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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Mon 10th July 2023**, commencing at 7.00pm. 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
Public: 5

85/23 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: None

86/23 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

87/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th June 2023.

RESOLVED: Agreed.

88/23 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. No new applications to consider. Consent at B repeated on Council list but already noted in June.

A short break in the meeting was taken at this time to present the Chaler of the year award, 2022, to Mr Ron Groves B.E.M for his service on the Parish Council and for his continued service to running the helpline and food bank to the residents of Chale. Ron was presented with a beautiful piece of Isle of Wight Glass.

89/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for June 2023

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for July 2023

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

Chq	1406	Victim Support – S137 grant	£100.00
	1407	Community Action – payroll (July)	£619.03
	1408	Community Action – payroll (August)	£619.03
	1409	Wi – Chale, Hall Hire for July	£15.00
	1410	Pete Gosling – Expenses (chaler)	£30.00
	1411	Michala Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£52.20
Total			£1435.26

Clerk clarified that 2 payments to payroll for the months of July and August to be made this month due to no Parish Council meeting in August.

5.3 To discuss re-instatement of Direct Debit for SSE.

Clerk advised that due to the billing process and the delay in paying bills due to the signing of Cheques, late payment letters and final demand letters were being received. Clerk expressed she was unhappy about this and asked for direct debit to be re-considered.

RESOLVED: Councillors asked Clerk to look at BACS payment on receipt of bill. Clerk to Check that this is possible from business account.

90/23 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES/CO-OPTION

Chairman advised that 2 applications for the 2 vacancies had been received and asked Council Members their thoughts. Chairman proposed that both candidates, Mrs Lynda Burroughs and Mr Rodney Archer be co-opted as Council Members onto the Council.

RESOLVED: Proposal seconded by Council Member Pete Gosling. Both candidates welcomed to the council.

91/23 COST OF LIVING AND WINTER PRESSURE PREPARATION.

Council Member Archer volunteered to run warm hub sessions from October to end of November. Refreshments would be provided and it was suggested that a topic of discussion be part of the get together. How to communicate the events was discussed along with the cost of hall rental.

The Parish Plan requires updating and this could be accomplished during these sessions.

Mr Ron Groves (BEM) also advised council that he is still supporting 6 families in the Parish with food parcels and believed that more demand will be made once the autumn and winter sets in.

He explained that the biggest challenge for most was either paying their bills or eating. He confirmed that Ventnor foodbank were also supporting 6 families in the Parish. Ron also mentioned that a complaint about the food kiosk in Town Lane had been made in that the kiosk apparently was not being stocked or used and was an eyesore. Ron assured Council that the kiosk was stocked most days and was being used. However, people from other parts of the island have been caught taking food from the kiosk and not leaving any donation which then means less is available to residents of Chale. If the local residents of Town Land felt that strongly and offended by the presence of the kiosk then it would be removed. Ward Councillor Critchison confirmed that she had also received complaints about the kiosk and would now have to consult with the Planning Dept over it.

RESOLVED: Council Member Archer to start Warm Hub on Wed 4th Oct, 7-8pm at the Hut on the green. The following week it will be held at the Village Hall, Chale. Day and time to be confirmed at Sept Parish Meeting. Flyers or a letter to every household will be delivered advising them of events in the village. Parish Council will finance the events from the C4C grant money. Clerk to liaise with Ron over funding the purchase of further food gift cards from the C4C grant money. Clerk to try and arrange for Sept meeting to be bought forward to 4th and invite other interested sponsors to a pre-meeting at 6.30 to discuss the Warm Hub events.

92/23 FORTHCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Blackgang will be holding an adult only sunset session on Friday 14th July.

A meeting regarding Chale Show will be held at St Andrews Church on Friday 14th July at 7pm.

The WI will be holding a coffee morning at the Village Hall on Saturday between 10-12.

RESOLVED: Noted.

93/23 S137 FUNDING REQUEST.

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

RESOLVED. Clerk to invite a representative of Citizens Advice to the October Parish meeting to discuss further.

94/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk advised that a letter of complaint had been sent to Supt Mitchell regarding the lack of Police interest regarding the parking on the green issue. The Bus shelter is now being repaired due to complaints from local residents and further complaints from the Clerk to Mr Colin Rowland, Director of Neighbourhoods. Clerk advised that a meeting with the resilience manager at Community Action would be taking place on Wed at 1030 to discuss how they can help the Parish with future funding. Council Members were invited along. Wightfibre update on dates of works was also given.

RESOLVED: None

Parish Council Members. Dr Lockwood asked for the display board on the car park at the old shop to be updated as the map is now faded. Pete Gosling attended a meeting at Whitwell in relation to the Dark Skies application. It appears that until the Dark Skies status is awarded then IWC Planning can not oppose planning apps on the grounds of light pollution. Once the status is awarded then the IWC can produce supplementary planning guidance to cover it.

Lynda Burroughs suggested a joint Parish Council and WI event for the residents of Chale.

Rodney Archer asked the Parish Council to be aware of local feelings due to the recent incarceration of a resident in Chale Green for drug related offences.

RESOLVED: Ron Groves will drop off new map to Dr Lockwood. Council Members Burroughs and Dr Lockwood to arrange a curry night sometime in November to coincide with the festival of light celebrations.

Chairman. No report given.

RESOLVED: NONE

IWC Councillor - Ward Councillor Claire Critchison forwarded her report to council prior to the meeting. In summary: **Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions 2023 are:**

Niton: Wednesday 19th July & 18th October 10.30 – 11.30am, Niton Exchange

Shorwell: Friday 29th September 10.30-11.30am, The Crown

Whitwell: Monday 2nd October 10.30 – 11.30am, Whitwell Church

Chale: Saturday 21st October 10.30-11.30am, Village Hall

No August surgeries due to school holidays

Police Speed Enforcement

Operation Golden Mile speed enforcement includes 15 roads per month.

Claire has notified the Police of the whole of Chale Street and Chale end of Military Road as areas requiring the attendance of mobile police cameras and that Road Traffic police visibility in the village would be appreciated.

Bus services and meeting with FYT

A proposal for an evening service from September on the No. 6 that will enable residents to catch the bus to Newport early evening and return late at night. Claire has had a meeting with the organiser of the FYT bus and will be looking at options for organising special outings or shopping trip days for residents. Claire asked that if anyone is interested in this opportunity or would like to be a volunteer driver for these trips, please get in touch.

Blackgang Chine

Representations made to the licencing committee about concerns for changes to the licence.

A noise management condition has been agreed as well as cut off time of midnight for the additional events. If there were noise complaints then Licensing would ascertain whether compliance had been achieved with regards to the noise management plan and along with EH we would look to take appropriate actions to ensure compliance was met. Should any issues persist then enforcement action in line with our enforcement policy would be pursued which could cumulate in a responsible authority or member of the public calling for a review of the licence (any interested party is able to do this based upon supporting evidence). The outcome of a review could be a revocation or amendment to the licence (i.e prohibiting late night events) and/or addition of conditions.

Chale recreation Ground

Island Roads are looking to extend the kerb line on the Chale side and reinstate the bank behind the new kerbs. This job has been raised and will be scheduled in July's programme of works. They will endeavour to get the works carried out before the Chale Show.

RESOLVED: None

95/23 Member of the Public Questions

Mrs Groves reminded council that the original Chale Partnership was a great way of getting the community together and suggested that council should think about something similar.

The meeting concluded at 8.45.pm