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Minutes of the EGM **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb **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,  
Dr Jeremy Lockwood  
**IW Councillor:** Not Present  
**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey  
**Public:** 0

**13/24 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: Council Member Lynda Burroughs sent apologies.**

**14/24 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**

**15/24 PRECEPT SETTING**

The Clerk had previously forwarded and explanation of how the precept is calculated along with a copy of the formal tax base notification from the IWC, which has been amended and distributed after the previous council meeting. The Clerk explained that whilst the forecast expenditure for 2023/24 looks like an underspend this can not be confirmed until the end of the financial year BUT no large invoices or bills are expected other than the purchase of the new office laptop and software which will be claimed by the Clerk this month. In summary, there will still be an underspend and should be put against expenditure for next year. The Parish Council must carry reserve funding for emergencies and as good practice so some of this can be used. Ringfenced budgets must not be used for anything other than the reason they are set aside for, however, the money given to the parish from the Chale Village Partnership, whilst earmarked for marketing, could be used elsewhere as there was no caveat to this money when given. Council members agreed that due to the pressure on households it was not their wish to add further stress by increasing the precept for 2024/25.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to advise IWC that Chale Parish Council do not wish to increase the monthly payment of each household, thereby receiving less precept money than last year. Any shortfall will be covered by reserve funds.**

**16/24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED: NONE.**

The meeting concluded at 7.40pm