

# Chale Parish Council

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Minutes of the **ANNUAL MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**, commencing immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

## **Present**

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

- 57/24 WELCOME**  
Dave Stewart, Chairman, welcomed everyone present.
- 58/24 CHAIRMAN**  
To elect a Chairperson.  
Nominated: Dave Stewart was nominated by Council Member Rodney Archer, seconded by Council Members Pete Gosling and Chris Parker.  
**RESOLVED: That Councillor Dave Stewart is duly elected Chairman**
- 59/24 VICE CHAIRPERSON**  
To elect a Vice Chairperson.  
Nominated: Councillor Peter Gosling.  
**RESOLVED: That Councillor Peter Gosling is duly elected.**
- 60/24 APOLOGIES**  
To receive and approve any apologies for absence  
**RESOLVED: Council Member Dr Jeremey Lockwood apologies acknowledged.**
- 61/24 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**
- 62/24 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING:**
- Chale Churchyard Committee  
**RESOLVED: Ward Councillor Critchison volunteered to re-present the Parish Council.**  
Age Friendly Island  
**RESOLVED: To carry this vacancy temporarily.**  
IWC Town and Parish Council Seminars  
**RESOLVED: Council Member Chris Parker.**  
South Wight Parishes Health and Well-being Forum  
**RESOLVED: Clerk to ascertain is this forum is still running.**

**63/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**RESOLVED: Minutes approved. Minor amendment to 10<sup>th</sup> April which was held on a Wednesday and not a Monday as stated. Clerk advised that the Emergency Plan was almost complete.**

**64/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To note the bank reconciliation

**RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation for April is noted**

2. To note receipts and payments for May 2024

**RESOLVED: The following payments were authorised.**

<b>Chq</b>	<b>DD</b>	<b>SSE</b>	Electricity – The HUT	£71.00
	1461	Chale WI	Hall Hire – May	£15.00
	1462	Community Action	Payroll	£730.96
	1463	Gallagher	Insurance renewal	£389.05
	1464	Rodney Archer	C4C expenses	£14.40
	1465	P Gosling	Chaler of Year Award	£95.00
	1466	Michala Bailey	Clerk Expenses	£236.85
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£1552.26</b>

Clerk explained her large expenses claim was due to the cheque for the Defib training going missing and the Clerk having to pay the invoice from her own account and reclaiming back.

**RESOLVED: Noted and agreed.**

3 To approve the insurance renewal premium with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2024

**RESOLVED: Approved.**

4 To acknowledge Council Audit email of completion for 2023/24

**RESOLVED: Acknowledged.**

**65/24 STANDING ORDERS**

To review the adoption of Standing Orders

**RESOLVED: That the Standing Orders were reviewed and no amendments were required, and then approved**

**66/24 FINANCIAL REGULATIONS**

To review the Financial Regulations

**RESOLVED: That the Financial Regulations were reviewed, and no amendments were required, and then approved**

**67/24 GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)**

To review the policies and documentation required under GDPR.

11.1 Information and Data Protection Policy.

11.2 Consent to Hold Information.

11.3 Document Disposal and Retention Policy

11.4 Retention of Documents Appx A.

11.5 Removable Media Policy

11.6 Vexacious Policy

11.7 Audio Recording Policy

11.8 Gifts and Hospitality Policy.

**RESOLVED: That all policies and documentation required under GDPR were reviewed And no amendments were required and then approved.**

**68/24 PLANNING**

To review and approve any Planning Applications;

- A. None
- B. None.

**69/24 REGISTER OF INTERESTS**

Council Member Dave Stewart asked that a copy of his original form be forwarded so he can revise it.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to forward relevant copies to all members for revision.**

**70/24 ONGOING SPEEDING ISSUES**

Clerk circulated a letter from a resident regarding the long-awaited speed review report from the IWC has not been concluded and appears to have been put "on the back burner". A request for the CPC to raise this again with the IWC. Ward Councillor Critchison is aware of this issue and has made enquiries regarding it. It appears there is a lack of staff to support this and the IWC are actively recruiting to remedy this.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to contact complainant and advise of the above. CPC will not be writing to the IWC at this time.**

**71/24 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

Council member Burroughs confirmed that the preparations for the 1940's event are underway. Bring your own picnic but hot/cold drinks will be provided by the WI along with some wartime recipes. Volunteers are needed to help set up the hall from 1200 onwards. Donations will be earmarked for an armed forces charity. Any contribution towards purchasing the ingredients for the wartime food would be appreciated. Any memorabilia would be very welcome. **PLEASE NOTE:** the WI coffee morning has been bought forward to the 8<sup>th</sup> June and will commence at 10am. The 1940's event will commence immediately afterwards

