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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 12th Feb 2024**, commencing at 7.00pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Chris Parker, Lynda Burroughs, Rodney Archer
Dr Jeremy Lockwood.
IW Councillor: Not Present
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
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The meeting commenced with a presentation from Mr Iain Lawrie, Resilience Co-ordinator (BC) from the Emergency Management Team, Isle of Wight council. He gave an overview of the resilience arrangements of the Isle of Wight Council in an emergency, providing an understanding of the Civil Contingencies Act, Risk Assessments and the response arrangements of the IWC and multi-agencies. A discussion took place on the advantages of Chale Parish Council renewing their own village emergency plan and the potential benefits that the IWC could get from it if required.

17/24 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Ward Councillor Claire Critchison.

18/24 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

19/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting on the 10th Jan 24 and the extra meeting on the 5th February 2024.

RESOLVED: No outstanding matters. Minutes approved

20/24 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.

21/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for JAN 2023

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Feb 2024

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

DD.	SSE – Electricity supply-the hut (4 th Feb)	£71.00
Chq 1442	WI Chale – Hall Hire (Feb 5 th and 12 th)	£22.50
1443	Community Action - Payroll	£705.70
1444	Ron Groves – C4C mileage	£31.50
1445	M Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£822.40

Total **£1653.10**

The Clerks expenses were due to the purchase of the new office laptop, software, protection for 3 years and cloud storage for 3 years. In addition, 2 training events were paid for by the Clerk to be reimbursed (VAT and new National Planning Policy Framework).

22/24 CHALE EMERGENCY PLAN

Council members discussed the merits of re-introducing the plan. Amendments would have to be made and considered. Council members agreed that this needed more time and consideration.

RESOLVED: Additional meeting to be arranged by the Clerk solely to discuss the plan. Chairman to make contact with the chairperson of the Chale Show to see where the two plans overlap and to determine the benefits of a joint sub-group.

23/24 80th Tribute to D-Day

Clerk forwarded information of the request to help pay tribute to this event. Nationally, Beacons will be lit, Lamplight parades will be held and church bells will ring on the 6th June. This is a normal working day. Council Members agreed that as it is a working day then the likelihood of events being well attended are slim. Council member Burroughs suggested holding a joint event at the village hall with the WI on the Saturday (8th June). Bring your own picnic, music and dressing up in 1940's regalia would be welcomed. Some food provision will be available.

RESOLVED: Council Members agreed this would be a great event. Council member Burroughs and Dr Jeremy Lockwood will liaise to organise. Council Member Gosling to carry out some research on what happened in Chale on D-Day assisted by council Member Burroughs who will look at the archives in the village hall.

24/24 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The WI coffee morning will be held on Saturday 17th Feb at the village hall, Chale Street. A reminder that the Defibrillator training will take place on the 12th March at the WightMouse public house. The Clerk also advised that there is one available space for this. Council Member Parker advised that he is no longer able to attend.

RESOLVED: Council Member Gosling advised he would attend and speak to Stubbings to see if a member of their staff would like to attend the training as there is a defib on the wall of their building.

25/24 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

None received.

RESOLVED. No applications received.

26/24 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk wished to discuss further the response received from Island Roads regarding bus stop hardstanding
s and why only one was

completed in the village. This was as a result of a complaint made by a resident and the bus stop being placed on the Highway Safety Improvement Register. Should the PC wish the bus stop at Town Lane to be considered then the PC must advise Island Roads. Council Members agreed that as this is the only bus stop being complained about then it will be put forward for works to be considered.

Secondly, the issue of the electricity supply to the Wightfibre cabinets at Chale Green is an issue due to SSE not wishing to dig across the common land without a wayleave signed. The IWC have refused to sign as has the Secretary of State for DEFRA, who we believe is the correct dept to do this. The Clerk made enquiries with The Open Spaces Society, who have legal expertise in this matter for advice. Their response was received and discussed further. Council Members agreed that the installation of Fibre broadband will be a great asset to residents of the village and this must be supported; however, the PC are not legally responsible for the common land. Clerk thanked Council Member Gosling for his work in locating a replacement phone box for the military road but further work is required.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise Island Roads that the bus stop at Town Lane to be put forward for hard standing and to advise complainant accordingly. Clerk to write to WightFibre confirming PC support and to pass on OSS advice. Clerk to progress replacement phone box with insurance company.

Parish Councillors.

Council Member Archer had previously sent an email to all council members in relation to the Mobile Pantry, funded by Aspire, visiting Chale Village and requesting support from Council members for this. He explained that the pantry was open to all residents of the village. A fee of £5 is paid and in return 15 tokens are given to purchase ambient food items. Each food item has a token value. Council Member Archer was happy to help with the event. Council members discussed the subject at length and agreed that if Aspire wish to visit, it would be welcomed but could not be financially supported at this time until it is ascertained whether there is a need or support for it by local residents.

Council Member Burroughs wished to thank the Parosh council for their get-well card and gifts. She advised that a new notice board could be attached to the outside of the village hall if the PC wished for a larger board than is there at present. Numerous options to purchase are on the internet at a reasonable cost.

In addition, the steps of the hall are in dire need of repair. The WI have volunteers to carry out the work but the cost of materials is going to need to be carefully looked at. Council Member Gosling generously offered materials that he has stored at his home for free. Council Member Burroughs also volunteered to represent the PC on the Special Education Needs Committee at the IWC should it come to fruition.

RESOLVED: Council Member Archer to liaise with mobile pantry. Council Member Burroughs and Gosling to liaise over material for step repair at the village hall. Council Member Burroughs to make further enquiries regarding the committee.

Chairman – Dave Stewart.

Nothing to report.

RESOLVED: Nothing to report.

Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison (written report)

Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions

Niton: Wednesday 28th February 10.30 -11.30 am, Niton Exchange

Shorwell: Friday 8th March 10.30 – 11.30am, The Crown

Road closures

I received many complaints about the simultaneous road closures of the main roads through Rookley and Chillerton last week.

I contacted Island Roads to report that it had resulted in issues with school transport, confusion with diversion signs and an unnecessary amount of traffic on the Shorwell Road which was being used as the no 6 bus route. The Kingston Road is very narrow in many places and the amount of traffic having to use this route has resulted in damage to the verges. Island Roads commented that the plotted diversion routes for Chillerton and Rookley did not overlap, with Chillerton being signed via Shorwell and Newport, and Rookley via Godshill, Whitwell and Niton. It quite clearly caused an issue for residents of Chale and better planning was expected in future to avoid road chaos and damage.

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/

Military Road

There is a contractual obligation in the Island Roads PFI to repair the areas at Brook and work on potential solutions to the issues continue. Regarding a re-route, landowners have been contacted and discussions with all stakeholders were continuing. Dept for Transport funding would be required for any new road to be built.

I attended a public meeting in Brook on Sunday and there will be another in Brighstone this week.

27/24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The question of when the new SWAY building would start was asked.

RESOLVED: Chairman to contact SWAY and ask the question.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm