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Minutes of the **MEETING of CHALE PARISH COUNCIL** held on **Mon 4th Sept 2023**, commencing at 7.00pm. The Meeting was recorded for the purposes of accuracy.

Present

Councillors: Council Members: Pete Gosling, Chris Parker, Dr Jeremy Lockwood
Lynda Burroughs, Rodney Archer.
IW Councillor: Not Present
Clerk: Mrs Michala Bailey
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Prior to the meeting a short presentation was given by Corrine Moore from Living Well & Early Help giving a brief overview of the services available and what is currently happening for residents of Chale. Councillors agreed that it would be beneficial for a representative of LWEH to attend some of the warm hub sessions which will begin in October.

96/23 APOLOGIES

To receive and approve any apologies for absence.

RESOLVED: Chairman Dave Stewart, Ward Councillor Claire Critchison both sent apologies. Council wished to send their best regards to Claire and hope she recovers soon.

97/23 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

98/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th July 2023.

RESOLVED: Agreed.

99/23 PLANNING

To review any planning applications and note any IWC decisions:

**A. 23/01309/6PA Location: Emmett Hill Farm, Emmett Hill.
Proposal: Agricultural prior notification for proposed agricultural barn.
RESOLVED; No Objection**

**B. 23/01897/HOU Milston, Chale Street. Single story extension. GRANTED.
RESOLVED: NONE**

100/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.1 To note the bank reconciliation for July & August 2023

RESOLVED: Noted

5.2 To ratify receipts and authorise payments for Sept 2023

RESOLVED: The following payments were noted and authorised:

Chq	1412	Mr Ron Groves – C4C purchase	£500.00
	1413	Community Action – Payroll (Sept)	£661.09
	1414	SSE – Electricity at The Hut	£3.70
	1415	Island Roads – Dog Bin emptying invoice	£168.96
	1416	Chale WI – hall hire for Sept	£15.00
	1417	M Bailey – Clerk expenses	£165.45
Total			£1514.20

5.3 To discuss re-instatement of Direct Debit for SSE.

Clerk advised that the only options of paying the bill was DD, Chq or debit card or over the counter at a post office.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to pay by Direct Debit. Form signed by Dr Lockwood and Chris Parker

101/23 COST OF LIVING AND WINTER PRESSURE PREPARATION.

Council Member Archer confirmed that the first 'warm hub' event will be held on the 4th Oct, 7-8pm at the Hut on the green. The following week it will be held on the 13th Oct, 10-11am at the Village Hall, Chale Street. A flyer advising residents of the event will be put together with dates and representatives from the Living Well and Early Help team were invited along. Ward Councillor Critchison has agreed to hold a surgery and the local PCSO has also shown an interest in attending. Initial thoughts were to use the events to revise the Neighbourhood plan, but Council agreed to see how the first few events go first and evolve from there. Mr Ron Groves from the Chale foodbank advised that the food kiosk has been removed due to complaints from local residents. Moving it elsewhere is not viable as it requires keeping an eye on by the volunteers who look after it.

RESOLVED: Council Members Archer and Burroughs to liaise and firm up dates for the warm hub and produce a flyer to deliver door to door.

102/23 PHONE BOX

Clerk advised Council that the insurance company of the driver that hit the box has been contacted and photos of damage. They have agreed to remove debris which was completed last week at no cost to the PC. Unfortunately, the box was still wired to the electricity supply and an emergency call out to SSE was made and had to be made safe. Therefore, there may be a bill for this. This will be a long process as there is no agreement between the insurance companies of who is to blame. We do not know at this time whether the box can be replaced.

RESOLVED: Noted.

103/23 COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION CONSULTATION

The recent letter from IWC was discussed but Council agreed there was nothing new in the proposal from last year and agreed that it should remain the same.

RESOLVED: Clerk to advise IWC accordingly.

104/23 OVERGROWN HEDGES/FENCING BLOCKING VISUAL DISPLAY

Council Member Burroughs raised the issue that residents in Pyle Shute had received letters from Island Roads advising them they must cut their overhanging hedges etc but residents in Southdown had not and the problem there is as bad.

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact Island Roads and ask for a local Steward to inspect Southdown.

105/23 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The WI coffee morning is every 3rd Saturday from 10 til 12. All are welcome. The talk on white tailed eagles on the 26th Oct is open to all as is the Halloween party on the 28th Oct. Food will be provided here but booking is essential due to numbers in the hall. Those attending can bring their own drink and dress up. It was agreed that the PC and WI would hold a joint curry night on the 18th November to raise funds for repairs to the hall. DR Lockwood is happy to cook. This will have to be a ticketed event.

RESOLVED: Dr Lockwood and Council Member Burroughs to liaise over the curry night event. Pete Gosling will post events on the village facebook page.

106/23 S137 FUNDING REQUEST.

Clerk advised that a letter from Ability Dogs 4 Young People had been received and supported by data of Chale residents currently being helped by them.

RESOLVED. 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 Ability Dogs 4 Young People.

107/23 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM:

The Clerk. The Clerk report was circulated prior to the meeting. Further discussion was required over the receipt of a letter from Hampshire Police regarding the ongoing issue of Parking on the Green. Council members agreed that damage was being caused to the green and therefore Police had powers to act, however, it was agreed that the PC should write to all residents reminding them NOT to park on the green and to make repairs to any damage they have caused.

RESOLVED: Chairman to write to all residents.

Parish Council Members. Council Member Archer advised that at a recent meeting of the bus users' group there was inference that the no 6 bus service could be at risk sometime in the future and that it would be beneficial for the Parish Council to become members of the group so they are kept informed and have a say. The membership if £10 pa.

RESOLVED: Council Members agreed to discuss further at the October meeting.

Chairman. No report given.

RESOLVED: NONE

IWC Councillor. Due to ongoing incapacity Ward Councillor Critchison sent a short report to the Clerk prior to the meeting which was circulated. The report was as follows:

Cllr community catch up/surgery sessions 2023

Whitwell: Monday 11th September 10.30 – 11.30 am at the church

Niton: Wednesday 20th September 10.30 – 11.30am, Niton Exchange

Wednesday 18th October 10.30- 11.30 am, Niton Exchange

Chale: Saturday 18th November 10.30 – 11.30am at the village hall

SWAY building

Revised plans for the building have now been submitted. There will be the statutory consultation period and once permission granted they can progress the development.

Community speed watch

I have arranged for a community road safety meeting at Niton Village Hall on Thursday 5th October at 7pm. If you would like to join the Niton, Whitwell or Chale volunteer speed watch teams or be the coordinator of the groups please get in touch for more information.

Chale Show

I would like to thank the organisers of the show for putting on a superb family event despite the challenging weather. It was a wonderful day and great to see the traditional village event continue.

108/23 Member of the Public Questions

Mr Andy Price advised Council that if the Carols on the Green were going ahead this year then The band will require some shelter from bad weather as last year instruments froze and some of the musicians suffered from poor health afterwards due to getting too cold.

RESOLVED: Council agreed to look at some form of shelter/gazebo for the event.

The meeting concluded at 9.04.pm