**RESOLVED: Council Chairman suggested a donation of £50 towards the event from the National celebrations fund. Clerk to raise cheque for £50 for the D-Day/1940's event on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. Council Member Gosling volunteered to assist on the day. Chairman Dave Stewart to contact IOW radio to advertise the event.**

**72/24 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS**

No requests were received; however, the Clerk did mention the recent email from IWC regarding the funding for food and fuel support being extended and that there may be a substantial sum awarded to the mobile food pantries which Chale is currently utilising. There is also a possibility of the CPC applying for funding from the same.

**RESOLVED: None received. Clerk to look at restrictions of funding and report back.**

**73/24 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

**1 The Clerk including correspondence received**

Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. One subject for discussion was a complaint received from mop regarding the state of the phone box o/s the old shop and the planters that were full of weeds. Council Members agreed to take a look at the phone box and see how much repair/maintenance work is required. Council member Gosling did advise that the cost of re-painting and the labour to-do so would be expensive.

**RESOLVED: Council Member Gosling to attend and look at phone box and planters.**

## 2 **Parish Councillors**

Council Member Burroughs mentioned the ongoing problem with the car park and vehicle permanently parked so that those visiting the hall can not use it.

Council Member Archer stated that there will be a further meeting with the mobile pantry regarding it visiting Chale on a permanent basis.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to email parking services.**

## 3 **Ward Councillor Claire Critchison.**

Ward Councillor Critchison report was circulated prior to the meeting:

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

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

Shorwell: Friday 7 th June 10.30-11.30am, The Crown

Whitwell: Friday 21 st June 10.30-11.30am, Whitwell Church

Niton: Wednesday 26 th June 10.30 - 11.30 am, Niton Exchange

### **IW Council information and advice**

If you need assistance or advice please get in touch with me 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 Stop improvements**

A request for an improvement at the Town Lane bus stop was received by Island Roads in February and has been added to the HSIR. It has scored sufficiently for inclusion within the next report setting out recommended highways improvements. It is likely to feature in future capital improvement programmes. Though given the current capital priorities and limited budget, a timescale cannot be confirmed.

The missing pane on the bus shelter at Chale Green has been reported to Island Roads for the District Steward to review and raise a repair.

### **Speed review**

The IW Council are struggling currently with project management resources and are actively recruiting staff to support projects such as the Speed Review results, highways project implementation. Once new appointments have been made they will move forward with these issues when there is staff capacity.

I don't know any details, but I am hopeful Chale will benefit from a speed reduction in the middle area of the village from 40mph to 30mph and a speed reactive sign at this point.

### **Road Closures**

I have had comments about the amount of road closures in the villages and around the Island. Island Roads have responded to my enquiry. Whilst not ideal, it does explain why there are more than usual.

There are presently a number of closures around the Island. This is due, partly, to Wightfibre's intensive fibreoptic upgrade across the Island. Of course, the utility companies need to maintain and upgrade their infrastructure which impacts the highways network.

In terms of Island Roads' network maintenance activities, the bulk of works are predominantly planned outside of the main tourist/school holiday periods, so we are

currently experiencing a busy period in advance of the summer school holidays. As you are aware, we have just commenced an intensive surface dressing programme of works scheduled for May.

In addition, there are the ever-increasing landslip issues on the Island (mostly affecting the southeast), which obviously have a detrimental impact on the highways network.

All of these ongoing highways / utility infrastructure works need to be coordinated around the many public events (such as cycling, walking, festivals, fetes, carnivals etc) occurring around the Island which also require traffic management.

We are a small Island, with a significant number of highways and utility maintenance works to be planned and with limited diversionary routes available to us.

**Beach access**

Work orders have been raised for the repairs at Chilton and Brook. Rights of Way are prioritising the repair of beach accesses starting with Alum Bay and Brambles Chine.

The plan is that all beach accesses will be open over the summer. They have only recently been able to start work as land has continued to be on the move for much longer into the Spring than usual.

The work on Shepherds Chine is delayed as they are waiting for the developers of Sandy Lanes to pay the long overdue s106 funding (circa £30k) to fund beach access reinstatement works.

**RESOLVED: None.**

**74/24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Meeting Closed at 9.20 PM.

Chairman.....

10<sup>th</sup> June 2024