 2nd May

Elections

Parish council elections will take place on Thursday 1st May.

Please make sure you are registered to vote or register for a postal vote if required.

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections>

Speed enforcement

Due to requests from residents, I asked for the police speed camera to visit areas in Whitwell and Niton. I was very pleased to see that they attended the week after my request. I will ask that Chale is also visited.

Speed review

New data was requested for Chale Street. The data has been reviewed by the Road Safety Engineer, who has confirmed that the new data does not change his original comments. At this time, other sites considered as part of the speed limit review would be a much higher priority for intervention based on their collision rates, vehicle speeds and vulnerable road user activity.

Committee System

The IW Council governance will change to a committee system in May. This will cause the cabinet and leader system we have at present to become several committees and decisions will be made by a wider group of councillors. The posts of chairs of committees will be filled at annual council on Wednesday 21st May.

**33/25 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
RESOLVED: None**

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm