



Chale Parish Council
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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 10th June 2024**, commencing at 7.00pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

Present

Councillors: Cllrs: Dave Stewart, Pete Gosling, Lynda Burroughs, Rodney Archer, Chris Parker & Dr Jeremy Lockwood
IW Councillor: Not Present
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
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75/24 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Ward Councillor Claire Critchison

76/24 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

77/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 13th May 2024.

RESOLVED: Minutes agreed.

78/24 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.

79/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for May 2023

RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for June 2024

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

DD.	SSE – Electricity supply-the hut	£71.00
Chq 1467	WI Chale – Hall Hire (June)	£15.00
1468	Community Action - Payroll	£718.83
1469	WI Chale- D-day, 1940 event contribution	£50.00
1470	Rodney Archer – C4C food pantry mileage	£28.80
1471	M Bailey – Clerk Expenses	£46.80
Total		£930.43

5.3 Lloyds Bank FSCS Letter.

Clerk advised that a letter had been received regarding the possible lack of protection of the Parish Council funds held at Lloyds Bank due to point 3 on an Exclusions list. Clerk made several calls to Lloyds Bank and the FSCS to determine the definition of Small Local Authority within the exclusions.

RESOLVED: Clerk confirmed that under the amendments in 2015 by the BOE, Parish Councils will be exempt from the exclusions list and all funds up to the £85,000.00, held by the bank, is covered by the FSCS protection scheme.

80/24 POLICY REVIEW

Clerk presented the re-vised Emergency Village Plan. Council Member Gosling advised that the village facebook page may come to an end due to the owner moving house.

RESOLVED: New Plan agreed and adopted. Council Member Dr Lockwood to speak to owner of facebook page to determine if anyone else will be taking over.

81/24 HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

The household fund was discussed further. A short email presentation by the mobile food pantry was circulated prior to the meeting. There was confirmation that an application was being made on behalf of Chale village. Should that be successful then the pantry would be visiting the village on a regular basis.

RESOLVED: Council Members agreed that there would be no bid for further funding to the Parish Council at this time. Any remaining funding from the C4C bid 2 years ago would be used to assist advertising the pantry. In addition, Council will consider making a donation to the pantry. Clerk to write to the pantry and ask for costing of diverting the pantry to the village enroute to freshwater so that boxes can be delivered and would enable Council Member Archer to cease collecting the food boxes from the pantry in Freshwater. Clerk to ask pantry to attend meeting in person to update on funding application.

82/24 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

RESOLVED: None.

83/24 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS

There were no formal requests, However, Hattie from the Early Years group was in attendance and asked the Council to consider the purchase of a shed or similar to be used by the group at the village hall to store the groups equipment. Council Member Burroughs did confirm there is a severe lack of storage in the hall. Council Members discussed further and agreed to look at providing something up to a value of £300.00 which would remain a Pc asset for use by hall users.

RESOLVED. Council Member Gosling volunteered to look at cost of storage.

84/24 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk confirmed that the insurance claim for the telephone box still hasn't been reviewed by the claim advisor. Clerk has made a formal complaint about this. In addition, a Thank You card had been received from Mrs Sally Kenny, recipient of the 'Chaler of the Year' award for 2024. Clerk also raised the issue of how untidy the village green is looking due to the overgrown bramble from private properties. The new trees are being strangled by spreading shrubs, nettles and these need addressing.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to look at cutting back in august once nesting season is over. Private households will be contacted to ensure they cut back. Clerk to look at ways of disposing of waste matter at low/no cost to council. Clerk to place issue on July Agenda.

Parish Councillors.

Council Member Archer expressed concern over the road closure at Upper Ventnor which will have a large impact on the village due to all exiting traffic from Ventnor being pushed thru chale. There appears to be a speed reduction in Whitwell but NOT Chale.

Council Member Burroughs thanked the PC for the help and financial contribution to the 1940's/D-Day event. She confirmed that a collection was made on the day and a total of £117.50 was collected which will be donated to the Royal British Legion.

Council Member Dr Lockwood suggested another village event be considered.

Council Deputy-chairman Gosling raised concern over an incident which occurred at the recent cycle event whereby 3 cyclists crashed into a static car causing extreme damage and injury. The driver of the vehicle was directed to pull over and wait by marshals of the race. This causes a safety concern.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Ward Councillor Critchison and ask if there will be a temp reduction in speed thru the village during this closure. Clerk to add Agenda item for village event. Clerk to investigate the cycle incident further.

Chairman – Dave Stewart.

Chairman raised concern over the amount of local road closures which will push traffic thru the village again!

RESOLVED: None.

Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison

Ward Councillor was unable to attend the meeting but sent her report in advance.

Cllr/PCSO Surgery – Wednesday 26th June 10.30 – 11.30 am Niton Exchange

Voter ID

Please remind residents that photo ID will be required to vote in the general election on Thursday 4th July. www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections/voter-id

Ventnor Closure

A one-way system will be in place and a temporary speed limit along the Whitwell Road whilst the Southern Water repairs take place in upper Ventnor. There will be a diversion for large vehicles though Chale. The dates of the road closure at the Graben are Monday 24th June – Friday 5th July.

I asked that residents are informed as soon as possible so they have time to make alternative arrangements where possible. Please be aware if you do go out during this time that there is likely to be extra traffic on the roads.

Chale Green Bus stop

The missing pane on the bus shelter at Chale Green has now been repaired.

South Wight Area Youth Community Hub

SWAY have confirmed that the land at Chale Green now officially belongs to them and works on the access and the repositioning of the sewer can commence. Please expect workers on site soon.

Speed review

I have had confirmation that the speed review results will now be available this Autumn. Once I have actual dates in the forward plan, I will let you know. I don't know any details, but I am hopeful Chale will benefit from a speed reduction in the middle area of the village from 40mph to 30mph.

RESOLVED: None

85/24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: None

The meeting concluded at 8.25pm