



Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Mon 14th November 2022**, commencing at 7.04pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

**Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Dian McWilliam, Liz Groves, Chris Parker,  
Dr Jeremy Lockwood  
**IW Councillor:** Claire Critchison  
**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey  
**Public:** 3

**106/22 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: Councillor Peter Gosling sent apologies.**

**107/22 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**

**108/22 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th October 2022.

The Purchase of a 'rootball' Christmas tree is proving difficult but Councillor Gosling will continue to seek the purchase so that the village has a permanent sustainable tree for the future.

SWAY have now submitted their formal application to DEFRA for permission to build on the common land and are asking for support from the Parish Council

**RESOLVED: Minutes Approved. Clerk to write to DEFRA supporting SWAY.**

**109/22 PLANNING**

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A:**22/01828/FUL** Location: Land Off Church Place, Chale, Isle Of Wight

Proposal: Proposed six hardstanding's with electric hook up points (for caravans and campervans) and camping pitches with facilities.

B: None.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to write to Planning to place a neutral planning comment regarding the application and giving Council concerns over the visibility and access from the site as per Island Roads comment. Hedging to be maintained and privacy of neighbouring properties not compromised. The added issue is the ongoing problem with the public car park immediately adjacent to the proposed site being used 24/7 and extra visitors to the site may use the car park taking away the facility for the village. The suggested permissive footpath could be extended to allow pedestrians to walk from Chale Street through the site and out to the recreation land on the Military Road.**

## 110/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for Oct 2022

**RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.**

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Nov 2022

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

Chq	1360	Sight for Wight – S137 grant Minute 103/22	£60.00
	1361	WI Chale - Hall Hire (oct)	£15.00
	1362	Community Action - Payroll	£583.93
	1363	Island Roads- Dog Bin Empty Apr-Sept	£153.12
	1364	WEL Medical – Defib battery replacement (WM)	£204.00
	1365	M Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£82.03
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1098.08</b>

## 111/22 DEFIB UPDATES

Clerk advised that the Defib at the Wight Mouse has been recalled as it is now speaking in Korean. Several attempts to return it have been made without success even though it was WEL Medical that recalled it. There is now no defib outside the pub. Staff at the pub are aware. Clerk also advised that the WightMouse pub will be holding a quiz and raffle to raise funds for the battery replacement of the Defibs on Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7.30pm.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to continue to resolve and get defib repaired and to borrow a temp one from Atcors if this goes on too long. Clerk to book a table for the quiz for the Parish Councillors.**

## 112/22 COMMUNITY KITCHEN EVENT

President Lynda Burrows from Chale WI raised several questions about how this would be financed, when it would take place as the WI coffee mornings are not well attended at the moment and find it difficult to see the need for an extended coffee morning to a lunch, who would volunteer to run this as the WI cannot run it alone, WI members are busy people and can often only commit 2-3 hours per week. How would residents get to the hall without transport. Clerk advised that The WightMouse Pub had offered to hold an event at the pub should it be required but obviously this would have to be funded. This would have to be accessed to see what the need is in the village. Councillor Critchison advised that ASPIRE currently have a Living Well Rep working within the community and this could be a resource to find out that information. Claire also met residents at the memorial service who were suggesting they would like to meet others for coffee but transport was the problem. Chairman Stewart suggested a survey for the village to see what residents think they need. WI coffee mornings are 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. Claire advised that Shorwell are doing something via the pub and are running coffee mornings and bacon butty mornings.

**RESOLVED: Councillor Critchison to forward the Living Well Rep details to the Clerk for a future invite to a Parish Meeting. Parish Council to identify a need for this service.**

**Chairman to put together a survey for the village. WI to let Clerk have any questions they think would help with this. Clerk to place WI coffee morning dates on Website. Councillor Critchison will advise Niton PC of Chale PC survey.**

## 113/22 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Carols on the Green requires setting but obviously subject to arranging the Band, Vicar and tree.

**RESOLVED: Date set for 6.30 on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec 2002. Clerk to speak to SWAY to see if they wish to get involved. Andy Price to be contacted regarding the band. Sven to be contacted to obtain Vicar details. Isobel to be contacted to bring Hymn Sheets. Clerk to assist Councillor Gosling co-ordinate event if he requires it.**

**114/22 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS  
RESOLVED. None received.**

**115/22 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

**The Clerk.** Clerk report circulated by email prior to the meeting. Clerk advised that a response had been received from Lee Mathews regarding the expense of cutting the green. It appears that an agreement was made between Chale PC and IOW Council in 2016 agreeing that they wanted enhanced cutting and would therefore have to contribute. The grounds maintenance each year costs £1200 + Vat and the PC only pay £790 + vat. However, the amount/agreement can be changed on request. Should the PC decide, they cannot afford to pay for this service then the council will not cut the green and only cut a safety area of 1 meter (parallel to the road) and the remaining area will be left to go wild.

Clerk advised that SWAY are now holding crafting events in the HUT each week as advised in the SWAY booklet.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Mr Mathews to ask for a copy of the 2016 agreement relating to the grass cutting of the green prior to Council making any further decisions. Clerk to ask Lee Mathews to come to January Parish meeting. Ward Councillor Critchison will make contact with SWAY to find out their potential usage for the next 18 months of the HUT so that the Parish Council can estimate electricity costs.**

**Parish Councillors.** Council Member Dr Lockwood wanted to know what the situation is outside the old shop with the bollards which appear to have been removed. Clerk also highlighted that 2 parking bays have now been taken away due to the nature of the parking for the new bungalow. The area is becoming more popular for parking now and essentially the Parish have lost 2 parking bays.

Council Member Parker wanted to know if the Police and Crime Commissioner survey was a parish response or individual. There appears to be no timeframe for WightFibre. A Parish policy for S137 grant funding would be beneficial.

**RESOLVED: Clerk and Chairman to do a site visit to the common land and speak to occupant. Clerk to contact WightFibre again! and ask for timeframe. Council Member Parker will work on a policy for S137 requests.**

**Chairman – Dave Stewart.** Councillor Stewart attended the Memorial Service on Sunday.

Nothing else to report.

**RESOLVED: NONE**

**Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison.** Parking signs are being considered for the Car park behind the Old Scout Hut. This will be 24hr only. This is standard across the island. Once the signs are up and vehicles are left in excess of 24 hours then this can be reported and Parking Attendants will be sent out. The Climate meeting has been arranged for Thursday at St Lawrence. This includes verges, tree planting etc. Complaints have been received from residents regarding the speeding review/highways issues which have been sent to Phil Jordan. Claire will be attending the quiz night.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to forward the letter to Phil Jordan to Lewis Campbell, Highways Safety Officer at IOW.**

**116/22 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
RESOLVED: None.**

The meeting concluded at 8.36pm