



Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025, commencing at 7.00pm.

**Present**

**Councillors:** Cll Members: Dave Stewart, Chris Parker, Lynda Burroughs, Andrew Burroughs and Dr Jeremy Lockwood.  
**IW Councillor:** Claire Critchison.  
**Clerk:** Mrs Michala Bailey (absent)  
**Public:** 2

**66/25 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: Councillor Pete Gosling and Clerk Michala Bailey sent apologies. Councillor Andrew Burroughs agreed to take the minutes in the Clerk's absence.**

**67/25 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**

**68/25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**RESOLVED: Minutes approved**

**69/25 PLANNING**

**RESOLVED: No applications to consider.**

**70/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for May 2025

**RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.**

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for June 2025

**RESOLVED: There were no receipts in the period**

<b>Total</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
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**RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:**

BACS	WI Chale – Hall Hire June	£15.00
BACS	WI Chale – Hall Hire for food pantry (May)	£60.00
BACS	Community Action - Payroll	£793.62
BACS	IWALC – Membership	£126.73
BACS	Mr R Groves – Foodbank vouchers	£75.00
Chq 1526	M. Bailey – clerk expenses	£46.80
<b>Total</b>		<b>£1117.15</b>

**71/25 POLICY REVIEW**

6.1. Village Emergency Plan

Councillors raised suggestions for amendments to the plan. These included:

Is Flood risk a low likelihood? With Climate change should this be raised?

What if there was a sustained and wider power cut?

Should Cyber-attack be included?

It was noted that the Communications section referred to Village Notice Boards. The Chale Green Notice Board is in need of repair, though possibly a new one should be located at the SWAY building later in the year?

**RESOLVED: Defer to September Meeting.**

**72/25 PHONE BOX**

This relates to the newly replaced phone box outside St Andrew's Church  
JL passed round a page of ideas for consideration – there was general agreement that Coastal & Local Information, plus Art displays and Heritage were thought suitable. Also be good if Chale children could participate with the displays.

**RESOLVED: Councillor Jeremy Lockwood offered to lead the project, CC offered to join any working party**

**73/25 FOOD PANTRY**

The mobile food pantry run by Aspire has been withdrawn – there is little chance of it being re-introduced.

Councillors agreed to fund an alternative provision for the next 3 months. Approx £900 will be allocated from left over CPC budgets, allowing £300/month.

The alternative provision will be monthly (not weekly as before) CC will buy the provisions and bring to the Hall. First date will be 27<sup>th</sup> June. LB will reserve the Hall. AB to advertise this new provision on CPC and Chale Village Facebook pages.

It was agreed that this is for Chale residents only and a registration form will be needed.

**RESOLVED: £900 to be allocated. CC buy provisions and submit expense to CC.  
LB Reserve hall. AB Advertise on Facebook pages.**

**74/25 JOINT CHRISTMAS CARD (CPC and St Andrew's Church)**

There were some concerns over the potential cost and the actual card message.

Agreed to move to September meeting and invite Rev Rob Marsh.

**RESOLVED: Defer to September Meeting and Invite Rev Rob Marsh**

**75/25 CHANGE OF DATE FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**RESOLVED: Agreed move meeting to Weds 10th Sept, subject to hall being available.**

**LB to check hall availability and advise Clerk**

**76/25 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

21st June Coffee Morning in Chale Village Hall, 10.00 -12.00.

**RESOLVED: Events noted.**

**77/25 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS**

Not discussed – defer to July meeting

**RESOLVED: Clerk to place on July agenda.**

**78/25 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

**The Clerk.** Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

**RESOLVED:**

**Parish Councillors.** Council member Lynda Burroughs advised that there was no apparent enthusiasm for a joint local agency barbeque event this Summer. Agreed that the proposed Moroccan evening event to be organised by Cllr Jeremy Lockwood would be organised instead. Date agreed Sat 19th July, £10 per person.

**RESOLVED: Noted**

**Chairman – Dave Stewart.**

Chair advised he will not be able to attend July meeting, Cllr Andrew Burroughs to Chair.

**RESOLVED: None**

**Ward Councillor Claire Critchison**

CC advised she had attended a meeting with Highways and had chased them for a response to the proposed speed limit change CC advised that repairs to the steps at Sheppard's Chine are awaiting funding support from the Atherfield Holiday Camp redevelopment.

**RESOLVED: None**

**79/25 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public observed that recent minutes and agendas seem to be missing from the CPC website.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to investigate**

A member of the public also raised the issue of progress (ie lack of it) with good broadband provision, and that Wightfibre provision has stalled. There seems to be no solution for the Chale area of the parish. He had been in touch with Go Internet, who might have a proposal if enough residents were to express an interest.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to invite Mr Trevor Cooke from Go-Internet to next meeting to give a short presentation.**

**80/25 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS AGENDA ITEM**

Nominations for 'Chaler of the Year' were discussed, but not concluded..

**RESOLVED: Add to September Meeting Agenda**

**MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8.40 PM**