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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 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

**112/24 APOLOGIES**

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

**RESOLVED: Council Member Lynda Burroughs and Ward Councillor Critchison sent apologies.**

**113/24 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**

**114/24 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024.

**RESOLVED: Minutes agreed. One small amendment of wording at 99/24 requested.**

**115/24 PLANNING**

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

A NONE

**RESOLVED: No applications to consider.**

B: NONE

**RESOLVED: None to consider.**

**116/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation Sept 2024

**RESOLVED: Bank reconciliation noted.**

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Oct 2024

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

Chq 1480	WI Chale – Hall Hire (Oct )	£15.00
1481	Community Action - Payroll	£718.83
1482	SWAY-Demolition of Hut contribution	£1500.00
1483	Island Roads- Dog bin emptying invoice	£175.82
1484	Michala Bailey-clerk expenses	£88.09
<b>Total</b>		<b>£2497.74</b>

5.3 To discuss transfer of savings.

Council Member Parker advised that he had looked at alternative accounts for the small amount of funds currently held with Scottish Widows. A meeting for the newly formed finance committee was set for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6.30pm.

**RESOLVED: Meeting set to discuss future accounts.**

#### 5.4 6 Monthly Budget Review.

Clerk advised so far £6017 had been spent out of the £18770 budget, but there was still large bills to come in and this did not account for the £2497 in cheques to be spent this month. Accounts are in good shape and expectation is that the Parish council spend should come in on budget if not slightly under. In addition, there is an expected refund from SSE of £125.03.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to provide another budget at 9 months. (Dec)**

#### 117/24 TREE WARDEN NETWORK

Council Member Gosling advised that IWALC were looking to join the National Tree Warden Scheme On behalf of the Isle of Wight. The IOW council tree officers (2) are also looking for a volunteer to assist them with office duties and creating a data system of all ancient on the island but each Parish to have a tree volunteer who will assist with this and attend meetings etc. Council Member Gosling is happy to do this if elected by PC. There are grants for farmers to plant native trees only.

**RESOLVED: CM Gosling will represent Chale on this project.**

#### 118/24 PHONE BOX

Clerk advised that the cost of the phone box replacement has gone up and is now awaiting confirmation that the insurance will cover this minus the Parish excess of £250.00.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to forge ahead and arrange box to be replaced. Council agreed to cover any costs not covered by the insurance.**

#### 119/24 PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

No update as yet. To be carried over to Nov meeting.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to Agenda this for November.**

#### 120/24 CO2 PIPELINE

As previously circulated, an email received by ExxonMobil has confirmed that this project is no longer going ahead

**RESOLVED. NONE**

#### 121/24 CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Date agreed for the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm. A gazebo will be required in case of bad weather and power is required for lights.

**RESOLVED: CM Archer to confirm with Rev Rob who has already agreed to provide musical accompaniment. CM Gosling will speak with the occupant of the bungalow who kindly provided electricity last year for the event and to offer £50 donation for that. Mince pies and mulled wine will be provided. CM Gosling to organise.**

#### 122/24 CHRISTMAS TREE

Clerk advised that a budget of £250 has been agreed for the tree, although if new lights are required this will have to be included. CM Gosling advised that he will try and get a bigger tree than last year due to complaints but the bigger the tree the more guide ropes will be needed. These will have to be lit up due to H&S.

**RESOLVED: CM Gosling will organise tree purchase and new lights if required. The new location will be outside the old bus stop by the old shop.**

#### 123/24 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

12.2 Monthly coastal team meeting will be held on the 28<sup>th</sup>, whereby Council Members will be updated on the current issues around the island.

12.3 The food pantry is being held on Fridays, each week and is being very well attended. It is hoped that once the SWAY hub is up and running, it will be held there fortnightly to make it easier for those living in Chale Green to use it.

**RESOLVED: Chairman Stewart and CM Parker will be logging into meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**124/24 S137 FUNDING REQUESTS**

That in pursuance of the powers conferred by S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and being of the opinion that the expenditure satisfies the requirements of that section, the Council approved expenditure of £100.00 in respect of continuing support to residents of Chale Parish to Sight For Wight.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to raise cheque to be signed for the next meeting.**

**125/24 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:**

**The Clerk.** The Clerks report was circulated prior to the meeting. Clerk wished to discuss the overgrowth on the Green from private properties that need addressing before they totally encroach and prevent residents from using that part of the green.

**RESOLVED: Clerk to contact IOW Council grounds maintenance team and get a quote to cut back overgrowth on green.**

**Parish Councillors.**

CM Dr Lockwood confirmed that there is a good take up for the Caribbean evening and he is busy looking at recipes.

A discussion took place over who would represent the PC on Remembrance Sunday.

**RESOLVED: Chairman Stewart will attend the Sunday service of remembrance. Clerk to purchase wreath and forward to either Council Member.**

**Chairman – Dave Stewart.**

Chairman attended a meeting with CM Archer at the offices of Southern Housing regarding the SWAY building that is now underway at Spanners Close. A number of issues were raised, Safety of the site, rats, streetlights not working correctly, number of parking spaces and potential issues of parking when the building is up and running, current children's play area in need of repair/upgrade. Whilst it was agreed that not all of these were related to the building of the hub, the other issues were the responsibility of the housing association. It was also discussed that the groups using the hub would include the food pantry, home education, a small shop, parcel drop facility, café and kitchen.

**RESOLVED: None.**

**Ward Councillor – Claire Critchison**

Ward Councillor Critchison was not able to attend the meeting and sent her report which is appx to these minutes.

**RESOLVED: None**

**126/24 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Questions were allowed during the meeting and addressed accordingly.

**RESOLVED: None**

The meeting concluded at 8.42pm