



Chale Parish Council  
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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024**, commencing at 7.00pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

**Present**

**Councillors:** Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Chris Parker, Rodney Archer  
**IW Councillor:** Not Present.  
**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey  
**Public:** 0

**45/24 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: Council Members Lynda Burroughs and Dr Jeremy Lockwood sent apologies.**

**46/24 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**

**47/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**RESOLVED:**

**48/24 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.**

**49/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for March 2024

**RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.**

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for April 2024

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

DD.	SSE – Electricity supply-the hut (4 <sup>th</sup> April)	£71.00
Chq 1451	WI Chale – Hall Hire (APRIL X 2 )	£30.00
1452	Community Action - Payroll	£706.70
1453	S137- IOW Youth trust	£100.00
1454	S137- Chale WI -Hall steps repair	£150.00
1455	NetGuides – Domain name sub	£48.00
1456	IOW NHS Trust- defib training	£150.00
1457	Island Roads – dog bin empty service	£230.40
1458	M. WARR – internal auditor fee	£75.00
1459	R. Archer – Mileage claim for Food pantry	£14.40
1460	M. Bailey – clerk expenses	£54.00

**Total** **£1629.50**

5.3 To receive and approve the end of year accounts

**RESOLVED. That the end of year accounts was noted and agreed.**

- 5.4 To receive and approve VAT claim for 2023/24  
Clerk advised that the VAT claim had been made and a total of £537.11 has been refunded to the Parish council.  
**RESOLVED. That the refund of VAT was agreed.**
- 5.5 To discuss any potential conflict of interest with BDO LLP (new auditors)  
**RESOLVED; No conflict of interests declared.**
- 5.6 To note all spending over £100 for the year 2023/24  
**RESOLVED: all payments over £100 noted.**
- 5.7 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24  
**RESOLVED. That the Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24 was noted and agreed.**
- 5.8 To resolve that Chale Parish Council meets the exemption criteria for 2023/24 (total gross income and expenditure below £25K) and wishes to be an exempt Authority, not subject to a limited assurance review (page 3 of AGS above) and that the Notice of Public Rights will be issued and dates set from 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 24 to 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 24.  
**RESOLVED. That the Parish Council met the exemption criteria and wished to be an exempt Authority. NOPR to be issued on 11<sup>th</sup> April.**
- 5.9 To receive and consider the findings in the internal audit report  
**RESOLVED. The internal audit report was discussed. Clerk to explore .gov.uk email addresses and report back.**
- 5.10 To note the increase in costs for dog bin emptying service.  
**RESOLVED: Increase noted.**

#### **50/24 POLICY REVIEWS**

6.1 Email Privacy and Privacy Notice

**RESOLVED: Agreed.**

6.2 Accessibility Policy

**RESOLVED: Agreed.**

#### **51/24 D/DAY/1940's EVENT**

Council Member Gosling stated that he was having problems getting historical information specifically relating to Chale Village on D-Day.

**RESOLVED: Council Chairman will contact IOW Radio and ask if they will put out an appeal asking for information. Council Member Gosling advised to contact Council archives at county hall. Council Member Archer will ask Church for any information held.**

#### **52/24 VILLAGE LITTER PICK**

**RESOLVED: Date confirmed as Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 10am, Chale Green. Council Member Gosling will supervise event and place event on facebook. Clerk to add event to village website.**

#### **53/24 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**RESOLVED: Event noted.**

#### **54/24 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS**

**RESOLVED: None**

#### **55/24 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

**The Clerk.** Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. In addition, Clerk gave a summary of the meeting with IWC regarding Local Governance, advising that T&PC's will have no representation on any committee but will be represented by their Ward Councillor if elected to sit on any of the committees in question. The system is designed to remove the need for cabinet meetings,

scrutiny meetings and full cabinet meetings. Clerk has already booked onto a government course to look at .gov.uk email address and will present findings at the AGM.

### **Parish Councillors.**

Council member Archer advised Council that there are 5 family units now using the food pantry on a weekly basis. BUT the pantry can not set up in the village and has offered to deliver boxes enroute to Freshwater pantry on a Friday. There is a need for more use as RG is still supporting 6 family units from the food bank. Clerk advised that there is public donation money available to donate to the mobile pantry and the remaining C4C grant money could be used to purchase vouchers for the pantry.

Council Member Gosling confirmed that the award for Chaler of the Year has been ordered.

**RESOLVED: Council Member Archer and Clerk along with RG to have a meeting with the food pantry to ascertain further information before Council decide whether to make a donation. RA to report back by way of a report to the Parish Council for May.**

### **Chairman – Dave Stewart.**

**RESOLVED: NOTHING TO REPORT**

### **Ward Councillor Claire Critchison**

This report was circulated prior to the meeting and read out by the chairman.

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

Cllr 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

### **Police and Crime Commissioner Election**

The poll for the Hampshire & Isle of Wight's Police & Crime Commissioner will take place on Thursday 2 May and it is the first Island wide election since the Elections Act 2022 came into force. Amongst the most significant changes are:

- The requirement of photo ID at polling stations.
- Limits on the number of postal votes that can be handed in by any individual.

These changes will also apply to the forthcoming General Election, whenever it is held.

### **Anti-Poverty Strategy**

The Isle of Wight Council is asking residents and interested organisations to give their feedback on a new strategy which seeks to support Islanders who may be living in poverty. There has been a significant rise in the cost of living, especially in respect of food and energy costs and the effects of these increases on some of the Island's most vulnerable residents has been significant.

Individual residents can complete the survey at <https://forms.office.com/e/u40K7Ywhva>

### **Bus Stop improvements**

I have enquired about several areas in Chale where a hard standing at the bus stop would be beneficial. I will report back once they have been investigated.

I have not yet heard back about the replacement glass for the shelter on the green.

## **56/24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No Members of the Public were present.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.51PM